

## THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED: THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH & VISIBLE CHURCHES



Intro: What does the title “Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod” tell us about the church body we belong to?

Wisconsin =  
Evangelical =  
Lutheran =  
Synod =

**What does the title “the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints” tell us about the people who belong to the church?**

### 1. Who belongs to the Holy Christian Church?

Church:

a.) The Invisible Church:

### 2. Why are the members of this church called “holy” and “saints”?

a.) Saint:

### 3. Why is this church called the “Christian” church?

a.)

### 4. Why is the church called a “communion” of saints?

Communion:

a.)

### 5. Why is God the only one who knows the members of the Holy Christian Church?

a.)

## APPLICATION

1.) What are several things that are wrong with this statement? “All the people who go to church on Sunday are members of the Holy Christian Church.”

2.) Evaluate this statement: There are believers in every “Christian” church in the world.

**If there is only One Holy Christian Church, how should we go about deciding what church to belong to?**

**1. Why does God want us to join a church?**

God wants us to...

a.)

b.)

c.)

d.)

**2. What does God want to be the deciding factor in what church to join?**

a.)

**3. What does God tell us to do if we find that a church is teaching something contrary to God’s Word?**

a.)

**4. Why do we want to keep ourselves separate from any church that teaches contrary to his Word?**

We want to keep ourselves separate...

a.)

b.)

c.)

APPLICATION

1.) Your friend tells you that his/her church is exciting to attend and he/she invites you to attend his/her church one Sunday. What do you do?

Assignment

- Memory work:
  - Matthew 28:19-20
  - Romans 16:17
- Complete take-home quiz
- Write a paragraph answering the following question: *What qualities do you think are most important for a church to have and why?*