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divide Christians in this world will just drop into utter insignificance. When we see people going up that perhaps we had no fellowship here with on the earth because of difference on some point of doctrine, perhaps we were right, ~~but~~ perhaps we were having a great encouragement, a great help in our Christian life by this doctrine, they were missing it, but they were true Christians. They truly believed in the Lord and we will go up together to meet the Lord in the air. You know I often think of the fact that those who truly believe in Christ have far more in common than they can have in common with any who do not believe in Christ.

Those of us who recite the Apostles' Creed, and there are many churches that do it, make a statement "I believe in the ~~Holy Catholic~~ holy catholic church" and there we are using the word catholic in its original sense. Catholic in the early days of the Christian church meant those who have the central features of Christianity, those agree on the great essentials. They were one body, "the holy catholic church" and we believe in the holy catholic church. We believe that all who truly believe in Christ are one body. I love that 4th Chapter of Ephesians in which this truth is brought out so strongly about the unity of the spirit, the unity of all who are true Christians. We read in verse 13 "until we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." We are knit together if we truly believe in Christ and he is the head. But how often we fail to realize the bond that ties us together to all those who truly believe in Christ. Oh it will be a wonderful surprise in many ways when we go up into heaven. But oh that God would give us more of that realization here on earth; more of that realization of the unity of all who truly believe in Christ. I picked up the commentary by Matthew Henry, a commentary written some centuries