

1. Makes the Church possible
 - a. Creates it
 - b. Empowers it
 - i. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from on high
 - ii. Makes it possible to bear witness to Jesus.
 2. Makes Christian Hope possible
- b. The holy catholic church, the communion of saints
- i. The Church's holiness
 1. The church is the creation of the Holy Spirit whose work creates and sustains faith in Jesus.
 2. The church's one foundation is Jesus.
 3. The church is set aside for God's use and therefore it is "holy" and not "profane".
 4. It's function is holy: to testify to what God has done and is doing through Jesus.
 5. The church is composed of forgiven sinners whose "holiness" is Christ's holiness.
 - ii. The Church's catholicity
 1. The historical meaning of the term
 2. It is universal (catholic)
 3. Jesus is the Lord and Savior of all
 4. All churches everywhere are connected
 5. Church is not limited to those of one nationality, gender, or race.
 - iii. The Communion of Saints
 1. We all share in the "holy things"
 2. The fellowship of all the saints
 3. The unity of the Church Triumphant and Church Militant. In Roman Catholicism there is also the Church Suffering-in purgatory.
 4. Origen believed that the Church in heaven helped the Church on earth through their prayers.
 5. The idea of prayers for and indulgences for the dead has its roots here.