

**Year of Faith**  
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**The Creed – A Formula for Action**

As Christians, we believe in a creed that is more than words, but a creed that demands daily outward action. We must not only believe “in” our creed, but also see life “through” our creed – a creed that prompts and inspires us not to stand by and wait for God to do for us what we can do for ourselves.

Our creed is not a Sunday creed, but a 7-days-per-week creed. We must never allow ourselves to accept the assumptions of a pagan world and view our faith as being separate from practical every-day affairs.

We also misunderstand our creed if we sit on the sidelines and turn the worship of God into a religion of magic, expecting God to immediately answer all of our prayers, or expecting God to do for us by miracle what also demands hard work on our part as well.

Yes, faith is God’s free gift to us, but it is something that we have to realize in actual experience. Every day we have to translate the formula of our creed into the stuff of life.

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