

God's Word
What does it say?
(In other words, this is a Quiz!)

Name _____

The Third Article - Forgiveness
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1. Write the 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?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing 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. 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 fully forgives sins to me and 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.

2. Why does everybody need forgiveness?

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 5:48 So then, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

1 Peter 1:16 For it is written, "Be holy, because I am holy."

a. The standards are too high. We cannot live up to God's commands.

Romans 5:12 So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned.

Psalms 51:5 Certainly, I was guilty when I was born. I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

1 John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Romans 7:18-19 Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing.

b. We're born sinners and we sin every day.

3. What did God do to overturn the judgment we deserve?

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons.

John 1:29 The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

Titus 3:5-7 he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

God reconciled the world to himself, that is, he declared the whole world not guilty through Jesus' sacrifice.

4. How is it possible that God, who is holy and perfectly just, would declare sinners righteous?

Isaiah 53:5-6 but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the Lord has charged all our guilt to him.

Romans 4:25 He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Romans 3:23-25 because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished.

God declared sinners righteous without violating his justice because Jesus was convicted and punished for every sin ever committed or ever will be committed. This is true, not because someone believes it, but because it really happened.

5. Why doesn't everyone receive the blessings Jesus won on the cross?

Philippians 3:18-19 To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things..

Romans 2:12 Indeed, all people who have sinned without law will also perish without law, and all the people who have sinned in connection with law will be judged by law.

Galatians 5:4 You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace.

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Many people reject God's grace. When people reject the Gospel, they separate themselves from God's grace.

6. What does the Holy Spirit use to bring faith and forgiveness to our hearts?

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Acts 2:38 Peter answered them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, "Take, eat, this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins..

The Holy Spirit gives faith and forgiveness through Word and Sacrament.

7. How do we receive the forgiveness of sins?

Ephesians 2:8-9 Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 3:22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe. In fact, there is no difference,

Romans 3:28 For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

Acts 4:12 "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

We receive forgiveness by the faith that the Holy Spirit works in our hearts.

8. How can we be certain that our sins have been forgiven?

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We are certain that our sins have been forgiven because God tells us that Jesus paid for the sins of the entire world.