

HOME TALK

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

Explanation of
Luther's Small Catechism

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.



234 Do you remain saved by your own good life?

No, my Lord Jesus Christ has done everything necessary for my justification and sanctification, and I can depend completely upon Him.

1 Corinthians 1:30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...

235 What are the fruits of a living faith?

The fruits of a living faith are good works produced by the Holy Spirit and done out of love for God, my neighbor's good, and my own true welfare.

Matthew 25:35-36 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

1 Timothy 6:18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works



Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

