

LESSON 27: THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Memory work

54. Q. What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Christian church?

*A. I believe that the Son of God,
 out of the whole human race,
 from the beginning of the world to its end,
 gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself,
 by His Spirit and Word,
 in the unity of the true faith,
 a church chosen to everlasting life.*

*And I believe that I am
 and forever shall remain
 a living member of it.*

55. Q. What do you understand by the communion of saints?

*A. First, that believers, all and everyone,
 as members of Christ
 have communion with Him
 and share in all His treasures and gifts.
 Second, that everyone is duty-bound to use his gifts
 readily and cheerfully
 for the benefit and well-being of the other members.*

56. Q. What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

*A. I believe that God,
 because of Christ's satisfaction,
 will no more remember my sins,
 nor my sinful nature,
 against which I have to struggle all my life,
 but will graciously grant me
 the righteousness of Christ,
 that I may never come into condemnation.*

Homework

1. (10) The Nicene Creed speaks of "one holy catholic and apostolic church". What do these mean?

One: _____

Holy: _____

Catholic: _____

Apostolic: _____