

# 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.



### 217 How can you truly know God?

I can truly know God through faith in Jesus Christ as shown to me the Gospel.

**John 17:3** And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

### 218 What is a true and living faith in Jesus Christ?

When I as a repentant sinner receive Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil, and find refuge in Him and confidently rely upon Him, then I have a true and living faith in Jesus Christ, Furthermore, a true and living faith will show itself in good works.

**Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**James 2:17** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### 219 Is it possible for you to receive this faith?

Yes, Jesus gives faith to all who repent.

**Acts 16:30b,31** ... "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

### 220 How does God show His graciousness as you turn to Him?

God shows His graciousness to me by freely accepting me as I turn to Him even though my faith may be very weak or when I hardly dare accept His grace.

**Mark 9:24b** ... "I believe; help my unbelief!"

**Isaiah 42:1-3** Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

