

We Believe in in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

*Ephesians 2:20-22; 4:1-16; 1 Peter 2:9-10; John 4:23; Jude 3;
Acts 2:42; 1 & 2 Timothy*

Introduction: Neglect of the Doctrine of the Church

We Believe in One Church (Eph. 2:17-22; Eph. 4:2-6, 11-13)

Ephesians 4:2-6 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.⁴ There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called--⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

We Believe in a Holy Church (1 Pet. 1:15-16; 2:9-10; Ex. 19:4-6)

We Have Been Made Holy (Heb. 10:10; 1 Pet. 2:9-10)

Hebrews 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

We Are Called to be Holy (Heb 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:16-17)

Hebrews 12:14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because *I am holy*."

We Will Be HOLY (Eph. 2:21-20)

Ephesians 2:21-20 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

We Believe in a Catholic Church

Catholic in Places (2; John 4:23)

John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

Catholic in Persons (Matt. 28:19-20; Gal. 3:27-29; Rev. 7:9)

Galatians 3:27-29 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then

Catholic in Periods

Catholic in Truth (Jude 3)

Jude 1:3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

We Believe in an Apostolic Church

Devoted to Apostolic Teaching (Acts 2:42; Eph. 2:19-20)

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Guard the Apostolic Teaching (1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:13-14)

2 Timothy 1:13-14 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Entrusting the Apostolic Teaching to Other Reliable Men (2 Tim. 2:1)

2 Timothy 2:1 You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

Eyewitness Testimony of the Apostles (2 Pet. 1:16-19; 1 John 1:1-4; Lu. 1:1-2)

2 Peter 1:16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Conclusion: Jesus with Your Church Abide