

# **Creed**

## ***Correct Belief and Correct Behaviour***

# Opening Prayer

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom,

Lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home,

Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou

Shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now

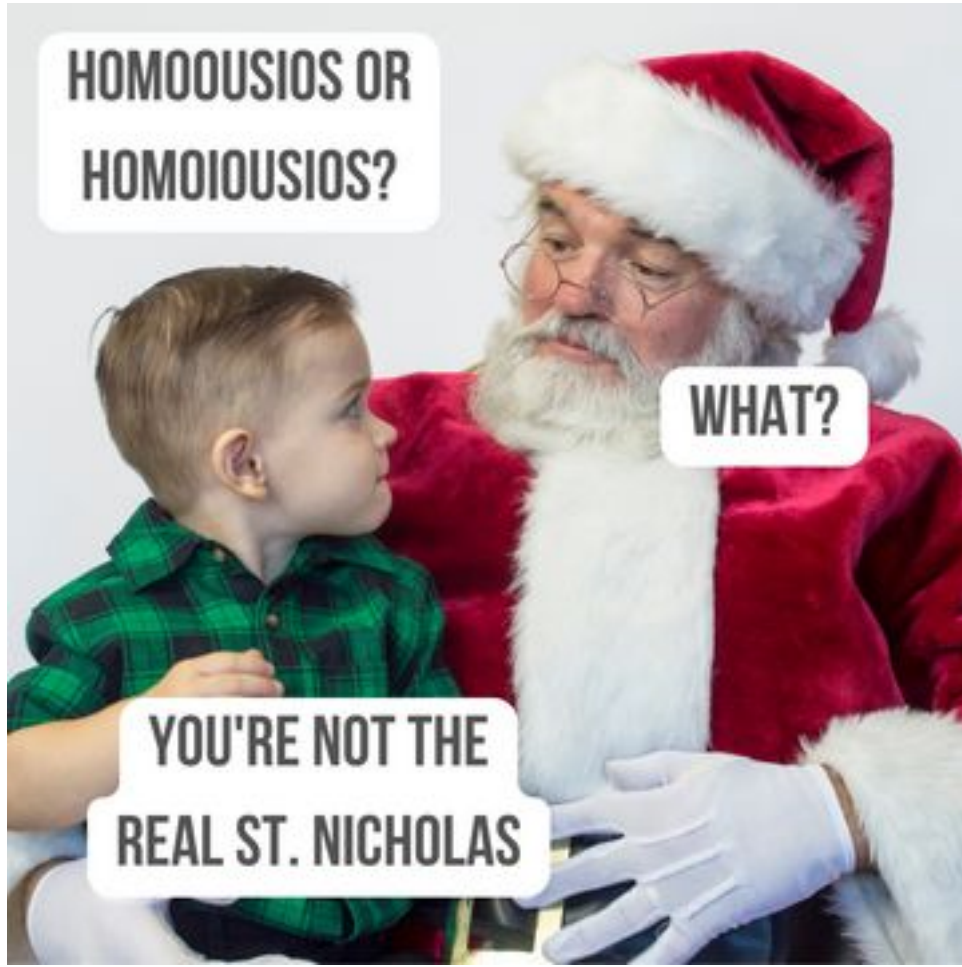
Lead Thou me on!

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,

Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

“Ignorance of Scripture is  
ignorance of Christ”

*St. Jerome*

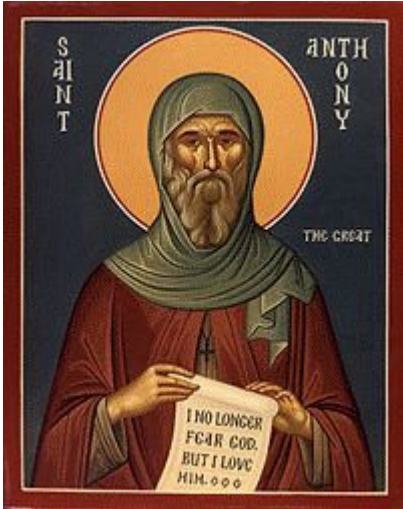
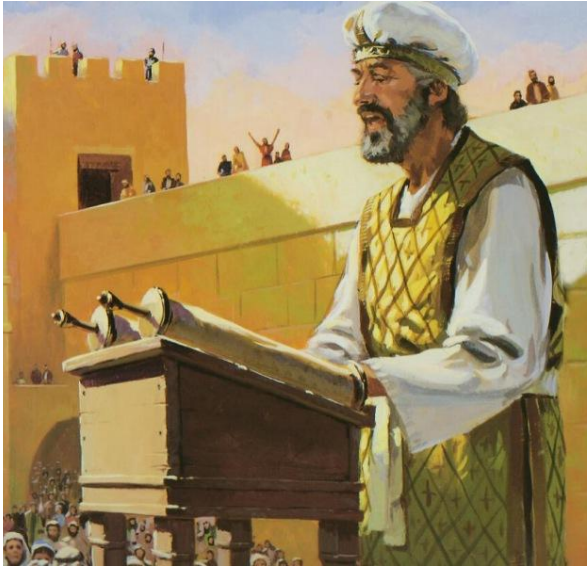






# Read and Be Transformed

Scripture has shown the power to change lives!  
Have you given it a chance to change yours?



Christianity, on the other hand, is determined by an insistence on “Credo” i.e. belief, or to be even more precise “orthodoxy” (traditional and correct belief).

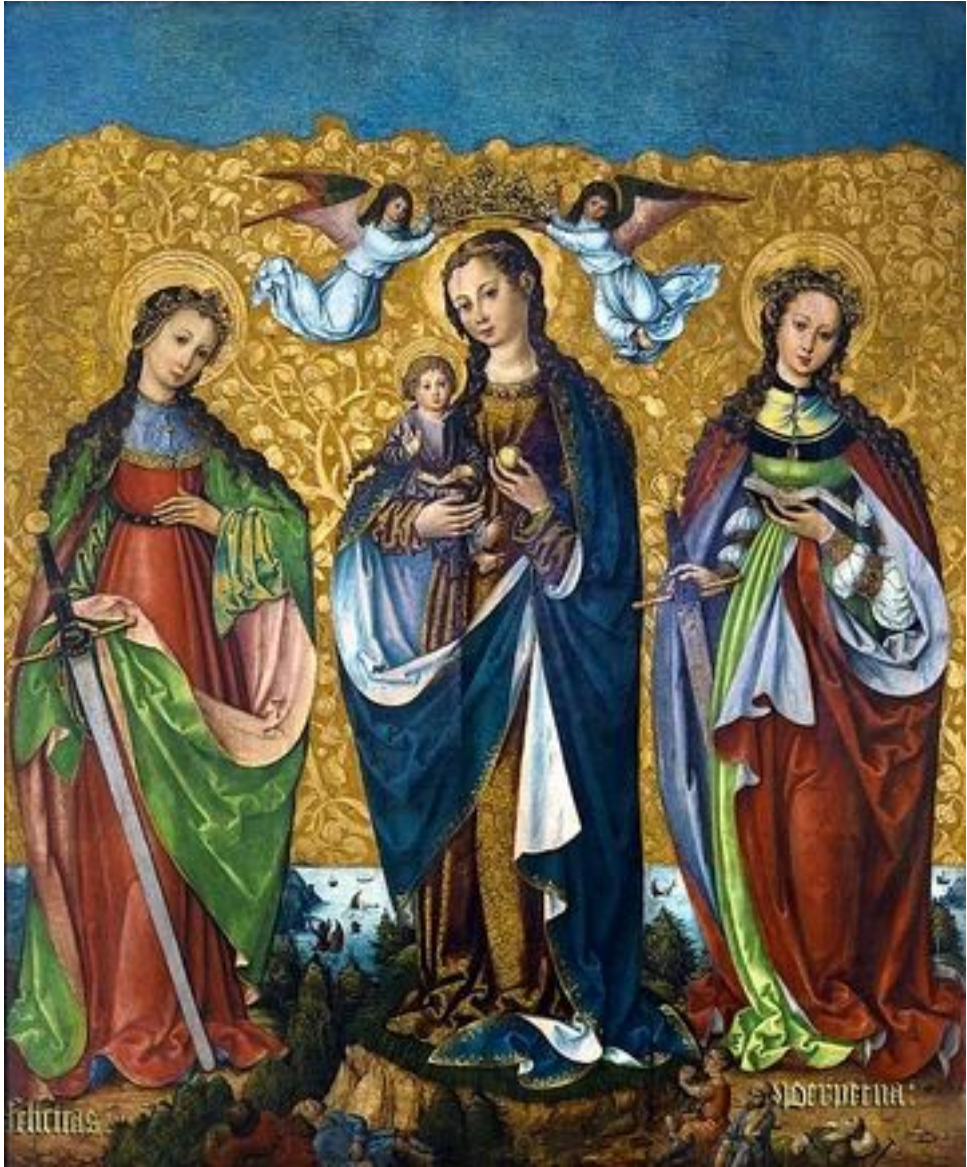


Scriptural scholar, Brant Pitre notes that the four articles cited by Paul, echo what is found in the Apostle's Creed, that Jesus was "crucified, died and was buried, on the third day he rose again from the dead." Pitre goes on to explain that a number of scriptural scholars have observed that Paul in this particular passage would have been echoing early creedal formulas already in use by the emerging Christian communities to ensure correct doctrine among the believers and to provide formula for newly baptised Christians to assent to, when being initiated into the new Christian community.

At the rite of baptism, the catechumen is asked a series of questions:

"Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?"

After the candidate announces "I do", he is then lead to assent to specific articles of the Creed by saying "I do".



If we admire her “**correct behaviour**”, it would necessarily flow from her “**correct belief**”, in the Confession that there is only One God, (hence the Emperor is not God), and that because she believed in the Resurrection of the Body, her martyrdom will ultimately not be in vain.

It would be a strange God who could be loved better by being known less. Love of God is not the same thing as knowledge of God; but if a man loves God knowing a little about Him, he should love God more from knowing more about him: for every new thing known about God is a new reason for loving Him.

— Frank Sheed from *Theology and Sanity*

“Official Christianity, of late years, has been having what is known as a bad press. We are constantly assured that the churches are empty because preachers insist too much upon doctrine—dull dogma as people call it. The fact is the precise opposite. It is the neglect of dogma that makes for dullness. The Christian faith is the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man—and the dogma is the drama.

“It is the dogma that is the drama—not beautiful phrases, nor comforting sentiments, nor vague aspirations to loving-kindness and uplift, nor the promise of something nice after death—but the terrifying assertion that the same God who made the world, lived in the world and passed through the grave and gate of death. Show that to the heathen, and they may not believe it; but at least they may realize that here is something that man might be glad to believe.

# Closing Prayer

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
Will lead me on.

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone,  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!