

# HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



## Talking about the Third Article of The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him, but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith, just as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith, in which Christian church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ, This is most certainly true.



### **213** How do you listen to the call of the Holy Spirit?

I listen to the call of the Holy Spirit by repenting and believing the Gospel of Jesus.

### **214** What does it mean for you to repent?

I repent when I agree and feel deeply sorry that I have not kept and cannot keep God's law, and when I receive the good news that Jesus died for me.

**1 John 1:8-10** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Proverbs 28:13** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

### **215** What does it mean that the Holy Spirit has enlightened you?

To be enlightened by the Holy Spirit means that through hearing God's Word, the Holy Spirit helps me to see my sinfulness and to believe that Jesus is my Savior.

**John 16:13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

### **216** Why do you need the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit?

I need the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit because by my own reason I am unable truly to know God or the things that He has done and said in His Word.

**2 Corinthians 4:4** In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**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.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

