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Confirmation Homework Assignment 14

The Apostles' Creed, Third Article, Part 1

Catechism Questions 186-203

You will need your Small Catechism to do this assignment. In this assignment, we will cover Questions 186-203, so be sure to look for your answers in that part of the Catechism (as well as any Bible verses that get referenced).

1. Why can I not come to faith in Jesus by my own reason or strength?

A. _____

B. _____

2. What does it mean to be sanctified by the Spirit?

A. _____

B. _____

3. What are good works in God's sight?

A. _____

B. _____

4. What is the special role of the Holy Spirit in our salvation?

5. Do people believe in Jesus because they decide to follow Him of their own free will? Explain.

6. What is the Church?

Memory Work:

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, and the first half of its explanation (see back page)

The Apostles' Creed, 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?

First half:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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.

Second half (not due this week):

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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of 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.