

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.



242 Why do you say "Holy Christian Church"?

I say "Holy Christian Church," because the Holy Spirit lives and works in the community of believers and because it is made up of those who have responded to God's call and seek to live their lives according to God's will as found in the Scriptures.

Titus 2:13b-14 ... Jesus Christ, ... gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

John 16:7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

243 Why do you say, "Christian Church"?

I say "Christian Church" because the Church belongs to Christ and is built upon Him as its only foundation.

244 Why is the Church called catholic in some of the Christian creeds?

The Church is called *catholic* or *universal*, because God invited all people to enter it, and because it is to be found in all parts of the world where the Gospel is preached.



Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

