

some kind of visible organization. That is the only reason. Maybe they should be mentioned under the church ~~xxxxxx~~ universal, Christ as the head of the church gives certain regulations. Certain relationships, certain things which the members are to do. But the sacraments involve relationships of various individuals, various members of the church, and so while they might come under two, I mention them here under three as ~~xx~~ a fact of the existence of the visible church.

Now is this visible church distinct from the church invisible. If you believe in the invisible church which is the church, which is truly the body of Christ, into which the Holy Spirit puts members and no one can take them from it, if you believe in that, it is pretty hard to fail to believe, though some confuse the distinction, it is pretty hard to believe that there must be a definite ~~x~~ distinction between a visible church and the invisible church. Because no human being can tell with absolute certainty who is in the church invisible. Any human being can be mistaken upon this point. And yet we have to be able to say who is in the visible church. ~~N~~

Now, the Roman Catholic Church does not admit this distinction. There is one church, the true church, the Roman Catholic Church. That is their view. They deny the existence of an invisible church, distinct from it. But they do not say that the church, which they believe to be the true church, consists of all who are truly saved. They do not say that, because they admit that people are saved outside of the Roman Catholic church. They admit that many are saved outside of the Roman Catholic Church. Furthermore, they admit that many inside the Roman Catholic church are not saved. They admit that even officers of the Roman Catholic church are not saved. They may find themselves to be eternally lost. And that being the case, their denying the distinction between the church invisible and the church visible, does not mean that what they call the ~~xxxx~~ church is the same as what we call the church invisible. It does not mean that, because it does not have the characteristics which the Scripture puts ~~x~~ on the invisible church. The characteristic that they all are actually members of the body of Christ. Knit together by bands