

in that, but it is just an idea. The Westminster Confession says that ~~the~~ this catholic church has been sometimes more and sometimes less visible. Sometimes more and sometimes less visible. If you have in a city, if you have in a city ten churches, each of which has sound doctrinal preaching and each of which has maybe ninety percent of its people Christian and maybe ten percent of its people unchristian, you could say that the true church is rather visible. Because it corresponds quite ~~generally~~ generally to the people in the church. There is ten percent of unbelievers, but no human being can pick them all out. But if you had twenty churches in the town, most of which were modernistic and only ten percent of the people in each church were ~~xxxx~~ true Christians, the church of Christ would be quite invisible, because it would be very difficult to pick out the true church of Christ. If you had a town in which you had two churches, one of which was completely modernistic, and one of which was ~~xxxxxxx~~ completely Christian, and in the one there were no Christians. and in the other there were 100% ~~xxxxxxx~~ Christians, we could say that the church ~~the~~ universal is invisible in that town. It would be completely visible in that town. But such a ~~sxxxxxx~~ situation as that is extremely rare. So that it is more visible and sometimes less visible.

But there is something, which as an organization, is not visible to us. But which is visible to God. Which is the holy catholic church, which is the church invisible, which is the true church of Christ, the church which is divine. We have certain rather clear ~~xxxxxxxx~~ references to it, I just want to call your attention to some of the clearest, in the Scripture. Of course the first would be the first use in the New Testament ~~the~~ of the word "church". That is all for a sudden, with no previous ~~any~~ mention of it in the N.T., nothing aside from the Septuagint to introduce the idea. In the Septuagint the word ecclesia is used for the body of the faithful, for the congregation/ of the people of God. It is used that way in the Septuagint. But in the N.T. there is nothing to introduce the thought ~~until~~ until all of a sudden ~~xxx~~ in Matthew 16:18 Jesus says, I say unto thee that thou art Peter and ~~on~~ upon this rock I will build my church. Whatever the rock means, whatever Peter's relationship is to ~~it~~ it,