

SERMON REFLECTIONS

No Church without the Spirit

Romans 6:4, Matthew 26:64, Acts 17:31 | 29 June 2025
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Reflection Questions

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will 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 life everlasting. Amen.

1. After listening to seven sermons on The Apostles' Creed, are there any biblical truths:
 - Which are very meaningful to you
 - Which you are sure/convicted (or have questions) about?
 - Which have led you to specific acts of faith (share about these acts of faith)? For example: knowing that God is Creator of the earth has led you to seek to be a good steward of the earth's resources.

Discuss.

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2. The holy catholic church, the communion of saints...

It is the will of God that the church is holy and catholic (universal), and the saints have a strong communion, yet The church has not been always holy (whether during the crusades, or even today... there are churches where sin is openly accepted, in this so-called progressive age, whether in the area of sexuality, or marriage, or greed, etc.) and the church is also not universal – while we can say that the different denominations can represent different emphasis in theological beliefs, yet if different churches are in conflict with each other, tearing each other down, then there is no unity of the church and no true communion of saints.

Discuss how the apostolic, orthodox and catholic nature of the New Testament could help the church to fulfil the will of God that it is holy and united in spirit and in faith.

Discuss how the people of BMC can also be holy and united, and that we have communion with one another.

3. When tragedies happen (especially a major one), some people (even Christians) will ask these questions:

- “How can a good God allow this to happen?”
- “Where is God in the midst of such pain?”

How you would answer these questions? How can the Church represent Christ as Immanuel in all matters (especially in confronting pain, suffering, injustice, etc.)?

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4. Without the Holy Spirit, there will be no church that is alive in Christ!
 - The Holy Spirit Creates and Forms the Church: 1 Corinthians 12:13
 - The Holy Spirit Dwells in and Builds the Church: Ephesians 2:21-22
 - The Holy Spirit Empowers the Church for Mission and Ministry: Acts 1:8
 - The Holy Spirit Guides and Oversees the Church: Acts 13:2-4, Acts 20:28

- **In what ways do I experience the presence of the Holy Spirit when I gather with other believers in church?**
- **How am I using the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit has given me to build up and serve the Church?**
- **Am I sensitive and obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading in decisions about ministry, service, or relationships within the Church?**
- **How does knowing that the Holy Spirit dwells within the Church shape my attitude toward fellowship, worship, and community?**
- **What role does the Holy Spirit play in equipping the Church for its mission, and how am I participating in that mission today?**

Choose one or more and discuss/answer.

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