

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 least 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.



226 What happens to you when your sins are forgiven?

When God forgives me my sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, He blots them out, and I do not have them anymore.

Isaiah 43:25 "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

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This is good news because my sins stand between me and God, and without this forgiveness I would spend eternity in hell without God.

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

