

The Apostles' Creed
The Communion of the Saints
1 Peter 2:4-10

The purpose of the Apostles' Creed is to create unity around what we believe as Christians. It provides a framework for understanding the essential truths of the Christian faith. The Bible consistently calls for unity in the body of Christ and this unity is not formed around a common earthly cause. Unity in the church is rooted in the gospel truth of Jesus Christ.

1. The church is _____ in a confession
2. The church is _____ in the Trinity
3. The church is _____ for a purpose

Jesus gave His _____ for the church

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It is God's good design that we would belong to a local church, not just attend one. Belonging is deeper than merely attending from time to time. The church is necessary for us to be obedient to the commands of Christ. We cannot love, serve, accept, forgive, or pray for one another if we are not in communion with one another. Church was God's idea and we would do well to take God's ideas seriously.