

God's Word
What does it say?
(In other words, this is a Quiz!)

Name _____

The Third Article - The Church
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1. Write the Third Article.

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 thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and fully forgives sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

2. What is the holy Christian Church?

Ephesians 2:19–22 - So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Acts 2:46–47 Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The holy Christian church is all people everywhere who believe Christ Jesus as their Savior.

3. Who is the only who can tell who really believes (a member of the invisible church)?

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the Lord does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless, God's foundation stands firm, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord keep away from wickedness."

Only God can see faith in a person's heart. He's the only one who knows who really believes, who is a member of the holy Christian church.

4. *Passage* - Where is the only place you can find the holy Christian church?

Isaiah 55:11 in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

Matthew 18:20 In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them."

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples.."

The holy Christian church can only be found where God's word is proclaimed and the sacraments are administered.

5. *Passage* - How does God want us to test churches?

Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians. They received the word very eagerly and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these things were so.

1 John 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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God wants us to check to make sure that what they’re teaching is really what the Bible says.

6. *Passage* - What does God want us to do in church?

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

a. God wants us to worship and study his word together to encourage each other and grow stronger in faith together.

1 Corinthians 10:17 Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Acts 1:14 All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 2:42 They continued to hold firmly to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers.

b. God wants us to pray together, to go the Lord’s supper together, and to preach and teach the Gospel together.

John 21:15 When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I care about you.” Jesus told him, “Feed my lambs.”

Psalms 78:4-7 We will not hide them from their descendants. We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders that he has done. He set up testimony for Jacob. In Israel he established the law. He commanded our fathers to make it known to their children. Then the next generation would know it, even the children not yet born. They would rise up and tell their children. Then they would put their confidence in God, and they would not forget the deeds of God, but they would keep his commands.

Joel 1:3 Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

Proverbs 22:6 Dedicate a child to the way he should go, and even when he becomes old, he will not turn away from it.

c. God wants us to teach his word and his love to our children.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 13:2-3 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then, after they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them off.

Philippians 4:16 Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs.

d. God wants us to send our and to support missionaries.

7. *Passage* - What does God tells us to do when we discover churches or organizations who teach things contrary to the Word of God?

Matthew 7:15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

2 Timothy 4:3 For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires.

Romans 16:17 But I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the teaching that you learned, and keep away from them.

Galatians 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven would preach any gospel other than the one we preached to you—a curse on him!

Titus 3:10 Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning,

God wants us to warn them, and, if they won’t listen, to keep away from them.

8. Why does God want us to separate from those who don't teach God's word faithfully?

John 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples.

Matthew 7:15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that somehow, just as the serpent deceived Eve with his cunning, so also your minds might be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Timothy 2:17 and their message will spread like gangrene. This includes Hymenaeus and Philetus,

Revelation 22:18-19 I give this warning to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the Tree of Life and in the Holy City, which are written in this book.

- a. Out of love for God's Word.
- b. Out of love for our own souls.
- c. Out of love for their souls.

9. What are the six major Lutheran Confessions?

- a. The Small Catechism
- b. The Large Catechism
- c. The Augsburg Confession
- d. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession
- e. The Smalcald Articles
- f. The Formula of Concord

10. *Eighth Grade* - Memorize the 1st Part of the Keys.

First: What is the Use of the Keys?

The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners, but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"