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.

267 What change will then take place [by

the resurrection] in your body and the bodies of all other believers?

My body and the bodies of all other believers will become like the body of the risen Christ which will never die again.

Phillipians 3:20-21 "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

1 Corinthians 15:42-44a "So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body."

268 What will happen to those who reject Jesus as Savior?

Those who reject Jesus as Savior will be condemned to eternal death.

Matthew 25:41, 46 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."...." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version



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