

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.



247 Why is it important for you to be a member of a congregation?

It is important for me to be a member of a congregation because:

1. It means that I publicly declare that I am a Christian and therefore part of Christ's body, the Church.
2. It means that as part of the body of Christ I support it with my loyalty, offerings, and spiritual gifts.
3. It means that I have submitted to the Lordship of Christ as exercised by the shepherding of the pastor and elders of the congregation and am willing to submit the congregation's teaching and spiritual guidance.

248 Who may be a member of a congregation of Christian people?

Anyone who has been baptized, who confesses faith in Christ as Savior, and who follows the procedures for membership in a particular congregation may be a member.



Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

