

# 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.

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### 264 When will a believer be entirely free from sin?

A believer will be entirely free from sin only after leaving this life and entering the presence of God.

**1 John 3:2** "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is."

### 265 What becomes of a believer after death?

The believer goes home to God, where there is rest from all trouble and sorrow in happy fellowship with God until the resurrection of the body.

**Luke 23:43** "And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**Revelation 14:13** "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

### 266 What do you mean by the resurrection of the body?

By the resurrection of the body I mean that my dead body will one day be made alive and will be with Christ where He is forever.

**John 5:28-29** "Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

**Romans 8:11** "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

**John 11:25** "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,"

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52** "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

