



## “The Holy Catholic Church and The Communion of Saints”

“It is by strict theological logic that the Creed confesses faith in the Holy Spirit before proceeding to the church and that it speaks of the church before mentioning personal salvation (forgiveness, resurrection, everlasting life). For though Father and Son have loved the church and the Son has redeemed it, it is the Spirit who actually creates it, by inducing faith; and it is in the church, through its ministry and fellowship, that personal salvation ordinarily comes to be enjoyed.” (JI Packer, *Affirming the Apostles' Creed*)

**14 Reasons Creeds Are Important: (12) Christians are connected with the \_\_\_\_\_.**

“This is why creeds and confessions are even more important now than before: they anchor us in history; they offer us reasonably comprehensive frameworks for thinking about the connections between God, anthropology, and ethics; and above all they point us to the transcendent God who rules over all things.” (Carl Trueman, *Crisis of Confidence*)

## **Foundation of the Church**

- The church is purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:21-23, Acts 20:28).
- The church is built on a \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:15-16).
- The church is grounded in \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 3:15, 2 Timothy 1:14, Jude 1:3).
- The church is promised \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:18).
- The church is granted \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:19, Matthew 18:15-20).

## **Identity of the Church**

- The church is \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16, Acts 28).
- The church is \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:17-23, Leviticus 11:44-45, 1 Peter 1:16).
- The church is \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) (Acts).
- The church is \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 2:1-2, Ephesians 2:19-20).

## **Communion of Saints**

- The communion of saints transcends \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:1-2).
- The communion of saints transcends \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 1:2).
- The communion of saints makes us eager to maintain the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-6, Philippians 2:2-5).