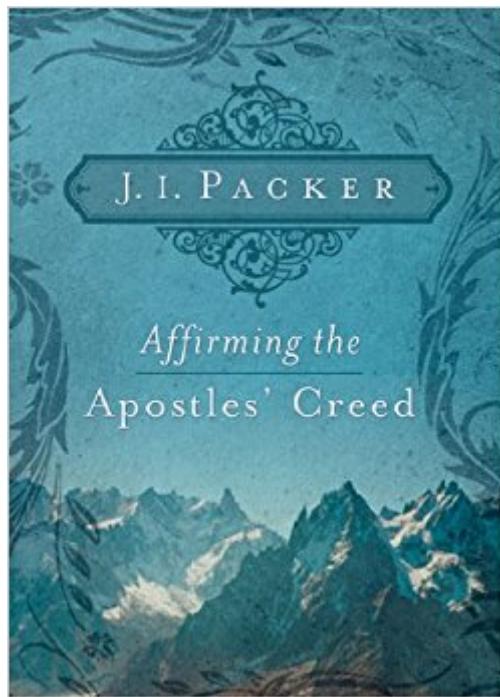


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# Affirming The Apostles' Creed



## **Synopsis**

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest, most beautiful succinct summary of Christian beliefs. Though often recited in unison during worship services, the creed begins with the phrase "I believe," making it a deeply personal profession of faith. But when was the last time you examined it closely? In *Affirming the Apostles' Creed*, an excerpt from *Growing in Christ*, noted Bible scholar and author J. I. Packer explains the meaning and implications of each phrase of this great creed. Each concise chapter serves as an invitation to dive further into the creed-and as a result, into the essentials of the Christian faith-by concluding with discussion questions and Bible passages for further study.

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Like many evangelicals I come from a church background where the creeds were not part of our worship. We never read them and never studied them. It seemed it was enough for us to abide by the Bible and that was enough. And while I agree with that, I do think that we can learn from the creeds and the catechisms. In this book Packer deals with the Apostles' Creed and each chapter focuses on a particular aspect of the creed itself. I had heard of the creed and had even repeated it when we would have inter-denominational services but until I read Packer's book, I had never really studied what the creed teaches. The chapters are not long and are easy to read. While Packer has the ability to go deep into theology, in this book he takes his time and is light reading when considering the subject at hand. I enjoyed the fact that Packer begins his book by pointing out that one of the main weaknesses in the modern Church today is that we don't know what we believe. We

have made Christianity so "simple" that we have missed the reality of sound doctrine (1 Timothy 4:16). Jesus said that we are His disciples if we abide in His teachings (John 8:31-32) and sadly so few today spend time studying His teachings and so we don't know what we believe. The devil uses this to his advantage and brings in cults and other false teachers to lead people astray (2 Corinthians 11:13-14; 1 John 4:1-4). The Apostles' Creed can help disciples know what they believe and why. And I believe Packer does a good job of showing that the Apostles' Creed is a trustworthy creed worth repeating and studying in our churches. Overall I enjoyed this book.

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