

The Spirit is the *giver of life*. How does that relate to *one holy Christian and apostolic church*?

The Holy Spirit was actively gathering the church in the times before Christ.

I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. One will say, "I belong to the LORD"; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; still another will write on his hand, "The LORD's," and will take the name Israel. (Isaiah 44:3-5)

Why do the individuals say the things they say?

The Hebrew Scriptures foretold the gathering the Holy Spirit would do when Christ came.

Afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days...And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls. (Joel 2:28,29,32)

Who will be saved?

Among whom is there deliverance?

Why do you think it says deliverance will be in Jerusalem?

Listen to the excerpts from Acts 2, the account of Pentecost, and answer the questions.

What happened in verses 1-4?

What made the crowd ask "What does this mean" in verses 5-12?

How did Peter explain what was happening in verses 14-18 and 21?

Summarize what Peter told the crowd in verses 22-24, 32-33, and 36.

What effect did Peter's words have according to verse 37?

What did Peter tell the crowd to do and what did he promise them in verses 38-39?

What did the Spirit accomplish on the day of Pentecost in verses 40-41?

one

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
(Ephesians 4:3-6)

List each of the ones in these verses.

Explain the significance of each one.

holy Christian and apostolic

You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

Where do you find the *one* in these verses?

Where do you find the *holy* in these verses?

Where do you find the *Christian* in these verses?

Where do you find the *apostolic* in these verses?

Where do you find the Christian church on earth?

The creed literally says one holy *catholic* church. Why do you think we say *Christian*?

If the Spirit creates one church, how do you account for all the denominations?

church

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus—their Lord and ours (1 Corinthians 1:2)

What two churches do you see in this verse?

It's good to learn to say this line in the creed with joy in our hearts. Explain why.