

# 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.



### 230 Who needs the new birth?

Everyone needs the new birth because all are spiritually dead and therefore cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

**John 3:16** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

### 231 By what means does the new birth come to a person?

The new birth comes to us by means of the Word of God and baptism.

**Titus 3:4-7** But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**John 3:5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

**1 Peter 1:23** since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God ...

**Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**1 Peter 3:20-22** ... the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

