

# The Westminster Confession of Faith

## Chapter 25

### *Of the Church*

1. The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

2. The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the Gospel (not confined to one nation, as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, and of their children; and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

3. Unto this catholic visible Church Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world; and doth, by His own presence and Spirit, according to His promise, make them effectual thereunto.

4. This catholic Church hath been sometimes more, sometimes less visible. And particular Churches, which are members thereof, are more or less pure, according as the doctrine of the Gospel is taught and embraced, ordinances administered, and public worship performed more or less purely in them.

5. The purest Churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated, as to become no Churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, there shall be always a Church on earth, to worship God according to His will.

6. There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense, be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself, in the Church, against Christ and all that is called God.

**SERMON WORKSHEET**  
*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2011 - PM service*  
**“How The Church Is Where God Is Here”**

READINGS: 1)..... 2)..... TEXT: .....

**INTRODUCTION**

Believers are putting the invisible church at arm's length: TRUE / FALSE ? *Cross wrong one*  
Philip Yancey in his best-selling book says that somehow, somewhere: *Tick right box*

- a) the Church is missing a bit [ ] b) the Church has got off track [ ]  
Their message is all about Acts ..... while forgetting what already happens in Acts .....  
The apostle Paul shows the same in 1st Corinthians ..... verse .....

**1 - THE PEOPLE OF THE WORD**

The Church is not the Conveyer of salvation but rather the P..... of salvation  
It means that everyone in the church T..... share that place  
Does this mean that there should be shorter sermons? YES / NO ?

In Revelation 2 & 3 we see what happens when churches are:

- a) based strongly on God's Word [ ] b) not based strongly on God's Word [ ]  
If we're upset when the Bible isn't opened we should be disturbed if we don't D..... it

**2 - THE PEOPLE UNDER HIS WORD**

The thing we should be concerned about with the story of Francis of Assisi is that he:

- a) had an inexperienced monk with him [ ] b) didn't preach the gospel [ ]  
Deacons were ordained so that the apostles would not N..... the ministry of the Word  
What Yancey was really describing in his book was a:

- a) church which is all Christians together [ ] b) situation in certain congregations [ ]  
Many Christians know that churches should be getting more back to the W.....

Lillian's pastor had at least 10 years to go before retirement: TRUE / FALSE ?

Lillian's attitude changed when she found places she could make a D.....

Something died in her and something came to came to L..... in her - and that was Christ

**3 - THE PEOPLE KEPT BY THE WORD**

Art. 5 speaks about churches having become synagogues of Satan because they:

- a) had unbelievers in them [ ] b) weren't preaching the gospel [ ]

This is when the scenes in Matthew 13:25 and Ephesians .... : ... have got right out of hand  
G.I. Williamson calls this "A P..... of No Return" (Scripture says what to do in Rev.18:4)

Which of these groups left the Christian Reformed Churches of North America since 1980:

- a) Orthodox Christian Reformed [ ] b) Protestant Reformed [ ] c) United Reformed [ ]

We know what a true church is in Scripture because it has three M.....

Jesus in Luke ..... : ..... wondered if there would be a faithful church left when He returns

Colossians 1 verse 18 makes it clear that O..... the Lord Jesus is Head of the Church

Rome is even more antichristian and U..... than ever before

If you put a face on Christ it must be by faith: TRUE / FALSE ?

Christ Jesus even M..... the Church for you