

Is He Worthy?
Romans 5:1-14
Joining the Chorus, Part 3

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Matthew 28:1-2

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.



Matthew 28:3-4

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.



Matthew 28:5-6

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:7-8

“Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.



Matthew 28:9-10

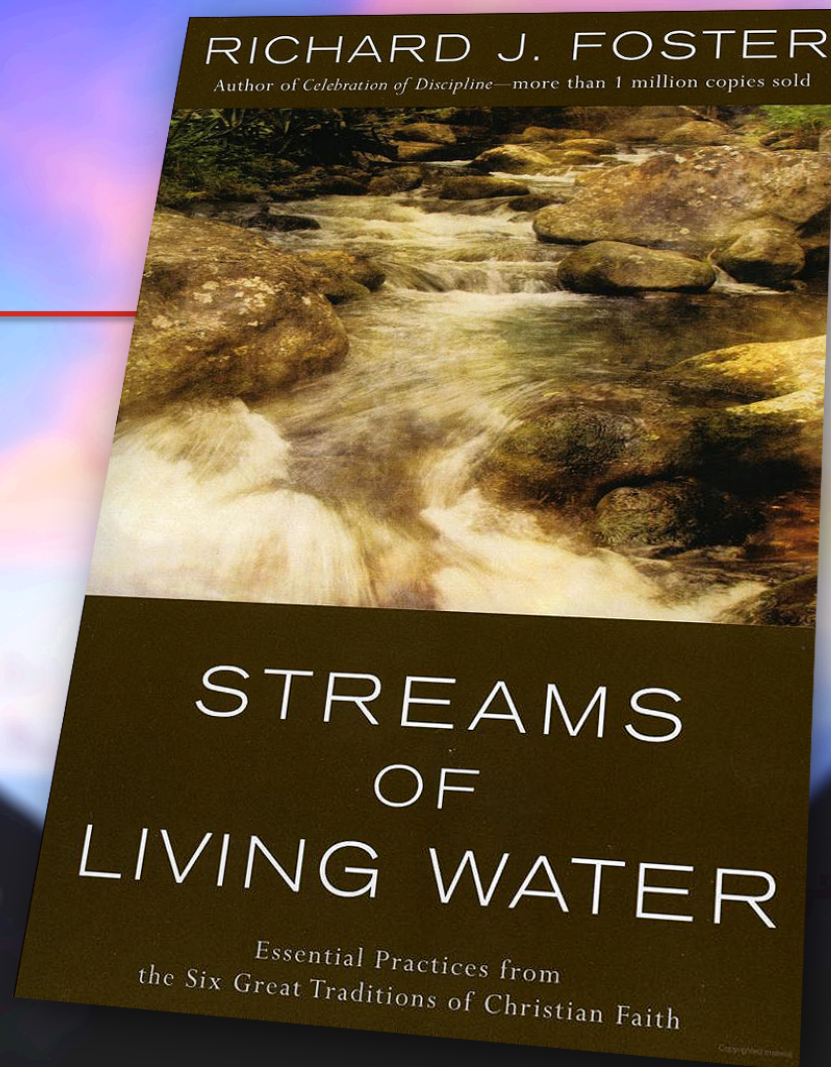
Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Church traditions:

- ❖ Baptism
- ❖ Lord's Supper
- ❖ Lord's Prayer
- ❖ Creed
- ❖ Doxology/offering
- ❖ Pot-luck dinners
- ❖ Mardi Gras
- ❖ Lent
- ❖ Stations of the Cross
- ❖ Maundy Thursday
- ❖ Responsive readings
- ❖ Easter sunrise service



*Streams of
Living Water*
— Richard Foster



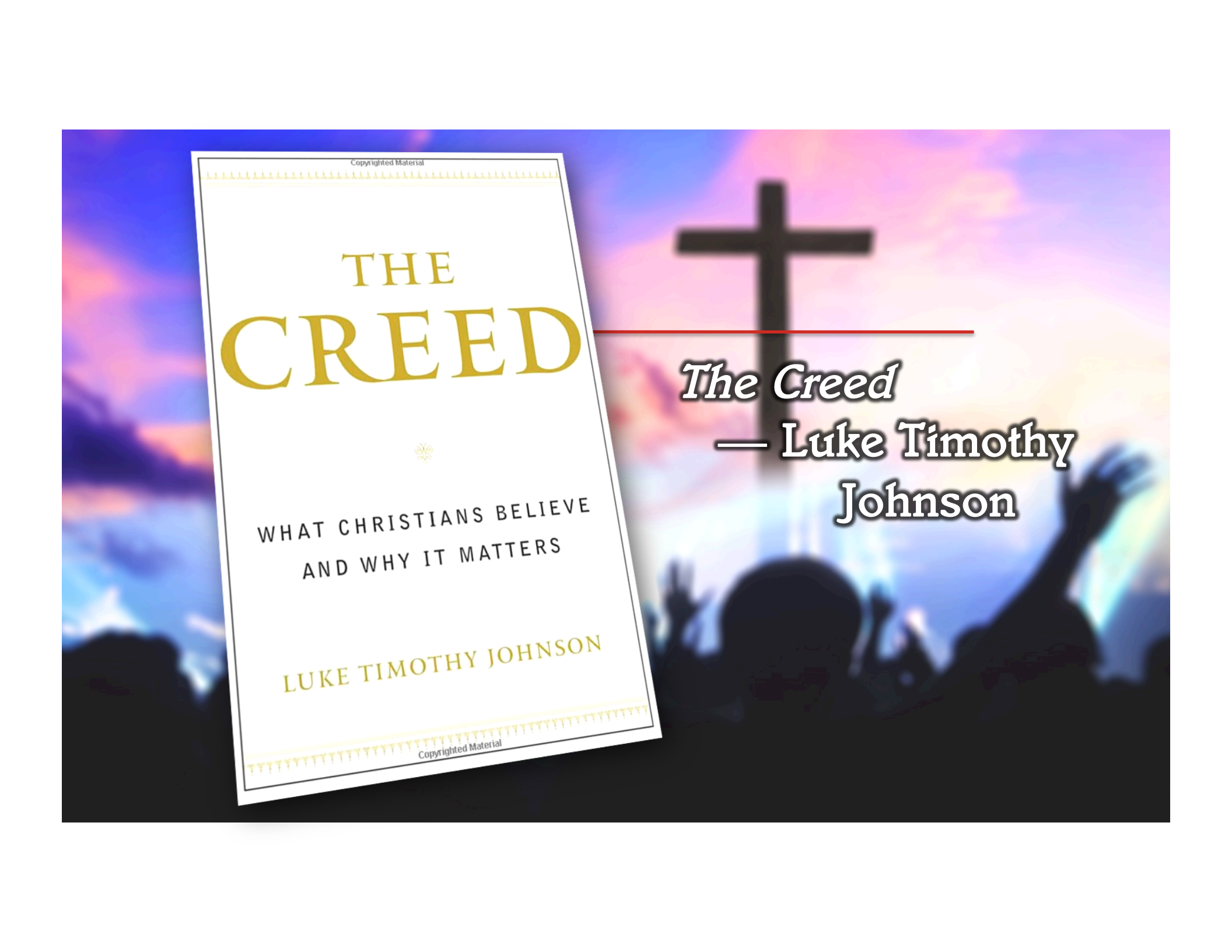
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THE CREED

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
AND WHY IT MATTERS

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The Creed
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Liturgy =

A pattern for worship used by a congregation or denomination on a regular basis.

MCC worship service, 1st half

- ❖ Prelude video
- ❖ OT reading (or NT)
- ❖ Four worship songs (Congregation stands)
- ❖ Offering and song (Congregation sits)
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Prayer for children

MCC worship service, 2nd half

- ❖ NT reading (or OT)
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Response time
 - ❖ two worship songs
 - ❖ Lord's supper
 - ❖ Prayer?
- ❖ Benediction



John Wesley's quadrilateral:

- ❖ **SCRIPTURE!**
- ❖ **Wisdom**
- ❖ **Tradition**
- ❖ **Experience**



The Lord's Prayer

(King James Version)

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.



The Lord's Prayer

(King James Version)

And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

(For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.)

Creed =

- ❖ From the Latin *credo* = I believe
- ❖ a set of beliefs or aims which guide someone's actions
- ❖ a formal statement of Christian beliefs, especially the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed.



Early baptismal creed

(from *Apostolic Tradition* of Hippolytus, c. 215)

“Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?”

Early baptismal creed

“Do you believe in Christ Jesus, Son of God,
Who was born by the Holy Spirit out of Mary the
Virgin, and was crucified under Pontius Pilate and
died and was buried, and rose on the third day
alive from among the dead, and ascended into
heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father,
to come to judge the living and the dead?”



Early baptismal creed

“Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Church, and the resurrection of the flesh?”



Is He Worthy? By Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)

Do you wish that you could see it
all made new? (We do)



John 16:33

[Jesus]: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Revelation 21:1-2

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.



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Is all creation groaning? (It is)

Is a new creation coming? (It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within
our midst? (It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)



Romans 8:22

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.



Romans 8:18-19

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Philippians 2:14-16a

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.



Is He Worthy? By Andrew Peterson

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave

Revelation 5:1-2

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"



Revelation 5:3-4

But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

Revelation 5:5-6a

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.



Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

because you were slain,

and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language
and people and nation.



Revelation 5:10

**“You have made them to be a kingdom
and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”**



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From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son



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Does the Father truly love us? (He does)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever
those He loves? (He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does)



Hesed =

- ❖ Love
- ❖ Kindness
- ❖ Mercy
- ❖ Compassion
- ❖ Lovingkindness



Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

A photograph of a church service. In the center, a large wooden cross stands against a bright, colorful sky with rays of light. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a congregation are visible, with many people raising their hands in prayer or praise. The overall atmosphere is one of spiritual fervor and devotion.

Spirit-filled church = devotion to ...

- ❖ Apostles' teaching
- ❖ Fellowship
- ❖ Breaking of bread
- ❖ Prayer



John 10:27-28

[Jesus]: “My sheep listen to my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall
never perish; no one will snatch them
out of my hand.



John 10:29-30

“My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”



Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among
the people, and he will dwell with them.
They will be his people, and God himself
will be with them and be their God.



Revelation 21:4

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning
or crying or pain, for the old order of things
has passed away.”



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Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this?
He is!

Philippians 2:5-6

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;



Philippians 2:7

rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.



Philippians 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death —
even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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Is He worthy?

He is!

He is!





Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

Life Begins in the Womb

❖ Luke 1:15

❖ Luke 1:41

❖ Psalm 22:9-10

❖ Psalm 139:13

❖ Isaiah 49:1

❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5