

# THE CREED

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CREED

### DEVOTION

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*What is the Creed?* The Creed summarizes all of God's work in creation and human history as taught in the Bible.

*Why does the Creed begin with the words "I believe"?* The English word *creed* comes from the Latin word *credo*—"I believe." A creed is a statement of faith, a statement of what I believe. To say "I believe" is to say what God has done *for me*. "I am convinced that God has made *me*, redeemed *me*, and sanctified *me*."

**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)**

#### FOR SHARING

1. A World War II bunker near Cologne, France, provided a secret hideout for a small company of soldiers trapped behind enemy lines. As he hid day after day in the darkness, one soldier carved these words on the bunker wall: "I believe in the sun even if I do not see it shining!" Describe the soldier's faith.
2. Faith is being sure of what we hope for. How does hope in Christ differ from all other types of hope?
3. To believe in God is to trust His promises. What assurance do Christ's death and resurrection give you that all God's promises are true?
4. Faith is being certain of what we do not see. How does your faith in Christ help you deal with daily trials and troubles?
5. "A Christian is someone who believes the Apostles' Creed." Do you agree or disagree. Why?

#### PRAYER

Lord, thank You for Your gracious promises in Your Word. Forgive me for the times that I have doubted Your love and grace. Help me to walk by faith at all the different times of my life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.