

Communion of Saints

Text: But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22-24)

Question 55: *What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?*

Answer: First, that believers one and all, as members of Christ the Lord, have communion with Him and share in all His treasures and gifts.

Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen

Intro: why?

The church militant, the church suffering,
& the church triumphant

I. Our text

Hardships - Hebrews 10:32-39

Hebrews 11

Hebrews 12:1-4

Hebrews 12:5-11

Hebrews 12:12-17

Hebrews 12:18-24

II. The Elijah Syndrome

1 Kings 19:10

Hebrews 12:12-15

Application 1: Belonging

The search for meaning and purpose

Application 2: Poison

What?

Why?

Where?

Principle 1:

Principle 2:

Principle 3:

Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; for a man's anger does not bring about the righteousness of God. (James 1:19-20)