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The Creed
Part 2: I Believe in Jesus Christ
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1. What does the word *creed* mean? **(Ted states it this way: “I believe.” The Merriam-Webster Dictionary gives two definitions: (1) “A brief authoritative formula of religious belief and (2) a set of fundamental beliefs; also, a guiding principle.”**

2. What were the three things listed for what a creed does for people? **(Summarizes essential beliefs, clarifies beliefs, and reminds us of our beliefs.)**

3. “Who do you say I am?” Jesus asked his disciples (Matt 16:15-16).

- What was Peter’s answer? **(You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.)**
- Besides the most important answer, which Peter gave, if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say I am,” what would you answer from your personal relationship with him?

4. Paul says he has declared “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:26-27). Ted said the “whole counsel of God” equals “unified summary of essential biblical truth.”

If we have unity in our “essential beliefs, but liberty in our non-essentials beliefs, is there anything that is essential that isn’t in The Creed? What are non-essentials beliefs?

5. Colossians 2:6-7 tells us to continue living our lives in Christ, “rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

- What illustration did Ted use to show the strength of being rooted? **(Pulling up old, established bushes with a Ford 650! And pulling up sewer lines, etc. with it.)**
- Do you feel like your beliefs in Jesus are rooted?
- Do you feel you overflow with thankfulness?
- How has or how would an overflowing thankfulness change your life today?

6. In Colossians 2:9 Paul says that the fullness of the Deity lived in Jesus and that “in Christ you have been brought to fullness.” What do you think Paul meant by our being brought to fullness?

7. Ted has used the concept of “good, better, and best” in the last two creed sermons. List what is good, better, and best in the sermon on Jesus. **(It is good that you believe in Jesus, It is better that you know what you believe about Jesus, It is best that you live like Jesus.)**

8. Why is that “good, better, and best a logical progression,” and whom do you know besides a family member who lives like Jesus. What is an example?

9. Hebrews 4:14-16 tells us that Jesus has passed through the heavens to be our great high priest, one who understands us and sympathizes with us. We are invited to “draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Tell of a time you found help in your time of need.