

# ARTICLES OF RELIGION.

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¶ *The Articles of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the Dominion of Canada, do contain the true teaching of the said Church agreeable to God's Word.*

¶ *This Church, according to its Declaration of Principles, proclaims its belief in the Doctrines of Grace substantially as they are set forth in the thirty-nine Articles of Religion, contained in this Prayer Book as follows:*

## I. Of Faith in the Holy Trinity.

**T**HERE is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in the unity of this Godhead there are three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## II. Of the Word or Son of God who was made very Man.

**T**HE Son, who is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting by the Father, the very and eternal God, and of one substance with the Father, took Man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin, of her substance: so that two whole and perfect Natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God, and very Man; who truly suffered, was crucified, dead and buried, to make

peace for us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.

## III. Of the descent of Christ into Hell.

**T**HE word *Hell*, as used in the so called *Apostles' Creed* is the old English equivalent of the Greek word *Hades* and signifies the abode of departed spirits. In the course of centuries, the meaning of the word has so changed as to give color to many false and misleading notions. In view of which the clause "He descended into Hell" has been omitted in the above named Creed as used in the revised Book of Common Prayer. See Luke xxiii. 43.

NOTE.—*The clause did not appear in the Creed until the Fourth Century.*

## IV. Of the Resurrection of Christ.

**C**HRI<sup>ST</sup> did truly rise again from death, and took again his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature; where-with he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth,