

The Creed of Wendie Connors

I believe in one God, who exists as three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

First, I believe in God, my Father – THE maker of all things on heaven and earth, including me.

- I believe this because I have felt the love, forgiveness, and protection from Him that only a parent offering unconditional love could give.
- I have experienced His wildly extravagant grace as I repentantly returned to Him after years of prodigal living.
- I have felt His strong power of protection in shaky times.
- I have witnessed the miracle of His glorious creation in countless sights in nature and in other people here on earth.
- I have learned, albeit imperfectly, how let His love, grace, and mercy flow through me by being a parent myself.
- I have felt His great arms pick me up from the bottom of a dark pit and pull me back to light and life.

These are the reasons I know and believe in God, my Father, even though I cannot see Him with my eyes. He is real and I can wholeheartedly affirm that through experience AND through faith.

Second, I believe in God as Jesus Christ, my savior, who lived and died and was brought back to life FOR ME before he ascended into heaven.

- I believe this not only because scripture and history tell me about Him, but also because I have seen Him through the hands and feet of other people on Earth.
- I have experienced His kindness and patience through earthly teachers who walked with me through difficult lessons.
- I have felt His goodness and care through a neighbor bringing me food and drink when I was sick.
- I have relished in His fellowship through diving into His living word surrounded by my brothers and sisters in Him.
- I have grieved His suffering that could only be experienced by my human self on that deep of a soul level if it was *real*.

- I have experienced moments of miraculous rest when I turn my attention to Him.

These are some of the reasons that I can say Jesus, my redeemer, is real. I look forward to the day He will come back again, in glory, to bring all His people home.

Third, I believe in God, the Holy Spirit, my guide and companion on Earth.

- I believe this because each day, as I am bombarded with decisions, choices, and temptations, I have a calm, still voice in my being that will guide me through it all.
- I have experienced the peace of the Spirit in my darkest and most stressed out moments.
- I have soared in His joy through moments of pure happiness and even in times of despair.
- I have witnessed hearts change on a dime when confronted with His power.
- I have experienced moments of humility that are so infused with love that they can come from no one else but Him.

These are some of the reasons that I know the Holy Spirit is alive and well and living in me.

I believe all of these things because of faith, but I also KNOW them because of experience.

My God is a God of grace and mercy and never leaves me – not even for a second. My God accepts me as I am, all the while molding me into His perfect vision with love and compassion.

Amen!