# The Creed: Second Article (II)



MEMORY (pg. 10; green catechism)

#### The Second Article

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

#### What does this mean?

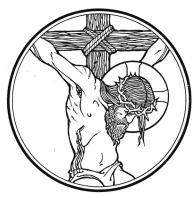
I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

Even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.



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## RESPOND

All catechism students

Psalm	84
Reading	Mark 16:1-20; 13:21-37
Catechism Hymn	195, 207

- Catechism Family Devotions
- Attend Divine Service and Sunday School
- Read memory work aloud 3 times a day in the morning and in the evening every day this week
- Review the lesson this review sheet

#### First year students

Complete Quiz 8A in the online classroom.

#### Second year students

- Read Questions 132-158 in A Short Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism (p. 107ff).
- · Complete Quiz 8B in the online classroom.

#### Third year students

- Read Luther's Large Catechism pg. 87-88 (beginning at paragraph 31).
- Complete Quiz 8C in the online classroom



### Review—The Creed: Second Article (II)

The work of Christ can be divided into His state of humiliation and His state of exaltation.

The state of humiliation is when Christ did not make full use of His divine power and majesty, but hid it under the form of a servant.

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Christ's state of humiliation is bookended by the two "scandals" of the Christian faith—that God becomes man, and that God dies.

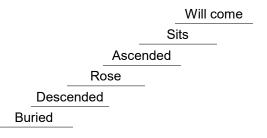
Anyone who proclaims that Christ did not come in the flesh has the spirit of antichrist (1 John 4:1-3).

If Christ did not truly suffer and die, then His sacrifice could not forgive sins, because without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins (Hebrews 9:22).

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is the heart of the message of the Christian Church (1 Corinthians 2:2).

The death of Christ makes satisfaction for sins and redeems you from your sins, from death, and from the devil's power.

Christ's state of exaltation follows His death, when He makes full use of His divine power according to His human nature.



Christ's descent into hell was not to suffer further punishment, but to proclaim His victory over sin, death, and Satan.

Christ's resurrection is His vindication. If Christ had not been raised, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:14).

His ascension is not a movement from point A to point B, but rather He ascends in His body to rule over the Church by His gracious means.

Christ will come again in the same way He departed (Acts 1:10-11). He will judge the living and the dead.

Christ's kingdom and reign are eternal.



Let this, then, be the sum of this article: the little word Lord means simply the same as redeemer. It means the One who has brought us from Satan to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and who preserves us in the same. But all the points that follow in this article serve no other purpose than to explain and express this redemption. They explain how and by whom it was accomplished. They explain how much it cost Him and what He spent and risked so that He might win us and bring us under His dominion. It explains that He became man, was conceived and born without sin, from the Holy Spirit and from the virgin Mary, so that He might overcome sin. Further, it explains that He suffered, died, and was buried so that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owe, not with silver or gold, but with His own precious blood. And He did all this in order to become my Lord. He did none of these things for Himself, nor did He have any need for redemption. After that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father's right hand. He did these things so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet until finally, at the Last Day, He will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, and such.

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