

What is the Church?

It's the Communion of Saints

1. God is the master of _____.

⁸ Hezekiah had said to Isaiah, "What sign will the Lord give to prove that he will heal me and that I will go to the Temple of the Lord three days from now?" ⁹ Isaiah replied, "This is the sign from the Lord to prove that he will do as he promised. Would you like the shadow on the sundial to go forward ten steps or backward ten steps?" ¹⁰ "The shadow always moves forward," Hezekiah replied, "so that would be easy. Make it go ten steps backward instead."

¹¹ So Isaiah the prophet asked the Lord to do this, and he caused the shadow to move ten steps backward on the sundial of Ahaz! (2 Kings 20:8-11 NLT)

2. When Jesus atoned for everyone on the cross, it was just not for those on earth at that time, but _____ time.

What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels. Because of God's gift of undeserved grace, *Jesus died for everyone*. And now that Jesus has suffered and died, he is crowned with glory and honor! (Hebrews 2:9 CEV)

3. Salvation happens from a _____, internal belief combined with a willful _____.

⁹ If you openly *declare* that Jesus is Lord and *believe in your heart* that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. (Romans 10:9-10 NLT)

4. Christians are to have an eternal perspective because of our _____ as saints together.

²² I did not see a temple there. The Lord God All-Powerful and the Lamb were its temple. ²³ And the city did not need the sun or the moon. The glory of God was shining on it, and the Lamb was its light. ²⁴ Nations will walk by the light of that city, and kings will bring their riches there. ²⁵ Its gates are always open during the day, and night never comes. ²⁶ The glorious treasures of nations will be brought into the city. ²⁷ But nothing unworthy will be allowed to enter. No one who is dirty-minded or who tells lies will be there. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will be in the city. (Revelation 21:22-27 CEV)