



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS LESSON 15: THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS THE CHURCH

Opening

- What is *sanctification*?
- What aspects of sanctification have we studied so far?

The Work Of the Holy Spirit

- According to Luther's explanation to the third article of the creed in the *Small Catechism*, what are the four things that the Holy Spirit does for me, a believer in Jesus?

- According to Luther's explanation to the third article of the creed in the *Small Catechism*, what are the five things that the Holy Spirit does for the Church (all believers)?

- Why is the word *gather* added when we speak of the Spirit's work with the Church?

The Holy Christian Church

- Exercise: Determine the meaning of the word church in each of the following sentences:

That church took a long time to build.
He belongs to St. Philip's church.
The Catholic Church has a large membership.
We belong to the Church of the Lutheran Confession.
Do you go to church in Sister Lakes?
The church and state must be separated.
I believe in the Holy Christian Church.

The Church, according to its inner nature and essence, is the total number of all those whom God recognizes as His dear children by faith in Christ Jesus.

- What do we mean by *Church* in the Apostles' Creed?

Acts 2:47 (809)

Acts 5:14 (811)

- What are some of the expressions in the Bible used to picture this Church?

Ephesians 1:22-23 (817)

Ephesians 5:25

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

1 Peter 2:10 (814)

Hebrews 12:22-23 (815)

- What adjectives does the Bible use to describe the Church?

A. John 11:51-52

B. 1 Cor 1:2

C. Ac 11:26

D. Eph 2:19-22

E. Eph 4:3-6

F. John 10:27-28

G. Mt 11:28

H. 2 Tim 2:19

_____ The Church is Christian

_____ The Church is worldwide

_____ The Church is holy

_____ The Church is spiritually united

_____ The Church is Apostolic (Bible)

_____ The Church is one

_____ The Church is invisible

_____ The Church is everlasting

Assignment

- Study Questions 188-193 (pp. 146-149) in the catechism.