

# NEW APOSTOLIC CREED: ARTICLES OF FAITH

Romans 10:9



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## New Apostolic Creed: Articles of Faith



The doctrine of the New Apostolic Church is based upon Holy Scripture. The early church creeds summarise important contents that are attested in Holy Scripture. The New Apostolic Church professes belief in the triune God, in Jesus Christ as true God and true Man, in Jesus' birth by the virgin Mary, in the sending of the Holy Spirit, in the church, the sacraments, the expectation of the return of Christ, and the resurrection of the dead, as formulated in the two early church creeds. Despite the differences between the individual denominations, these professions constitute a binding element among Christians.

The New Apostolic Creed is the result of the Apostles' interpretation of Holy Scripture and the early church creeds. In terms of content and language, its present form has come into being in line with ongoing developments in doctrine and deepening knowledge.

It was formulated in the awareness that God's love, grace, and omnipotence cannot be exhaustively described.

These will always be greater than anything human beings can ever say about them. Thus the creed does not draw any boundaries that would deny other Christians access to salvation.

In the ten Articles of Faith, the New Apostolic Creed brings the doctrine of the New Apostolic Church to binding expression. It also has the function of defining the attitude of faith of New Apostolic Christians. Beyond that, the creed serves to make other people familiar with the most important elements of the New Apostolic faith.

The first three Articles of Faith largely correspond to the Apostolicum. They deal with the triune God.

The Fourth and Fifth Articles describe the activity of the Apostles, and the Fifth Article also goes on to describe the activity of the other ministers.

The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Articles explain the three sacraments.

The content of the Ninth Article of Faith centres on hope for the future.

The Tenth Article of Faith deals with the Church's relationship to the authority of the state.

## Suggestions for the Teacher

### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....  
Play a discussion of a reporter, who makes an interview with the rector about the NAC creed.  
Instruct the children before, what could he ask, answer....

### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What do you answer if a friend asks: "What church do you go to?" (To the New Apostolic Church)
- What do you believe? (The New Apostolic doctrine is based upon Holy Scripture.)
- Give examples of what you believe in.  
(I believe in ... God the Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Apostles, Sacraments, Future, ...)

Have the children repeat...

- Our creed summarises the essentials of the New Apostolic doctrine.
- It consists of the Ten Articles of Faith.
- We can refer to them when we explain what we believe to someone else.

**Real-Life Application** (explain the following)

Which Articles of Faith are the most important ones? What is their main meaning?

1. I believe in God the Father the Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth.
2. Jesus Christ was born, crucified, died, arose again from the dead and ascended into heaven.
3. I believe in Jesus Christ.
9. Jesus will return and take us with Him.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Repeat the Message</b> <b>We should live our faith according to the</b> <b>New Apostolic Creed.</b></p>
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