

Answers 22 - What kind of congregation does the Holy Spirit want me to join?

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Matching:

Three of the terms will have the same letter, since they mean the same thing

1. D orthodox
2. F heterodox

- A) Teaching
- B) Written statements of what a church believes and teaches

Review:

3. A doctrine
4. E visible church
5. I WELS
6. H synod
7. G evangelical
8. B confessions
9. C fellowship

- C) United in faith because we agree on what God's Word says and so share the same doctrine
- D) "Straight teaching." The doctrines and practices of this kind of congregation lines up with God's Word.
- E) A visible gathering of people around God's Word, such as, a congregation
- F) "Other teachings." Although this kind of congregation still teaches about Jesus, they also have teachings that are contrary to God's Word
- G) Centered around the Gospel of Jesus
- H) A church body that shares the same faith and so walks together.
- I) Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, our church body

Fill in the Blank

These definitions describe what we do together with Christians who share our faith. Write the term that fits each definition.

1. _____ Working together to spread God's Word (*Mission work*)
2. _____ Praying to God together (*Prayer fellowship*)
3. _____ Working together to teach the next generation God's Word (*Christian education*)
4. _____ Worshiping, communing, and studying God's Word together (*Church fellowship*)

True/False:

Mark the true statements with a plus sign (+) and the false statements with a (-) sign. Correct the false ones by changing or crossing out the *italicized* word or words.

1. -- There are many different churches because ~~*no one knows what the Bible really says*~~ (*many teach false doctrines*).
2. -- Jesus wants us to agree in ~~*most*~~ (*all*) of what the Bible says.
3. + *False doctrine* is really what divides churches from each other.
4. + We *test* a church by comparing all of its teachings and practices to *all of what God's Word says*.

- 5. __+__ Sharing in the same faith means we can *work together* for Jesus
- 6. __--__ We ~~should~~ (*shouldn't*) join with those who teach false doctrine.
- 7. __+__ If my church teaches falsely, I need to *warn* them. If they keep teaching falsely, I need to *leave* and join a church that teaches God's Word correctly.

Review:

- 8. __--__ Believers in Jesus are holy because ~~they never sin~~ (*Jesus' blood washes them clean*).
- 9. __--__ Saints are ~~especially good people whom the Pope has named as saints~~ (*all believers in Jesus*).
- 10. __+__ The holy Christian Church is called Christian because *it's built on Jesus Christ*.
- 11. __--__ The holy Christian Church is ~~different~~ (*the same as*) than the communion of saints
- 12. __--__ You became a member of the holy Christian Church ~~by making your decision to follow Jesus and commit your life to him~~ (*through Baptism*).
- 13. __+__ The Holy Spirit calls and keeps you in the holy Christian Church *through the Gospel in word and Sacraments*.
- 14. __+__ The holy Christian Church is found *everywhere there are believers*.
- 15. __--__ Only ~~believers~~ (*God*) can see who the members of the holy Christian Church are.
- 16. __+__ We will find the holy Christian Church *wherever the Gospel in word and Sacraments is used*.

Short answer

- 1. Give the three reasons why not joining in with those who teach God's Word falsely is an act of love. (*Love for God's Word; Love for my own soul; Love for the souls of others*)

Books of the Bible

Write the next five books of the **OLD Testament** that come after **Micah, Nahum** ... Look them up either in the front of your Bible or on page 33 in the Catechism.

Spelling counts.

- 1) _____ 4) _____
- 2) _____ 5) _____
- 3) _____