

# 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.



### 221 What benefits come to you as you believe in Jesus?

I receive the gifts of justification, the new birth, sanctification, and one day will receive the gift of glorification.

### 222 What is justification?

Justification is the gracious act of God by which He, for Christ's sake, acquits me (declares me not guilty), a repentant and believing sinner of my sin and guilt, credits me with Christ's righteousness, and looks upon me, in Christ, as though I had never sinned.

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ...

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Isaiah 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

### 223 What gifts come to you because of justification?

Because of justification I have received:

1. Adoption as a child of God

**Acts 16:30b,31** ...For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons ... and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ ...

2. Peace with God.

3. Joy in suffering.

4. Hope.

5. The love of God.

6. The Holy Spirit.

**Romans 5:1-5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.



Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

