

These Things We Believe: Holy catholic Church
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[Matt 16:13-18](#)

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

As Christians, WE BELIEVE that we are...

I. HOLY

➤ GOD, THE FATHER IS HOLY.

[Isa 6:3](#)

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

➤ GOD, THE SON IS HOLY.

[John 6:68-69](#)

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

➤ GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HOLY.

➤ HIS FOLLOWERS ARE CALLED TO BE HOLY.

[1 Peter 1:15](#)

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."

As Christians, WE BELIEVE that we are...

2. CATHOLIC (universal)

[John 17:20-21](#)

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

As Christians, WE BELIEVE that we are...

3. HIS CHURCH

[Eph 5:25-27](#)

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

As Christians, WE BELIEVE that we are...

4. SAINTS

[Rom 1:7](#)

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints...

[Phil 1:1](#)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi...

[Rom 8:27](#)

... the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

As Christians, WE BELIEVE that we are...

5. CALLED INTO COMMUNION

Communion: Latin cōmmunio (sharing in common)

Common bond uniting Christians together
(Jesus, the Christ)