

# The Apostles' Creed: The First Article

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*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

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## Humanity

Today, I want to focus on the last two questions in the part of the **Explanation** we have before us, which have to do with the image of God. Understanding this concept helps us understand other issues in life. For example: "Why do so few people believe in God?" While there are evidences of God all around us in creation, this is only general revelation, as we have talked about before. General revelation can point people to the necessity for admitting there is a God. But it does not identify Who that God is. That is only revealed in Scripture, special revelation. In our fallen state, having lost the image of God, it is impossible for us to understand Scripture because it is the Word of God, given to men by His Spirit. As we read in **1 Corinthians 2:14**, *The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

The only way we can understand His Word is if the Holy Spirit opens it to us. Then we can see with the eyes of faith and God begins rebuilding His image within us. Of course, while we are recapturing this image of God throughout our Christian life, it will never be complete until we shed this mortal coil. That's one of the things we can look forward to when we die or when Christ returns, whichever comes first. Then, as Adam and Eve were before the fall, we will truly know God as He wishes to be known, perfectly happy with that, and be righteous and holy, doing God's will forever.