



WE'VE GOT  
QUESTIONS

Does it matter  
**what church I attend?**

“I believe...in the holy catholic church.”

THE APOSTLES' CREED  
(stemming from 2nd C.)

“We believe...in one holy catholic  
apostolic Church.”

NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED  
(381 A.D.)

**What are the marks  
of the church?**

**What are the duties  
and responsibilities  
of the church?**

**Be part of a church that  
takes who it is and what it  
does seriously.**

***What is the church?***

One: Be part of a church that wants to  
be *unified*.

## John 17:11

<sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials,  
liberty; in all things, charity.”

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GERMAN THEOLOGIAN



**United  
Brethren**  
ALL FOR CHRIST

**Church of the United Brethren in Christ**

## ***What is the church?***

Holy: Be part of a church that knows it is ***set apart*** for God's purposes and seeks the God who sets the church apart.

## **Ephesians 2:19-22**

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

## ***What is the church?***

Catholic [Not “Roman Catholic”]: Be part of a church that knows it is part of a wider body of people that transcends all borders, boundaries, and barriers of time and space.

## Hebrews 12:22-24

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## ***What is the church?***

Apostolic: Be part of a church that stays connected to the early church and the earliest church.

## Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common.

## Acts 2:42-47

<sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The activity of the early church is not the equal but opposite frenetic pace of the world. Its activity is not simply a baptized busyness.

This is holy work under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

***What does the church do?***

Worship (v. 47)

***What does the church do?***

Discipleship (v. 42)

*Beauty endures as beauty matures. Just as a child who grows in maturity likewise grows in beauty, so the church must grow in its maturity.*

***What does the church do?***

Fellowship (v. 42, 45-46)

***What does the church do?***

Evangelism (v. 43)