

The Apostles' Creed The One Holy and Universal Church

Psalm 84 ❖ 1 Corinthians 1:1-9



The Necessity of Corporate Worship

The first question and answer in "The Shorter Catechism" put it succinctly: What is the _____ end of man? Man's chief _____ is to _____ God and enjoy Him forever.

One tragic result of the liberal media's _____-mongering about Covid is that church attendance is down by _____.

"Let us not give up meeting _____, as some are in the _____ of doing" (Hebrews 10:25).

Pastor Emeritus James Quillin used to say the purpose of the Church is "to increase the number of people who _____ God."

Scottish Presbyterian theologian James Bannerman noted: "Christianity is a _____ rather than a solitary religion."

The Church Is ...

- 1) A _____
- 2) A particular _____
- 3) A _____
- 4) An _____
- 5) The _____

The One Church

The phrase, "the holy _____ church was added to the Creed after Christians in North _____ in the 4th and 5th centuries debated whether the church was composed of a faithful _____ or of _____ who profess faith in Jesus.

The Church is _____, comprised of all who have worshiped God, and _____, comprised of all who worship God, along with their _____ (1 Corinthians 1:2).

The Holy Church

"Holy" means "set _____ by God and for God."

"Holy" does not mean "_____." Though Paul said the church in Corinth was "_____ to be holy," it was far from perfect.

The first membership question is: "Do you acknowledge yourself to be a _____ in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?"

The Universal Church

The Church is catholic with a _____-case "c."

The Church includes Catholics with an _____-case "c."

Takeaway

"God, who has called _____ into _____ with His Son Jesus Christ _____ Lord, is faithful" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

"Better is one day in Your _____ than a thousand elsewhere" (Psalm 84:10).

The fourth membership question is: "Do you promise to serve Christ in His _____ by supporting and participating in her _____ and _____ to the best of your ability?"

Here's the _____, here's the _____, open the _____, and see all the _____!

