



# THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,

## VERSES

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

MATTHEW 16:18

ROMANS 4:17

1 CORINTHIANS 11

1 CORINTHIANS 14

EPHESIANS 5:26

EPHESIANS 4:3

1 PETER 1:16

1 PETER 2:4-10

HEBREWS 12:2

## Before You Listen

- 1 Why is the church called Holy?
- 2 There are two ways to think of the word "communion"

## While You Listen

- 1 Church is a place where people gather and receive from God.
- 2 This community spans the centuries. When we take communion, we are taking it with the company of heaven - those before, now and future - the great cloud of witnesses.
- 3 The church is Holy because God says it's holy. It's not negotiable. When God declares something - "it is". We are Holy because God says we are.
- 4 God's Word is the ultimate objective reality.
- 5 God calls those things which are not, as though they are.
- 6 We commune with God in the Lord's Supper where Christ is present.

## After You Listen

- 1 God's gifts are given to build up the community of the church - all the body parts working together



## After You Listen Continued

- 2 Being in church means you are committed to the practical consequences of this fellowship
- 3 We are called out to proclaim to others in our church and the world the saving work of Christ

## WHAT DID YOU LEARN

1. Saint is an adjective, not a verb. It's not what we do but who we are
2. Spend more time looking at the One who declares who you are, not on what you do.
3. When we gaze on Christ, we see ourselves as Holy as Christ is our holiness
4. He is the author and finisher of our faith.
5. You probably should go to church
6. Think about Jesus. He was rarely alone. He seemed to think it important that the disciples walked along with Him.
7. That is what church is. It's a body of many members walking along together.

## WHY IS THIS GOOD NEWS?

*When we are in communion with God and others we reinforce what God says about us and know what God declares us to be*