

Law and Gospel in the Church Today

Lesson 10- Cha



I. The Church - a communion of hidden saints

This idea goes against the idea of the Roman Church, the Greek Catholic Church, The Coptic Church, (and others) who were a
“We are the original church and we have the best message from the
early Christian church and so you (everyone else) can’t have it.
is purely an article of faith, and yet it is a great reality.”

- A. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. How does St Paul describe the church?
- B. What does St Paul teach us about the unity of the church?

A. From the Catholic theory of *ex opera operato*, the Gospel in practicing the rite of Holy Communion, by work? Who is acting in the sacraments?

B. Faith does not make the sacrament but receives

C. In what sense are the statements “We are saved by faith” and “We are saved by baptism” identical? See 1 Peter 3:21.

D. Read Matthew 26:26-27. What is the gift of the Lord?

E. How does the apostle Paul connect faith and the Spirit? See Romans 8:11:27-29?

F. To discuss at home. Who is worthy to receive Holy Communion? Is the executive at Café on Vine or the repentant sinner? What is the moral threat at the local high school? What should have motivated our faith in the Trinity? Are we to differentiate as to our moral stance on abortion, sexual immorality, or Jesus resurrection?