

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.



260 What does the Holy Spirit give to you in the Christian Church?

In the Christian Church He daily forgives all my sins, and the sins of all other believers.

John 20:21b-23 "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Acts 13:38 "Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,"

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



261 Why does a believer need the daily forgiveness of sin?

Daily forgiveness is needed because a believer has a sinful nature and sins every day.

1 John 1:8 "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

262 How may a believer live in the daily forgiveness of sins?

A believer may live in the daily forgiveness of sins by admitting them, confessing them honestly to God, and willingly forsaking them.

Proverbs 28:13 "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."

263 What are the results of the daily forgiveness of sins?

The daily forgiveness of sins brings peace and confidence to the believer.

Matthew 11:28-29 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

