

Well, there is much more we could say and go into in this ~~ax~~ aspect, but we must go on to number two. Number Two, the church, and I am going to call it the Church Universal. The church universal, what ~~xxxxxx~~ is it? It is that of which the protestants talk a good deal about and think very little of. There is hardly a protestant body what that it believes in the church universal. Now to how great an extent the Roman Catholic church believes in it, I am not altogether sure. The statements which I have seen lately are rather conflicting as to their attitude. But as far as most of our protestant churches are concerned, they believe very definitely that there is a church universal. Almost anybody who goes to a protestant church very much occasionally, and in some churches every single Sunday, hears the people say, I believe in the Holy Catholic Church. And ~~they~~ also in the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ communion of the ~~xxxxxx~~ saints. Well now, what do we mean by the holy catholic church. We don't mean the Roman Catholic church. The word catholic is a word which means, I do not believe that the Roman Church is entitled to. ~~it~~ Historically or etymologically. Catholic means all-embracing, universal. It means the church to which all true Christians belong. And why do we stand up in our church and recite in unison "I believe in the holy catholic church". Why don't we say, I believe in the holy Presbyterian church, or the holy Baptist church, or the holy Methodist church. Why do we say the holy catholic church. I am afraid that some of the ~~people~~ people think that we are talking about the Roman Catholic church. But we certainly are not, we have no reference to them whatever.

But we believe that the Scripture says that there is something which we can call the holy catholic church. Now let me read you in chapter 25 of the Westminster Confession of Faith, the first section. Of the Church, 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, ~~xxx~~ under Christ the head thereof, and is the spouse, the ~~body~~, body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all. That is the definition given here of the holy catholic church. The catholic or universal church which is invisible.

Now I believe that all true Christians believe in such a thing, that there