

Sermon Notes
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What is Church? Part 1 - The True Holy Catholic Church

The Church Doctrinal Statement

We believe that the true Church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated ordinances, including baptism, Love Feast which includes the Lord's Supper, laying on of hands, anointing, and feet washing, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer. The Church is to live to love, serve and worship God, as well as bless one another and those outside the walls of the church through the study of the Word, prayer, breaking of bread, fellowship and sacrificial service.

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the _____ were commended for.

Hebrews 11:6 "And without _____ it is impossible to please God..."

Hebrews 11:39 "...only together with us would they be made _____."

Hebrews 12:1 "Let us fix our eyes on _____, the author and perfecter of our faith"

The Church is its _____

Old Testament people of faith looked _____ to the coming of God to them.

New Testament peoples look _____ to the God who came as Messiah.

The True Church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through _____ alone in _____ alone?

Catholic just means all true believers who have placed their faith in Christ's _____, _____ and _____ for salvation.

There is one test for membership into this True Church.

Hebrews 11:6 "And without _____ it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Romans 4:1-3 *Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as _____.*

Our confession: Jesus died for my sin and then God raised Jesus from the dead to new eternal life.