

VIDEO LECTURE SERIES

*The
Apostles'
Creed*

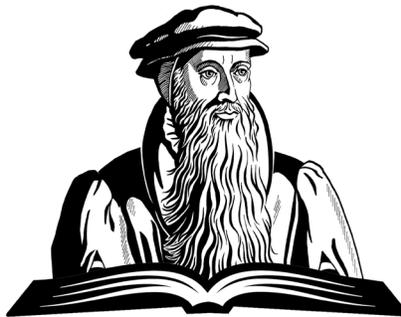
by Rev. Cornelis Harinck

Study Questions

For better understanding fundamental truths
of Biblical Christianity

Lecture #2

*Article 1: God the Father
and Creation*



The John Knox Institute
of Higher Education

Entrusting our Reformed Inheritance to the Church Worldwide

John Knox Institute of Higher Education

Entrusting our Reformed Inheritance to the Church Worldwide

© 2024 by John Knox Institute of Higher Education

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form or by any means for profit, except in brief quotations for the purposes of review, comment, or scholarship, without written permission from the publisher, John Knox Institute, P.O. Box 19398, Kalamazoo, MI 49019-19398, USA.

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are from the Authorized King James Version.

Visit our website: www.johnknoxinstitute.org

Rev. Cornelis Harinck is an emeritus minister of the Gereformeerde Gemeente in the Netherlands.

www.gergeminfo.nl

The Apostles' Creed

in 13 Lectures

by Rev. Cornelis Harinck

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Introduction
2. Article 1: God the Father and Creation
3. Article 2: The Lord Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son
4. Article 3: The Conception and Virgin Birth of the Savior
5. Article 4: The Suffering of Christ
6. Article 5: The Resurrection of Christ
7. Article 6: The Exaltation of Christ
8. Article 7: Christ as the Judge of the Living and the Dead
9. Article 8: God the Holy Ghost
10. Article 9: The Universal Church of Christ
11. Article 10: The Forgiveness of Sins
12. Article 11: The Resurrection of the Body
13. Article 12: The Life Everlasting

The Apostles' Creed

by Rev. Cornelis Harinck

STUDY QUESTIONS

Lecture 2:

Article 1: God the Father and Creation

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and of earth.”

Study Questions

1. Why does the Apostles' Creed start with “I believe” instead of “I understand”?

2. How did the Apostle Paul preach God to the Greek philosophers in Athens? What did the Greeks and the Romans believe? Why did Paul begin his evangelistic message by speaking about God instead of speaking about Christ?

3. What does it mean when we say that the Apostles' Creed is a “Trinitarian creed”?

4. How can we speak of the existence of only one God, and simultaneously speak of the three persons of the Godhead? Does this not yield a heretical faith in three gods, whereas there is but one true God?

5. What are two truths that the Bible clearly articulates about God?

6. What are two essential truths for understanding the divine Trinity?

7. What is the first kind of fatherhood, as meant in the phrase, "I believe in God the Father"?
What is the character of this fatherhood of God?

8. What is another kind of fatherhood, when we say, "I believe in God the Father"?
What must happen in order to establish this other type of fatherhood?

9. Why does the Apostles' Creed connect God's omnipotence with the creation of heaven and earth? How does the Bible prove this connection? What are the modern theories of Atheism? What are the problems with those theories?

10. What is meant by "looking at creation through the lens of Scripture"? How does the Bible tell us that the world is not ignorant about the existence of God as the Creator of all things?

Personal Application

1. Concerning this first Article, "I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and of earth," what do you believe? What challenges or questions do you have in understanding and agreeing with this Article? What comforts do the truths of this Article bring to you?
