

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup> He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>5</sup> He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 NLT

#### Early Christian Creeds

Apostles' Creed (120 – 250 A.D.) – used originally as a baptismal creed Nicene Creed (325 A.D.) Chalcedonian Creed (451 A.D.) Athanasian Creed (500 A.D.) Canons on the Council of Orange (529 A.D.) Statement of faith of the 3rd Council of Constantinople (681 A.D.) The Westminster Shorter Catechism (There is 107 questions to the Shorter Catechism – the Larger has 196)

Q1: What is the chief end of man?

A1: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him for ever. Q2: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him?

A2: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

Q3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A3: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe

concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Q4: What is God?

A4: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

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