

# The Message

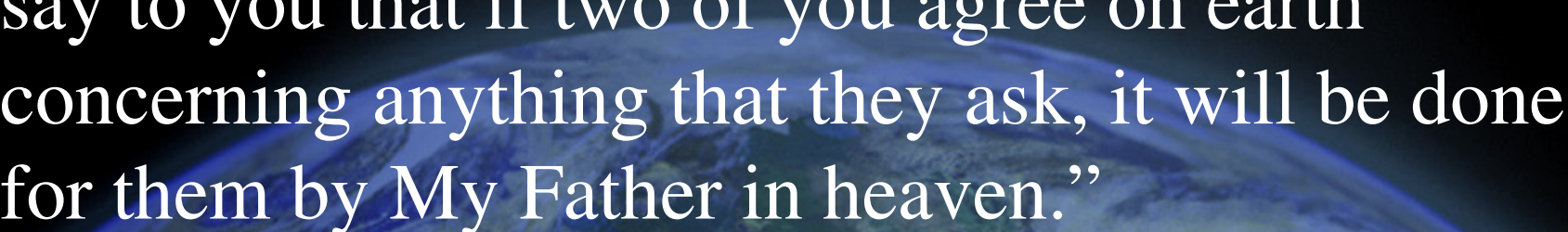
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## One Holy Catholic Church

### Matthew 18:17b-19

But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”



# Three marks of a true church of Christ:

1. The preaching of God's word
2. The Lord's Supper
3. Church discipline



# Church Discipline

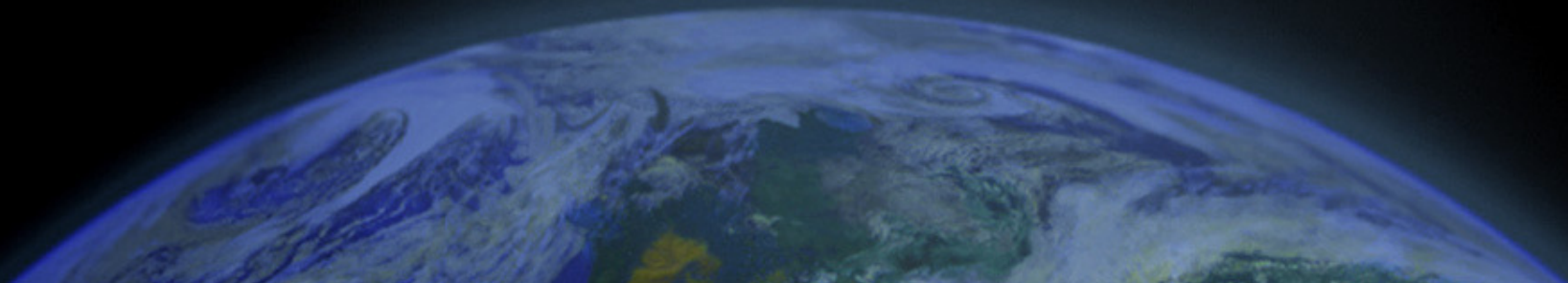
“If a brother sins.”



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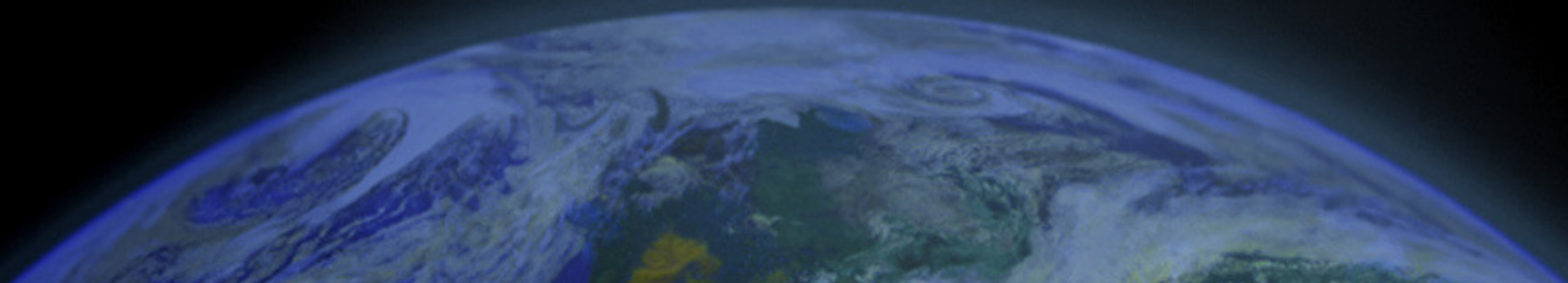
**It has to do with admission to and rejection from the membership of the Church.**

**To bind means to not permit. To loose means to permit.**



# **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints.**



## Acts 2:42

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

“Doctrine” means teaching or preaching.

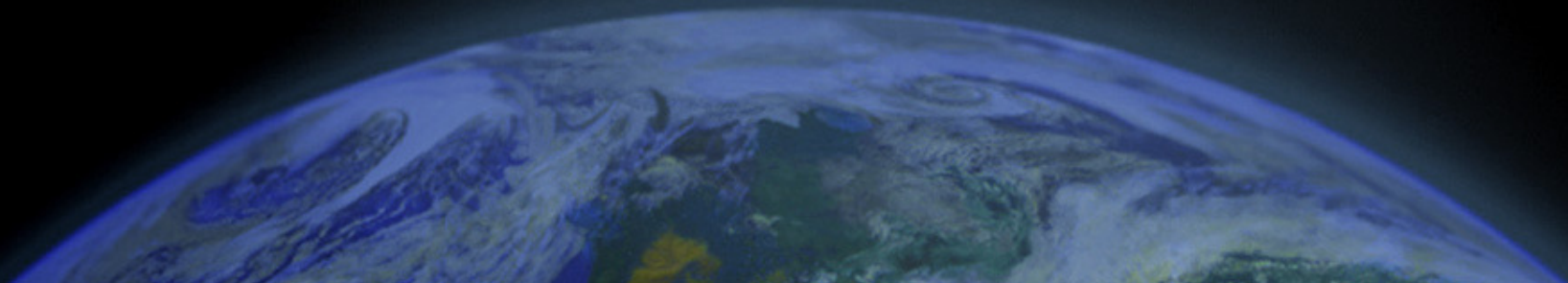
“Fellowship” means “the communion of saints.”

The “breaking of bread” means the Lord's Supper.



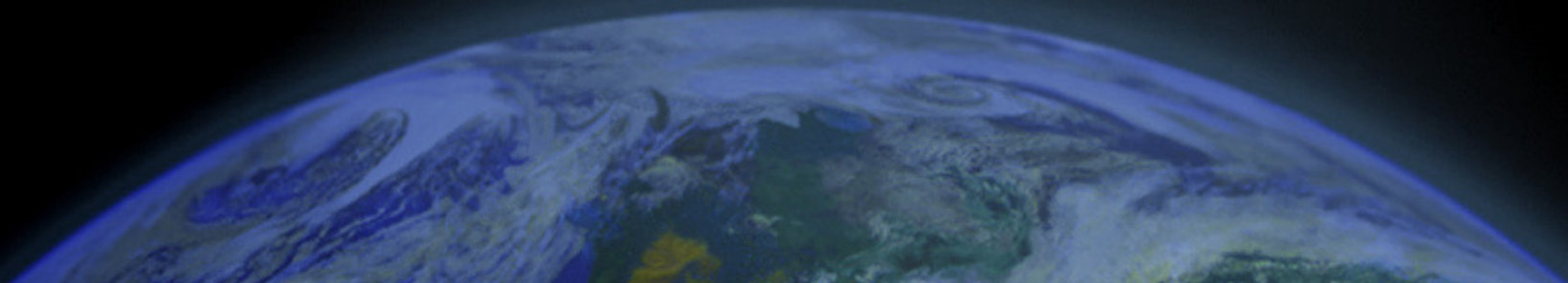
# Holy

For the unbelieving husband is sanctified [made holy] by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy (1 Corinthians 7:14).



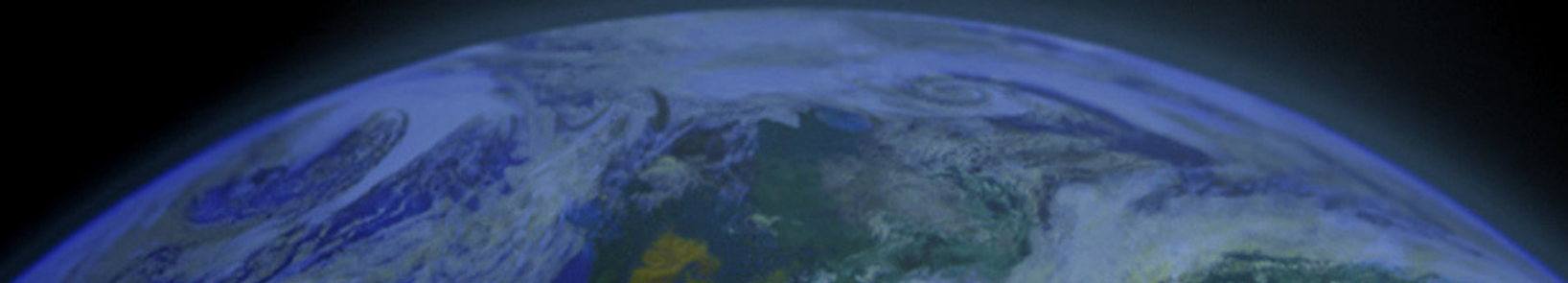
# Catholic

Catholic means universal.



# The Visible Church

If anyone “refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector” (Matthew 18:17b).



# **The Seven Visible Churches of Asia**

## **Revelation 2 & 3**

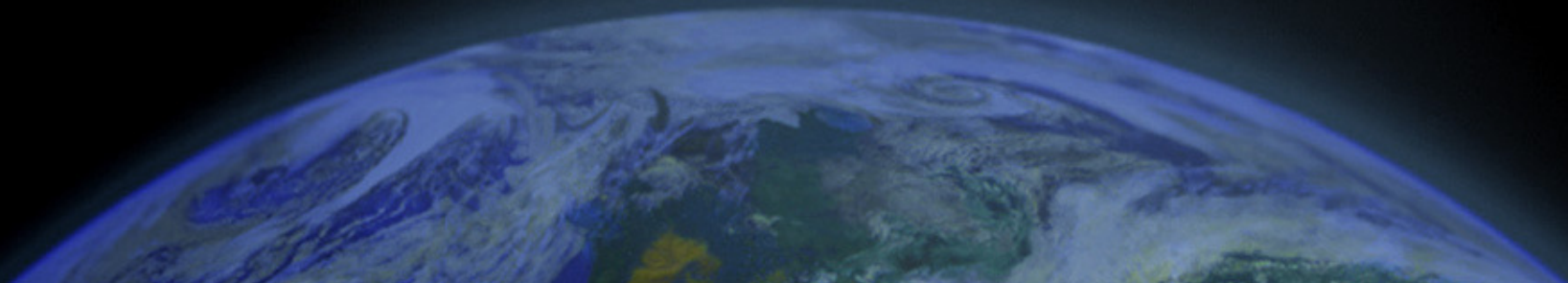
**“I have this against you, that you have  
left your first love.”**



# Blotted Out of the Book of Life

He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels (Revelation 3:5).

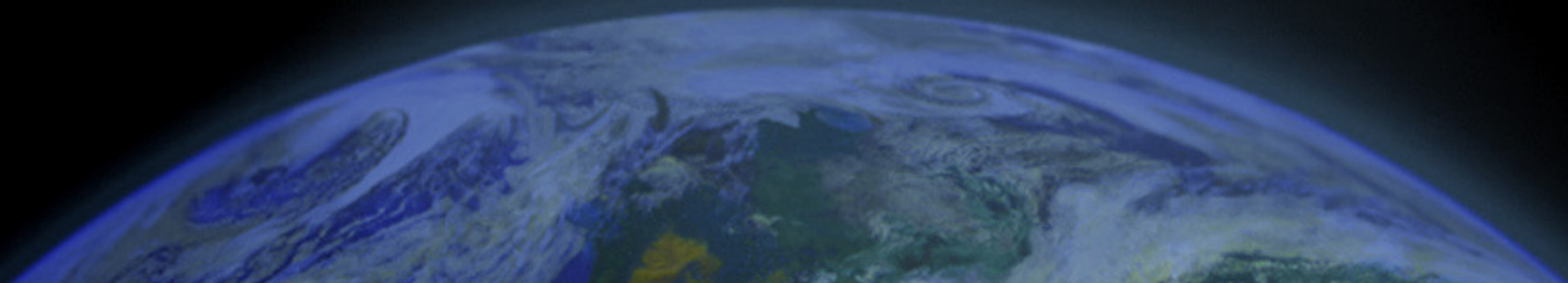
The LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book” (Exodus 32:33).



# Breaking Bread

## Three Views

1. Nominalism “A kiss is just a kiss.”
2. Realism (Literal body & blood)
3. Covenantalism (Christ’s real Presence)



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