

Do We Follow A Creed?

“For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.” Acts 20:27, English Standard Version

Creeds were developed to serve as a _____ of faith.

A Brief Understanding Of Creeds And Confessions Of Faith

A. Creeds in general:

1. “Creed” is from the Latin *credo*, which means “I _____.”
2. 1 Timothy 3:16 – This is a statement of things we _____ about _____. Is it a creed or a _____?

B. The earliest major creeds:

1. The Nicene Creed was adopted by the Council of Nicea in _____ AD.
2. The Apostles’ Creed first appeared in the late _____’s. Each _____ supposedly contributed to it.

Christ’s Intended Standard Of Faith For His Followers

A. Galatians 2:2 – Paul wanted to make _____ he had accurate understanding in what he _____ to the Gentiles.

B. The Apostles’ Creed or the apostles’ doctrine?

1. Acts 2:42 – These early _____ devoted themselves to the apostles’ _____.
2. Matthew 28:19,20 – “... _____ them to observe _____ that I have commanded you,” Jesus said to the _____.
3. Acts 5:20 – An _____ told the _____ to speak to the people _____ the _____ of this Life.

C. A summary of Scripture or all of Scripture?

1. Acts 20:27 – Paul taught them the _____ of God.
2. 2 Timothy 3:16,17 - _____ Scripture comes from _____, and can make the man of God _____.
3. 2 Peter 1:3 – God has given us all that pertains to _____ and _____ through the _____ of Him who called us.
4. Exodus 24:3-4a,7 - _____ told the people _____ the words of the _____; they vowed to _____ all those words.

Some insist that we _____ creeds, but why? If they have more or less than God’s _____, of what value are they to us?

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