

Gospel, Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection from the dead, and Life Everlasting, answer to the three great objects of our Faith, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

But what has this to do with the Article, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church?"

The answer is:—This Article, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has been placed between those Articles of the Creed which concern us, and those in which we profess our faith in God. "We do not go from faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to Forgiveness of sins, and Life Everlasting, until we have professed our faith in something which connects the two, and that which leads from one to the other,—that Article is "The Holy Catholic Church."

"But may I not go from one to the other without passing through the Church? No; barren faith saveth no man. The devils believe; the devils in the Gospel knew who Christ was, and recognized Him for God when even the Apostles of our Lord had not yet received the full perception of Who and What He was Whom they served and followed."

The first part of the Creed tells us about the past, what has been done for us; the last part tells us about the future, what we should look forward to; but what has the Creed to tell us about the present, which is the important time for us? The answer is: "Between the past and the future you Christians now stand, looking back on the facts of Redemption, and looking forward to the hopes of Glory. And in the meantime your God and your Saviour have provided you a Home

and a Guide. God plants you in the Church, the Church which trains you up in all Christian living, so as to realize at last the hopes on which you build. In other words, belief in God and Christ leads you to be members of Christ's Church. As members of Christ's Church, your eye is pointed forward to the hope of immortality."

This is but a third of the ground covered by the lecture. Further teaching will be drawn from it at another time. In this part is shown the necessity of the Church from the position of this Article in the Creed.

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### "COME."

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AND the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

"The bread which I will give is My Flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Do you believe that help and comfort is to be found in the Holy Communion? If you do believe, why do you not communicate?

If a Christian who lived in the days of St. John or St. Paul could come to life again and visit one of our churches, do you know what he would think of the people who go out when the sermon is ended? He would ask with astonishment, and in plain words, how there came to be so many infidels, blasphemers, adulterers, drunkards, malicious, evil-livers, in a word, excommunicate persons in a decent congregation? And if he were assured that they were not such people as he supposed, he would