

A Way to God

by Mike Tucker *

Sometime before the Reformation, Martin Luther was in his monk's cell weeping because of his sins. His confessor, a young man, simply didn't know what to do, so he began repeating the Apostles' Creed.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

"I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the"

"Wait!" Luther interrupted his confessor. "What did you say?"

"What do you mean, what did I say?"

"That last part. What was it again?"

"Oh, that. I said, 'I believe in the forgiveness of sins.'"

"The forgiveness of sins," Luther said, as if savoring each word. "The forgiveness of sins. Then there is hope for me somewhere. Then maybe there is a way to God."

There *is* a way to God. Jesus Christ died to provide that way. There is One who sees those broken hearts and cares, and He forgives, heals, and makes whole. That One is Jesus, your Redeemer.

With love,
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