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The two creeds

The Nicene Creed is a formal profession of faith; it came from the council of Nicaea in 325 AD and the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD. It addressed theological controversies, mostly Arianism. It defines the core Christian values about the Trinity and Jesus Christ’s divine nature, the divinity of Holy Spirit. It is said today at Mass 1,644 years after the last council. The Apostle’s Creed is also used at Mass and in the rosary prayer. The Apostle’s Creed comes from the apostles themselves after the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Each apostle contributed a line of the creed, and it is 2,000 years old. There is a line in the Apostle’s Creed that is misunderstood, “He descended into Hell.” It means Jesus went into the land of the dead to tell them he has defeated the devil through his death and he would rise from the dead and he will ascend to the Father in Heaven. The faithful shall be united once more with the Father as in the beginning of creation. Jesus is called the firstborn of the dead, he must ascend into heaven first, and then they will follow. What does “He descended into Hell” mean for you?