

Let's review each of the statements of faith we covered so far.

Why does this last statement of faith fit where it does in the third article?

resurrection of the dead

If Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:10,11)

How can your body be dead while you are still living?

Find what each person of the Trinity is doing in the second verse.

Why do you think the resurrection of the body fits under the third article in the creed?

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we await eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

What is so important about having the Holy Spirit right now?

What are you looking forward to about the resurrection of the dead?

life of the world to come

“the life of the coming age”

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” (Revelation 14:13)

Which life to come is this passage talking about?

What does that life promise?

What do you think it means that *their deeds will follow them*?

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you may share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 2:13,14)

What is the relationship between the Spirit’s sanctifying work and sharing in Jesus’ glory?

What are some exciting things about sharing in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Corinthians 5:1-5)

What is *the earthly tent*, and why do you think it is called that?

What is the *eternal house in heaven* which is *not built by human hands*?

Some people just long for life's groans to be over.

What is different about the Christian's expectation?

What is mortal may be swallowed up by life. What does that mean for you?

What is so important about having the Holy Spirit right now?

Final discussion

What is significant about saying "*We look for...*"?

How has our study of the Holy Spirit benefited you going into Pentecost?