

Christ's Vision for His Church

*I believe
in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the one holy church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.*

Ephesians 5:25(NIV)
"Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."

First, the body you belong to is **one**, so _____

Ephesians 4: 4–6 (NIV) we read, "There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV), "To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours."

Second, the body you belong to is *holy*, so _____

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NLT), “He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God’s word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.”

Third, the body you belong to is a *communion*, so _____

Acts 2:42 (NIV), “The devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

This Week’s Homework Checklist

- Read Chapters 17-19 in *The Anchor Course*
- Invite someone to come with you next Sunday, October 29.
- Pray for God to bless our special day of outreach.



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