

The Apostles' Creed
The Third Day
Matthew 27:45-53; 28:1-8

Clearly the most controversial phrase in the Apostles' Creed is the phrase "He descended to hell." Some versions of the creed over time have removed this phrase. Are we to understand it literally, figuratively, spiritually, allegorically? What does it mean for Jesus to descend to hell? More importantly, what does it mean for us?

1. Christ was _____ from God so we wouldn't be.

Hell is the absence of the presence of God to _____
and is simply the presence of God to _____.

2. Christ _____ from the dead so we could too.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was
a bodily, _____ resurrection.

If the cost of sin is death and death has not been defeated then everything we believe should be questioned. But Christ is not dead. And for those of us who have placed trust in the gospel of Jesus Christ, in His death, burial, and bodily resurrection, we can be confident that our sins have been forgiven and that our sin debt has been paid in full.