

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **54. What do you believe concerning the “holy catholic Church?”**

That out of the whole human race,<sup>1</sup> from the beginning to the end of the world,<sup>2</sup> the Son of God,<sup>3</sup> by His Spirit and Word,<sup>4</sup> gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself<sup>5</sup> unto everlasting life a chosen communion<sup>6</sup> in the unity of the true faith;<sup>7</sup> and that I am and forever shall remain a living member of this communion.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen 26:4; Rev 5:9; <sup>2</sup> Isa 59:21; Jn 10:10; 1 Cor 11:26; <sup>3</sup> Jn 10:11; Acts 20:28; Eph 1:10-13, 4:11-13; Col 1:18; <sup>4</sup> Isa 59:21; Rom 1:16, 10:14-17; Eph 5:26; <sup>5</sup> Ps 129:1-5; Mt 16:18; Jn 10:28-30; <sup>6</sup> Rom 8:29-30; Eph 1:3-14, 4:3-6; <sup>7</sup> Ps 71:18; Jn 10:28-30; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor 1:8-9, 11:26; <sup>8</sup> Ps 23:6; Jn 10:27-28; 1 Cor 1:4-9; Gal 3:28; 1 Pt 1:3-5; 1 Jn 2:19, 3:14, 19-21