

# The Similar Trajectories of The Apostles' Creed and The Philippian Hymn (Philippians 2:5-11)

## The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, Our Lord. **He was conceived** by the power of the Holy Spirit

and **born** of the Virgin Mary.

He **suffered** under Pontius Pilate

**Was crucified**

**Died**

**Was buried**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing (emptied himself) by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death –

even death on a cross!

and every tongue acknowledge (confess) that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth,

and gave him the name that is above every name,

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

**to judge** the living and the dead.

**He will come again**

He **ascended** into heaven and **is seated** at the right hand of the Father

On the third day he **rose again**

He **descended** into hell.

## The Ten Commandments

Martin Luther's explanation in [The Small Catechism](#)

### **What does this mean for us?**

We are to fear, love, and trust God above anything else.

We are to fear and love God so that we do not use his name superstitiously, or use it to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call on him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect his word and the preaching of it, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and others in authority but respect, obey, love, and serve them.

We are to fear and love God so that we do not hurt our neighbor in any way, but help him in all his physical needs.

We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex our words and conduct are pure and honorable, and husband and wife love and respect each other.

We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of making a living.

We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain his actions in the kindest way.

We are to fear and love God so that we do not desire to get our neighbor's possessions by scheming, or by pretending to have a right to them, but always help him keep what is his.

We are to fear and love God so that we do not tempt or coax away from our neighbor his wife or his workers, but encourage them to remain loyal.

*I am the Lord your God.*

### **The First Commandment:**

You shall have no other gods.

### **The Second Commandment**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

### **The Third Commandment**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

### **The Fourth Commandment**

Honor your father and your mother.

### **The Fifth Commandment**

You shall not kill.

### **The Sixth Commandment**

You shall not commit adultery.

### **The Seventh Commandment**

You shall not steal.

### **The Eighth Commandment**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

### **The Ninth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

### **The Tenth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.