

Sola Confirmation Series: Apostles' Creed – Third Article

Test: 120 pts total / Score: _____ Name: _____

Fill in the blanks from the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, and Luther's explanation of it in the Small Catechism: (60 points; 1 point for each blank)

The Third Article:

I _____ in the Holy _____, the holy _____ church, the _____ of _____, the _____ of _____, the _____ of the _____, and the _____ everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I _____ that I _____ by my own _____ or _____ believe in Jesus _____ my _____ or _____ to _____; but the Holy _____ has _____ me through the _____, _____ me with his _____, and _____ and _____ me in the _____ faith. In the same way, he _____, _____, enlightens and _____ the whole _____ church on _____, and _____ it in _____ with _____ Christ in the _____ true _____. In this _____ church, he daily _____ abundantly all my _____ and the _____ of all _____. At the last _____, he will _____ me and all the _____ and will _____ everlasting _____ to me and to _____ who _____ in _____. _____ is most certainly _____!

Fill in the blanks: (12 points; 1 point for each blank)

1. There are three _____ in the Apostles' Creed; the third one has to do with God the _____.
2. _____ is the name of the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples with wind and fire, and the Christian Church was started.
3. In the original languages of the Bible (Hebrew and Greek), the word for "spirit" can also be translated as _____ or _____.
4. The holy _____ Church is the one universal Church to which all believers in Christ belong, no matter what denomination.

5. Martin Luther said: Every faithful Christian is both a _____ and a _____ at the same time — that is: we are fully _____ (made right with God), even though we remain limited by human weakness and sin.
6. The “communion of _____” does not just refer to famous Christians like Peter and Paul, but all those who trust and believe in _____ as Lord and Savior.
7. When God’s Spirit is at work in us, we accomplish and experience good things. This is called the “_____ of the Spirit.”
8. The Holy Spirit uses God’s Word to get from our _____ into other peoples’ _____ so that the Spirit can create _____ in their hearts and minds.
9. In John 15, Jesus said: “I am the _____ and you are the branches” “You did not _____ me, but I chose you.”

Match the following words with their definitions by drawing a line between them. There is one extra definition you will not use. (1 point each)

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| 10. Inspiration | To be filled with the Spirit |
| 11. Sanctification | To be made holy |
| 12. Justification | To be chosen for a purpose |
| 13. Election | To be made right with God |
| 14. Enlighten | To be raised to new and eternal life |
| 15. Holy | Set apart (special) because of God |
| 16. Gospel | To sin against God |
| 17. Faith | The good news about Jesus Christ |
| 18. Resurrection | Trusting and believing in God |
| | To give understanding |

19. Describe our human life, death, and resurrection, by matching them to the various states of a candle; there is one false answer you will not use: (4 points; 1 point each)

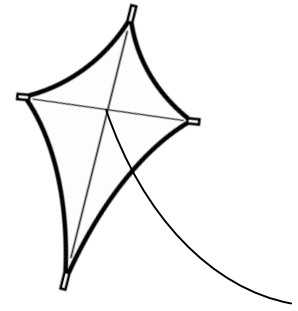
- a. New Unlit Candle: Through the Gospel of Jesus, the Holy Spirit creates faith
God creates us and brings us into the world
- b. Lit Candle: We are reincarnated, and live many different lives
- c. Used Candle: In the end, God will resurrect us and bring us back to life
- d. Remade Candle: All human beings have a limited life-time and eventually die

20. True / False Questions: Circle T or F (18 points; 1 point each)

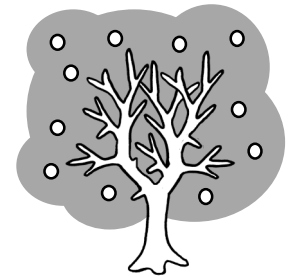
- T F The Holy Spirit is God.
- T F The Holy Spirit is not part of the Trinity.
- T F The Holy Spirit was created by God.
- T F In the Bible, the Holy Spirit is described like “a mighty wind.”
- T F The Holy Spirit gives us faith.
- T F In order to get into heaven, we must earn the right.
- T F A person is saved by faith, not by completing a list of good deeds.
- T F Believing there is such a thing as God, is the same as having faith in God.
- T F To have faith in something means you trust it.
- T F True faith is something a person can't just decide to have.
- T F In the Old Testament, the place of the dead is called “Sheol.”
- T F All people will rise from the dead on the last day.
- T F There will be a final judgment of all people, and Christ will be the Judge.
- T F When good people die, they go to heaven and become angels.
- T F No Christians can know for sure if they are saved.
- T F Because we are saved, we don't need forgiveness anymore.
- T F God's Spirit inspires us to work together to serve God.
- T F God has promised me forgiveness and eternal life.

Thought Questions. Please write your answers in complete sentences. (5 points each)

21. Using the image of a human being as a kite: how do we get “up to heaven.” Describe the role of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in making this happen:



22. If no one can earn their salvation by doing good deeds, why would anyone want to obey God or try to live a good life? How does Jesus compare this to trees and fruit?



23. Use the image of multiple candles to describe how God uses us to create faith in the lives of others:



24. The Bible says we human beings cannot save or justify ourselves by our own actions. Does that mean that no one gets eternal life? If we are saved, who gets credit for our salvation?
