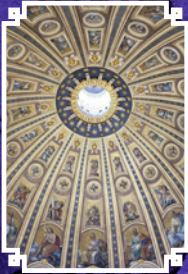


Are you a ROMAN CATHOLIC?



The **Roman Catholic Church** boasts 1.3 billion members, making it the largest church in the world.

Surely 1.3 billion people can't be wrong, can they?



Let's find out...

Look at what the Roman Catholic Church have done with the Ten Commandments, check this link out - <https://stmichael-pl.org/ten-commandments-1> (Now compare this in a King James Bible – Exodus 20v1-17).

1. I am the Lord thy God...Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
4. Honour thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house.

*Note the **RED** numbers and compare them to the Bible. Can you see what they have done? Why is that do you think?*

*Because they make so much money out of selling statues, relics, and other idolatry...! The Vatican eliminates the **second** commandment against idolatry and subdivides the **tenth** commandment against covetousness in order to keep the number of commandments to ten. How deceitful can you get.*

(Oh, and by the way... prepare for a shock)

If you are a **Roman Catholic**, or have been brought up in **Roman Catholicism**, you *really* do need to read this booklet.

Oftentimes in life we can think we're on the right path, when all along we were on the wrong path, we just didn't realise it. This has happened to many Roman Catholics I have spoken to over the years. There's nothing worse than being deceived, being lied to.

When it comes to God, Heaven and Hell, the afterlife, religion, how to have your sins forgiven and get to Heaven, we need to know what the absolute truth is, rather than trusting someone's opinion.

It is with that in mind that I have written this booklet, to help you know what the truth is.

I have backed up everything I say with Scripture. In other words, you will see how far Roman Catholicism is from the Bible.

If I was a Roman Catholic, after reading this booklet, I would leave the church immediately. I'd like to know your own thoughts, once *you've* read it. You can contact the person who gave you this booklet (address is in the box on the back cover), or myself, the *author* of it (john@timefortruth.co.uk).

The Bible says... **...the truth is in Jesus:** Ephesians 4v21.

So, what does Jesus say about Himself? **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** John 14v6. In other words, the only way of getting to Heaven, is through Jesus Christ, not Mary, not the Roman Catholic Church, no sacraments, penance, angels or saints. Only Jesus Christ can save you from your sins, nothing, and no one else can. I hope you understand that, as this is the most important part of the booklet. You are wasting all your time, effort, money, and everything else, if you are not coming to Jesus Christ for your sins forgiven.

Colossians 1v13+14 **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (Jesus Christ): In whom (Jesus Christ) we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**

Acts 13v37-39 **But he (Jesus Christ), whom God raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man (Jesus Christ, who is God in the flesh – 1 Timothy 3v16) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him (Jesus Christ) all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**

Why is this so important? Because neither Mary, the pope, the saints, or any angel, can do anything to save you from Hell, or help you get to Heaven. It is only the Lord Jesus Christ who can save you.

Have you asked Him to forgive you for all your sins? Have you believed the Gospel; that Jesus Christ took your sins, died in your place, was buried, and rose again the third day, conquering sin and death? (1 Corinthians 15v1-4).

The rest of this booklet will show you the many errors in Roman Catholicism, but for now, make sure you have had your sins forgiven, by asking Jesus Christ to save you. **For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.** Romans 10v13.

For the next step on this journey, regarding 'absolute truth', you need to realise the Roman Catholic Church uses the wrong Bible. It has also added 14 'man-inspired', not God-inspired, books to the Bible called the Apocrypha. What you need to get instead, is a copy of God's pure and perfect word, found in the **King James Bible** (not to be confused with the 'new' King James Bible). Once you have a copy of the true word of God, you will see how many errors the Roman Catholic Church has made. You can buy a copy of a **King James Bible** from most charity shops for very little money. (I have also written a booklet titled '**Which Bible is THE word of God?**' This booklet will explain the differences in Bible versions, and which Bible God chose to preserve 'all' His words in).

Christianity and Roman Catholicism are different – The two 'basic' differences between a Bible Believing Christian and a Roman Catholic, are on the question of authority... Matthew 21v23+24+27 **And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.**

Bible Believers accept the 66 books of the Bible as their final authority on all matters of faith and practice; Roman Catholics do not.

The Church of Rome also accepts 'a bible' (their own corrupt translation) as God's revelation, but accepts it as only *part* of God's 'word' i.e. they believe 'the Bible' *plus* the Apocryphal books, *plus* tradition, *plus* decisions of church councils, *plus* the decrees of the pope when he speaks ex-cathedra (i.e. from his throne as the 'head of the church'). Roman Catholicism does not accept God's word, the Holy Bible, as being the only authority, which is why they teach so many errors.

As a result of this, the majority of Roman Catholic doctrines are nowhere to be found in the Scriptures, but are *additions* made centuries later by accepting traditions, actions of church councils, and the 'infallible' edicts (an official order or proclamation) and decisions of a *mortal* pope. When the Church declares a new dogma (a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertible) by official action or papal bull (papal edict), every Catholic is commanded to believe it and accept it without question, upon pain of discipline.

For example...

The Bible – with <i>no</i> interpretation	Rome – with her <i>own</i> interpretation
<p>Peter – is a Jew who confesses Christ and is promised keys to a ‘kingdom.’ Paul is the God-called and God-commissioned apostle to the Gentiles, to whom alone was revealed the mystery of the church in this age and who straightened Peter out on his doctrine in Galatians 2.</p> <p>The ‘Church’ – is Christ’s church and is a living body into which a person has to be born again, through the word of God and the Gospel (1 Corinthians 15v1-4), and baptised into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12v13).</p> <p>The Rock – is Jesus Christ (see further on in this booklet for a brief study on this).</p> <p>The Bible – Nine-tenths of the NT is written in Asia Minor not Rome; and Paul never mentions Peter <i>directly</i> or <i>indirectly</i> when writing to the Roman church. The Bible is THE Final Authority.</p>	<p>Peter – is a Catholic who is promised the keys to ‘Heaven’. Peter is the Prince of Apostles and therefore, infallible in matters of Church doctrine for the Roman Catholic.</p> <p>The ‘Church’ – is the Roman See (<i>See – The place in which a cathedral church stands, identified as the seat of authority of a bishop or archbishop</i>) at the Vatican – the head of all Catholics who are baptized by water into the universal Roman Church. The Roman Catholic can lose his salvation at any time; therefore he must continue to <i>work</i> for it.</p> <p>The Rock – is Peter the ‘first pope’.</p> <p>The Bible – They add, subtract, change and distort the Scriptures to suit themselves. Roman Catholic tradition is put on a par with the Scriptures and oftentimes <i>overrules</i> the Scriptures.</p>

The Roman Catholic Church also claims *it alone* is the true church with the pope as its head. This church also speaks with infallibility through councils and the pope. This church is ‘entered into’ by sprinkling water on a person in baptism. There is no salvation possible *outside* the Church of Rome – only Roman Catholics can be saved, they teach. This is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. Revelation 20v15 **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.** Salvation has nothing to do with the Roman Catholic Church.



The Church of Rome is an *organisation* rather than an *organism*. Christians believe that the true church is an ‘organism’, a body of living members, of which the Lord Jesus Christ is the Head. The members consist of people from all walks of life who by personal faith in Jesus Christ, have been ‘born again’ and thus baptised into the Body of Christ by the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 12v13

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. Colossians 1v18+24 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:) It is interesting to note that Cardinal Newman (one of the most respected authorities in the Roman Church), says on page 359 of his book 'The Development of the Christian Religion'... *'Temples, incense, candles, votive offerings, holy water, holidays, and seasons of devotions, processions, blessing of fields, sacerdotal vestments, priests, monks and nuns, images etc. are all of pagan origin!'* How about that!

Here are some of the errors of Roman Catholicism...

The Roman Catholic Church claims she *never* changes...

The following list of events *proves* the opposite and also shows its degradation (Degrade – *cause to break down or deteriorate*). You will note that the list below goes contrary to the teaching of the **King James Bible**.

Prayers for the dead instituted – AD 330

Making the sign of the cross – AD 330

The worship of Mary, and the use of the words 'Mother of God' – AD 431

Worship in the Latin language – AD 600

Adoration of Mary and the Saints – AD 788

Adoration of the cross, images and relics – AD 788

Fasting, lent, advent and Fridays – AD 998

Fabrication of Holy Water – AD 1009

Marriage of priests forbidden – AD 1079

Rosary beads invented – AD 1090

Sale of indulgences – AD 1190

Sacrifice of Mass – AD 1215

Transubstantiation of bread – AD 1215

Adoration of the wafer – AD 1220

Confession of sins to a priest – AD 1215

Purgatory proclaimed – AD 1438

Apocryphal books added to the Bible – AD 1546

Immaculate Conception of Mary – AD 1845

Infallibility of the pope – AD 1870

None of the above are taught, or even confirmed by the Bible. They are man-made ‘doctrines’ used for controlling people and to coerce and extort money from them. This is how the Vatican was built, through the sale of ‘indulgencies’. One particularly well-known Catholic method of exploitation in the Middle Ages was the practice of selling indulgences, a monetary payment of penalty which, supposedly, absolved one of past sins and/or released one from purgatory after death. Again, this is not taught in the Bible.

Kissing the pope’s feet – AD 709 – It had been a pagan custom to kiss the feet of emperors. The word of God forbids such practices – Acts 10v25+26, Revelation 22v8+9, Psalm 2v12.

Tradition held *equal* to the Bible – AD 1545 (The Council of Trent, held in 1545. By tradition is meant *human* teachings. The Pharisees believed the same way, and Jesus bitterly condemned them, for by *human* tradition, they annulled the commandments of God – Mark 7v7-13, Colossians 2v8. Read all of Matthew 23 in a King James Bible to see what Jesus said in regard to the scribes and Pharisees, it will shock you).

The Papacy is of pagan origin – The title of pope, or ‘Universal Bishop’, was first given to the Bishop of Rome by the wicked emperor Phocas in the year 610. This he did to spite Bishop Ciriacus of Constantinople, who had justly excommunicated him for having caused the assassination of his predecessor, Emperor Mauitius. Gregory the 1st, then Bishop of Rome, refused the title, but his successor Boniface III, first assumed the title of pope in AD 610.

Let’s ask the pope and the Roman Catholic Church some questions shall we...?

Question – What is ‘The Mass?’

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that ‘The Mass’ is the sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ. The Roman Catholic Church believes the wafer becomes the actual body of Christ (which it does not), making the ‘offering’ a human sacrifice (cannibalism). The Roman Catholic Church also believes that the ‘alcoholic’ wine (which is not Scriptural) turns into Christ’s blood (which it does not) which you then drink, making it a satanic ritual. The central liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church is the Mass, encompassing the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist, where the bread and wine are consecrated and become the body and blood of Christ. This stands against the clear teaching of the Holy Scriptures, and is an abomination in the eyes of God. The Roman Catholic Church teaches that ‘The Mass’ is the same sacrifice as that of the Cross.

What does the Bible teach regarding this? – Hebrews 7v27 **Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people’s: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.**



Hebrews 9v11-15+26-28 **But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**



Hebrews 10v10-12+14+18 **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.**

1 Peter 1v18+19 **Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

The Scriptures are perfectly clear that the Lord Jesus Christ was offered *once*, it was a perfect sacrifice and shall never be repeated. 'The Mass' is not only a *mess*, but also, as already stated, a satanic ritual.

Question – What is Baptism in water?

Roman Catholic Church – Baptism is a 'sacrament' which cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God, and heirs of Heaven.

Again, this teaching is contrary to the Holy Scriptures, the King James Bible. The thief on the cross knew nothing about baptism, yet the Lord took him to paradise... *without* baptism.

We are only saved by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ – Ephesians 2v13 **But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

Hebrews 9v22 **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

1 John 1v7 **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

Colossians 1v14 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**

I would suggest reading Hebrews chapters 9 and 10.

Romans 5v9 **Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

Hebrews 13v12 **Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.**

Revelation 1v5 **And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

Ephesians 2v8+9 **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.** There are no works you can do to get saved or have your sins forgiven... no sacrament, no water baptism, no church attendance, no confessional, nothing... only faith in Jesus Christ and His shed blood can wash away your sins.

Water has nothing to do with your salvation. 1 Corinthians 1v17 **For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.** Note that Paul said baptism had nothing to do with the Gospel.

Question – What about Idolatry?

The Bible says in Exodus 20v4 **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:**

Yet the Roman Catholic Church fills its churches and homes with images and idols – this is against the clear teaching of Scripture.



1 Samuel 15v23 **For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also**

rejected thee from being king. Idolatry is forbidden in the Bible.

Acts 17v16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. I've been to Rome, and it is full of idols which the Bible clearly teaches against. Are you going to follow a sinful man (the pope), or God's word? Remember everyone has sinned, including every pope... **Romans 3v23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 5v12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

1 Corinthians 10v14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. The Bible tells you to flee idolatry. Have you got any idols in your house? If so, get rid of them, there is no power in them, they are dead. Let Scripture speak... **Habakkuk 2v18+19 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.**



The Bible speaks a lot about idol worship...

Psalms 115v1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

v2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

v3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

v4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

v5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

v6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

v7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

v8 They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

v11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

Isaiah 44v9 They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?

11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

You are strictly told not to form or make any graven images, statues and idols. 1 Corinthians 12v2 **Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.**

1 Corinthians 6v9 **Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,**

1 Corinthians 10v7 **Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.** You can see clearly how the Bible is against idolatry.

Revelation 21v8 **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

Revelation 22v15 **For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.**

So again, you either believe God's word, the Holy Bible, or the Roman Catholic Church.

Question – What about praying to Mary and the saints?

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that the saints will help us because both they and we are members of the same Church, and they love us as their brethren.



This is again anti-Scriptural – 1 Timothy 2v5 **For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;** It is only the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Mediator. Mary and the saints are not everywhere like God is, like Jesus Christ is, and like the Holy Spirit is, so how can they hear all the people's prayers from around the world? They can't, so it is pointless praying to them. All prayers should be directed to the Lord God.

It's not about church tradition, that counts for nothing, it's what the Scriptures say that matters. (Romans 4v3 **For what saith the scripture?**)



Jesus never called Mary His 'mother'. He actually called her 'woman' – John 19v26 **When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!**

Matthew 12v46-50 **While he (Jesus) yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**

Christians should never pray to Mary. The Roman Catholic Church worships and prays to Mary the mother of Jesus more than it does to either God or the Lord Jesus Christ. Since God chose Mary to be the mother of our Lord, we cannot but esteem her highly, honouring her as a pattern for all motherhood, but Jesus said in Matthew 4v10 ... **Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.** Therefore, the worship of Mary is wrong and goes against the teachings of the Bible.

- Nowhere in the Bible is there recorded *any* worship of Mary.
- The wise men worshipped the Babe; they did not worship Mary – Matthew 2v11 **And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.**
- In referring to Jesus and Mary together, the Bible *always* puts Jesus first – Matthew 2v11+13+14+20+21 **And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and**

when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

- Mary herself confessed that she was a sinner, for she *needed* a Saviour – Luke 1v46+47 **And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**
- Mary cannot save anyone – Acts 4v12 **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.** Hebrews 7v25 **Wherefore he (Jesus) is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him (Jesus), seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**
- Mary is not the 'Mother of God' but the mother of 'the man' Jesus Christ – Luke 1v43 **And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?**
- Mary is not a mediator – 1 Timothy 2v5 **For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

Question – Comparing the Roman Catholic Church to the Bible... What does Justification mean and when are you Justified?

Justification means – *absolution (formal release from guilt, obligation, or punishment; declaration of forgiveness of sins), remission of sin and absolution from guilt and punishment; or an act of free grace by which God pardons the sinner and accepts him as righteous, on account of the atonement of Christ; to pardon and clear from guilt; to absolve or acquit from guilt and merited punishment, and to accept as righteous on account of the merits of the Saviour, or by the application of Christ's atonement to the offender.*

Question – So, when are you Justified?

Acts 13v39 **And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**

Romans 3v28 **Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.**

Romans 5v1+9 **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

Galatians 2v16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

There is nothing within the Roman Catholic Church whereby you can be justified... *think about that for a while. You can only be justified by faith in Jesus Christ, His shed blood, and His resurrection; no works are involved, no sacraments, baptisms, church orders, 'indulgences' etc. only by grace, through faith in Christ's atonement for your sins, can you be justified.*

Galatians 3v11+24 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 5v4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Titus 3v7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Romans 4v25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

The moment you trust Jesus Christ for your sins forgiven, you receive imputed righteousness and justification; it all happens at the new birth, aka being 'born again' – John 3v3-7+16-18+36.

Here are some more errors regarding Roman Catholicism...

The Catholic Church, from its first private interpretations (2 Peter 1v20...!) by Augustine, Cyprian and Irenaeus, to those of The Council of Trent (AD 1545), has been consistent in one thing... *wresting and perverting the word of God* (2 Peter 3v16) in an effort to force it to approve of her own heresies and traditions. Catholics are taught that anything written or preached contrary to the teachings and traditions of the Vatican State is a lie, **even if Paul, Jesus or Moses said it**. This is how far the Roman Catholic Church has departed from Scripture. They teach many heresies.

Peter was *not* the 'first pope' as the Roman Catholics declare – Matthew 16v17+18 – This passage is given before the resurrection, by a Jew, to a Jewish audience, as the minister of circumcision (Romans 15v8). So straight away the Roman Catholics have overlooked the epistles written to the church by the apostle to the Gentiles (Paul), who preached in Rome, unlike Peter, the so-called 'first pope'.

Instead of starting with Ephesians, Colossians and Timothy, the Roman Catholics begin in a 'pre-crucifixion' passage addressed to Jews. This is not how you study the Bible. Don't forget everything up until the crucifixion, is *doctrinally* standing in the Old Testament under the old covenant.

As we have said so often, nearly all heresies come from misinterpreting the books of the Bible that are directed at the Jew e.g. Matthew, Hebrews, James and Acts (which is a book *in transit* i.e. *moving from* the nation of Israel to individual believers; *from* the Law to grace; *from* Jews to Gentiles; *from* the apostle to the Jews, Peter, to the apostle to the Gentiles, Paul; *from* the old covenant to the new covenant etc. Roman Catholics don't understand this because they do not study the Bible, but instead, trust their priest to 'tell them the truth', most of whom have also been deceived by their hierarchy. What is important, is what the Scriptures teach, not what man 'thinks'. What does the Bible actually say on the matter?

To understand the Scriptures correctly you need to be able to *rightly divide* them (2 Timothy 2v15), and you must compare Scripture with Scripture to get the meaning and context (1 Corinthians 2v13). Scripture is not to be interpreted '*privately*' (2 Peter 1v20), and notice who said that, Peter, the so-called 'first pope' of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Roman Catholic Church 'privately' interprets the Scriptures to suit themselves, and as already stated, this is warned about in the Scriptures – **Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.** 2 Peter 1v20.

I've been to Rome, and I've listened to the tour guide say that Peter was the 'first pope', but is that what the Bible teaches? (Romans 4v3 **For what saith the scripture?**)

Matthew 8v14 **And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.** *His what?* According to Roman Catholicism, popes can't marry...!?

The Scriptures teach that Peter was married. Mark 1v29-31 **And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.** Peter was married, fact. The Roman Catholic Church lied to you. *What else have they lied about I wonder?*

Matthew 16v23 **But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.** *What about that?* Peter the so-called 'first pope' being called 'Satan' by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Matthew 26v74 **Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.** Here we read that the so-called 'first pope' curses and swears. *Not a very good example was he...!?*

How about these verses for a contrast between Peter and the pope. Acts 10v25+26 **And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.** Popes accept worship and the kissing of their feet, the apostle Peter didn't.

So far, we have Peter, the so-called 'first pope' (who was 'married') swearing, making mistakes, and being called 'Satan'. He also *wouldn't* let anyone bow down to him, worship him or kiss his feet...! *Not very good qualifications for a pope, are they?*

Oh, and by the way Peter *never* went to Rome according to the Scriptures. That's another lie the Roman Catholic Church made up. Do not trust Roman Catholicism, trust the word of God, the King James Bible.

If you *still* trust your 'religion' now, you are a deluded fool, especially after seeing what the Holy Scriptures teach about this false religion aka Satan's church.

Here is another eye-opener for you. The Roman Catholic Church teaches that Peter is 'the Rock', yet he isn't, this is *another* lie they have created to deceive you.

Matthew 16v17+18 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

When Peter wrote to Christians and defined 'the rock' of Matthew 16v17+18, he said that 'the rock' was Christ and not himself. 1 Peter 2v4-9 **To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone (Jesus Christ), elect, precious: and he that believeth on him (Jesus Christ) shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner (Jesus Christ), And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence (Jesus Christ not Peter), even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

Jesus Christ is 'The Rock', not Peter... 1 Corinthians 10v4 **And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.** How clear can you get? This is what the Holy Scriptures teach, not the Roman Catholic Church.

Romans 9v33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him (Jesus Christ not Peter) shall not be ashamed. The 'rock' of the Roman Catholic Church is not 'The Rock' of the Bible... **For their rock is not as our Rock...** Deuteronomy 32v31.

In the Scriptures, Peter is a 'stone' not a rock – John 1v42 **And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.** The Lord Jesus Christ will

build His church, *not* Peter... Matthew 16v18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (the 'stone'), and upon this rock (Jesus Christ) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

Ephesians 1v22+23 **And hath put all things under his feet (Jesus Christ), and gave him to be the head (Jesus Christ) over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**

Colossians 1v24 **Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:**

The Church is His Church (Jesus Christ's), it is His Body (Jesus Christ's), He builds it (Jesus Christ), it is certainly not the Roman Catholic satanic *counterfeit* church, and it is certainly not Peter.

What does Rome say about Peter (the so-called 'first pope') and the 'church'?...



(Taken from the Canons and Dogmatic Decrees of The Council of Trent) – *'I acknowledge the holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Roman Church as the mother and teacher of all churches; and I promise and swear true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, the vicar of Christ and successor of Blessed Peter, Prince ('Prince' – not found in Scripture...!) of the Apostles'. 'The Roman Pontiff is the true Vicar of Christ, and the head of the whole Church, and the Father and teacher of all Christians'. 'The Roman Pontiff, speaks ex-cathedra (ex-cathedra means, with the full authority of office especially that of the pope, implying infallibility as defined in Roman Catholic doctrine). Origin – Latin, 'from the teacher's chair' are irreformable of themselves...!'*

Where the Lord Jesus is the Christian's invisible head, no longer in the flesh, the pope claims to be the Christian's head, still in the flesh. Without a doubt, Roman Catholics don't follow Scripture 'in context', they have their own *private* interpretations, and we know what Scripture says about that – 2 Peter 1v20, 2 Peter 3v16 – *To think that the so-called 'first pope' penned both of those Scriptures, how about that!*

The Lord Jesus Christ and the Pope Contrasted

Christ wore a crown of thorns	The pope wears a crown of jewels
Christ carried on His shoulders the Cross	The pope is carried on the shoulders of his servants in splendour
Christ declared the laws of His kingdom and urged His followers to do the same	The pope tramples them underfoot and substitutes his own in their stead
Christ sent the Holy Spirit to be His Vicar on earth	The pope claims to be the Vicar of Christ on earth
Christ is the Head of the Church	The pope claims to be the Head of the Church
Christ taught that sin should be confessed to God	The pope teaches that sin should be confessed to the priests
Christ taught that He alone is the Saviour	The pope teaches that the Church is the Saviour
Christ taught that there was but one Mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2v5)	The pope teaches that there are many mediators between God and man
Christ taught that salvation was by grace	The pope teaches that salvation is by works
Christ claimed infallibility for Himself and the Word of God alone	The pope claims infallibility for himself in matters of faith and morals
Christ had no place to lay His head	The pope lives in a magnificent palace surrounded by wealth
Christ gave his Gospel free to all	The pope sells his masses and other favours
Christ said... And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Matthew 23v9	The pope commands all to call him 'Holy Father', and his priests feel insulted if persons do not address them as 'Father'
Christ was poor and lowly	The pope's wealth is immense
Christ washed His disciples' feet, thus manifesting a spirit of humility worthy of emulation by His followers	The pope presents his foot to be kissed and requires genuflections and kneeling from those who have audiences with him
Christ taught His followers to pray to God through Him	The pope teaches his followers to pray to the Virgin Mary



So, what are you going to do now, follow a sinful pope and sinful priests, or follow the Lord Jesus Christ and the word of God? It's your choice. One will lead you to Heaven and the other will lead you to Hell.

The Roman Catholic's erroneous interpretation of Matthew 16v19 **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and**

whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven in Scripture is always Jewish (*never* Roman), always Davidic (*never* popish), always in a 'mystery form' until the Second Advent (*never* in a visible, political form), always is earthly and literal (*never* spiritual or heavenly). They lied 'again'.

Should we follow Peter or Paul? Peter had no authority whatsoever over Paul anywhere in the New Testament at any time, and Paul was the apostle to the Romans (Romans 15). Paul had to correct Peter in Galatians 2.

Here are a few reasons why I am not a Roman Catholic

- The Papacy is a HOAX – Peter never claimed to be 'pope'. He was *never even* in Rome - **And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.** Matthew 23v9.
- Maryolatry is a HOAX – **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.** Acts 4v12.
- Purgatory is a HOAX – it is a money-making 'racket' – **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.** 1 John 1v7.
- The Mass is a HOAX – the 'wafer-god' is a blasphemous fraud – **But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;** Hebrews 10v12.
- The Rosary is a HOAX – **Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.** Matthew 7v6.
- The Confessional is a HOAX – It is unchristian, indecent and immoral...! – **For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;** 1 Timothy 2v5. Imagine a 'sinner' confessing to another 'sinner', *what a joke!*
- Miraculous 'medals' are a HOAX including images, crucifixes, bleeding hearts, holy water and other heathen inventions. – **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth**

beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Exodus 20v4.

- Forbidding to eat meat or forbidding the marriage of priests is a HOAX – **Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.** 1 Timothy 4v1-3.

More lies from the Roman Catholic Church... *They believe water can wash your sins away.*

Why water baptism *cannot* save you... Water baptism is *never* connected with redemption – (Colossians 1v14 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins**); it cannot affect a dead spirit (Ephesians 2v5 **Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)**); it is never connected with justification (Romans 5v9 **Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**); it is never connected with adoption (Romans 8v15 **For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**). Water-baptism is administrated by a sinner, while saving-baptism is done without hands by God i.e. ‘spiritual’ (Colossians 2v11+12 **In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.,** 1 Corinthians 12v13 **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.,** Galatians 3v27 **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**)

Why water baptism is not part of your salvation...

- You are not a Jew of the dispersion (Acts 2v38+39)
- You are not under the ministry of John the Baptist (Acts 13v24)
- No one baptises anyone in water till *after* that person is saved (Acts 10v47, Acts 8v36-38)
- Paul never mentions water within fifty verses of ‘baptism’ in any passage in the Pauline epistles.
- Water baptism occurs nowhere in any passage that deals with the New Birth (John 3v1-16)

Now you either believe **THE BOOK** that **GOD** has written, or you believe a lie that some man has made up.

By the way since the number 13 is associated with ‘rebellion’ in the Bible, it is very

interesting to read in Revelation 17v5 regarding the Roman Catholic Church the words **And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** (How many words in capitals? *Thirteen! Of course that's just a coincidence isn't it!?*)

Another *private interpretation* of the Roman Catholic Church is what they say regarding the priest being able to 'forgive' sins... when he certainly cannot.

Let's look at a few Scriptures regarding this erroneous doctrine of a priest *forgiving sins* when only God can... **who can forgive sins but God only?** Mark 2v7.

Hebrews 9v22 **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

Hebrews 10v10-12+18 **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; ...Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.**

Acts 13v38+39 **Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**

Matthew 26v28 **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

Romans 3v24+25 **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;**

So, by reading these Scriptures we conclude that 'remission' is by shed blood. Priests have *never* been able to remit anyone's sins. Remission or forgiveness of sins lies in the atonement of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10v1-12 – it is never to be 'repeated').

Hebrews 10v1 **For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.**

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;
9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

God 'forgave' all through the Old Testament (Exodus 34v7 **Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.**) but could not clear the guilty, until Matthew 26v28 **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** (Hebrews 10v4 **For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**) Only Christ's blood can wash and take away your sins.

Therefore, no Roman Catholic priest can forgive your sins and he certainly is *not* a mediator between God and man – 1 Timothy 2v5 **For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

Anyway, all Christians *are* 'priests' – 1 Peter 2v1-5 – Since there is not one verse in the Bible indicating that there is any priesthood in the New Testament, except a priesthood of born-again believers (1 Peter 2) – the entire system of 'ordained priests' in the Roman Catholic Church is utterly non-Biblical, non-Christian, and non-New Testament. There are no priests 'ordained' in the New Testament – married 'bishops and elders' (*did you get that, 'married'*) are 'ordained' but there is no 'ordination', spiritual or ceremonial, for a '*priest*' (Titus 1, Acts 14, 1 Peter 5, 1 Timothy 3).

You would be better off visiting the gym than visiting a Roman Catholic priest; it would be more profitable. No more can a Roman Catholic priest forgive your sins than Batman can.

What about the lie the Roman Catholic Church have created regarding Purgatory?

The Bible never speaks of a place where the sinner can go to get purification of his sins before entering Heaven. *It is a man-made doctrine!* According to the Bible, in order to get purification of your sins, you don't go to a 'place', you go to a 'person', the Lord Jesus Christ. If you don't trust Christ for your sins forgiven, you will go to Hell when you die; there is no second chance or 'time-of-purification' *after* death – John 3v18+36.

If our sins and transgressions are remembered no more (Hebrews 10v17) how can there be Purgatory? Either Christ has made full payment for our sins or He hasn't. Romans 5v8-11 **But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.** Psalm 103v12 **As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

The thief on the cross never went to Purgatory, for Jesus said... Luke 23v43 **And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.** One ex-priest said *"If we really believed that the Mass would save people from the flames of Purgatory, would we make them pay for it? I would even save a dog if I saw one on fire, and I would never even think of asking to be paid!"* There is no mention of Purgatory in the Bible. The Roman Catholics defend their position on Purgatory by quoting from the man-made 'Apocrypha' (remember this is not Scripture) 2 Maccabees 12v41-45.

1 John 1v7 **...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.** Purgatory is just another lie and invention by the Roman Catholic Church used to gain money from *suckers* who believe it.

In conclusion... **Roman Catholicism** – Revelation chapter 17 'The Great Whore' is Rome! (Read it). Note v5 **And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** The 'Babylon' of chapter 17 is the same as that of chapter 18 (v2 cf. 18v3, v5 cf. 18v2, v6 cf. 18v24). It is a specific 'city' (v18), not a nation. It is a city with a religious aspect (here) and a political/economic aspect (chapter 18), so it is a 'church-state'. The 'city' is undoubtedly Rome (v9), since no other city (including Jerusalem) can fit the description of verse 6 and Revelation 18v24. Jesus Christ may have been crucified at Jerusalem (Revelation 11v8), but no Jew beat Him, nailed Him to the cross, or drove a spear in His side; it was Rome who was responsible for that (John 19).

Rome killed the apostle James (Acts 12v2) and the apostle Paul (2 Timothy 1v16+17, 4v6), and Rome was responsible for exiling the apostle John (Revelation 1v9). (If you want to see the full extent to which Rome fulfils these murders etc. read 'Foxe's Book of Martyrs'; Peter Ruckman's two volumes on 'The History of the New Testament Church'; 'The Secret History of the Jesuits' by Edmond Paris; 'Hitler's Pope – The Secret History of Pius XII' by John Cornwell; 'The Vatican's Holocaust' by Avro Manhattan and 'Smokescreens' by Jack Chick).

Although the colours of *the woman* (purple and scarlet) match pagan Rome (See Mark 15v17+20, John 19v2+5, Matthew 27v28), she cannot be merely a reference to that, because the symbol of imperial Rome was an eagle. This woman's symbol is a golden cup. The Roman Catholic Church is more than just a church; it is its

own political state (v18). It has its own bank and its own army. It has diplomatic relations with the governments of other nations. It signs treaties with the heads of other States (e.g. Hitler and Mussolini during WWII). Not only is this Church-State filthy (Revelation 18v2), drunken (Revelation 18v3), pagan (Revelation 18v4 cf. 2v20-22), proud (Revelation 18v7), popular (Revelation 18v9 – it boasts of over one billion ‘members’), mighty (Revelation 18v10); it is also commercial (Revelation 18v11) and rich (Revelation 17v4, 18v12).

Roman Catholicism is a dirty, godless, depraved, false counterfeit of Biblical Christianity. It is damned (Revelation 18v5) and absolutely doomed by God (Revelation 18v21). It is destined to burn (Revelation 17v16, 18v8+9) and keep on burning after it is destroyed here on earth (Revelation 19v3) just like Sodom and Gomorrah (2 Peter 2v6, Jude 7).

The response of Heaven to this is ‘Amen’ and ‘Alleluia’ (Revelation 19v1-4).

More errors of Roman Catholicism

Subject	Christian Church	Roman Catholic Church
Foundation	Jesus Christ, The Rock	Peter, the rock
Headship	Jesus Christ	The pope
Mediator	Jesus Christ alone	Also Mary, Saints, Priests etc.
Salvation	By grace, through faith. The Holy Spirit’s work. Freely.	By grace, through accumulating merit, use of money, observances of rites
Worship	According to the Scriptures, Spiritual	Ceremonial, carnal
Teaching Authority	The Scriptures by the Holy Spirit	The pope by the Church
Aim	To save men and build them up in the faith	To bring men into the church; to accumulate wealth and power
Objects of Worship	God alone	Also the Host, Mary, Saints, Images, Relics etc.
‘Dynamic’	Love	Fear and superstition
‘Mystery’	None	Secret organisations
Leadership	Teachers	Priests
Results	Peace and satisfaction	No certainty, anxiety
Ultimate Issues	To be with Christ	Purgatorial fires for an indeterminate time

Question – Regarding salvation, are you saved for eternity, or can you lose your salvation?

A Roman Catholic has no assurance of salvation; if he dies ‘in sin’ he goes to Hell. He believes he can lose his salvation if he sins. This is not the same for the Bible Believing Christian, as he ‘knows’, once saved, he is saved for eternity. 1 John 5v12+13 **He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.** John 3v16 **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

People confuse ‘breaking fellowship’ with the Lord, with *losing* your salvation, they are not the same. If you have a child and that child *wrongs* you, no matter what they have done against you, they are *still* your son or daughter. Once you are a child of God and adopted into His family (Galatians 4v5, Ephesians 1v5) you are His son forever. If you could *work or earn* your salvation, then yes you could lose it; but we have done nothing *of ourselves* to gain or obtain salvation – Christ Jesus has done it all, and there is nothing we can *add* to what He has done at Calvary, by dying and shedding His incorruptible blood, then rising from the dead to save us – Romans 5v9, Ephesians 1v7, 1 John 1v6+7.

Some excellent verses from the Scriptures that *prove* once we are saved, we are saved for eternity, and *cannot* lose our salvation (not our fellowship) are found in John 10v27-30 – Once you are a ‘sheep’ you cannot perish. You are saved forever and *cannot* lose your salvation. Eternal life means *eternal* life. John 5v24 – You *are passed from* death unto life – no going back. Ephesians 4v30 – The Christian is *sealed*, and God’s seal *cannot* be broken. John 14v16 – the Comforter abides with us forever.

Another great passage on ‘eternal security’ is Romans 8v35-39 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- Eternal life is a free gift. You did nothing to earn it, and you can do nothing to lose it.
- The intercession of Jesus Christ for us means we can never lose our salvation. You have the greatest Prayer Warrior in the universe praying for you.
- You are eternally secure because you are ‘kept by the power of God’ (1 Peter 1v5). You are kept by the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

- Your security is based on the *righteousness* of a sinless man (Jesus Christ), not on your goodness. You have the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ. It isn't yours to lose. You could mess up your life, as many have done, but that wouldn't affect the righteousness of Christ at all. Like David, you might have to have the joy of your salvation restored (Psalm 51v12), but your *salvation* went nowhere.

Now the only way you are going to 'miss' Heaven, is if you are *not* saved; that's the only way. As Christians we should never worry about going to Hell; it *can't* happen if we are saved by the blood of Christ, and we are part of the Body of Christ.

As Christians, we have the 'righteousness of God', which has nothing to do with 'works', sacraments, church attendance, confessing your sins to a priest, the Mass etc.

Romans 1v17 **For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.** This is the verse that helped Martin Luther the German monk, convert from Roman Catholicism to Christianity. Note it said 'faith' not 'works' – **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.** Ephesians 2v8+9.

Romans 3v22 **Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:** Note again, we get the righteousness of God by faith, not works. Do you believe what the Bible says, or what the Roman Catholic Church says?

Romans 10v3+4 **For they** (The Roman Catholic Church...!) **being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their** (The Roman Catholic Church...!) **own righteousness, have not submitted themselves** (The Roman Catholic Church...!) **unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.** Yet again, we are told we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not any church.

2 Corinthians 5v21 **For he** (The Father) **hath made him** (the Son of God, Jesus Christ) **to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him** (Jesus Christ).

This is so important to understand, and it's so simple. Only Jesus Christ can save you, and get you to Heaven, nothing and no one else can. If you believe the Gospel and have put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ for your sins forgiven, you will go to Heaven when you die, *unless the Lord comes first of course*, and then you will go with Him to Heaven forever. (Remember there is no such thing as Purgatory).

A few of Martin Luther's 95 Theses...

- Number 2) The word 'penance' neither can, nor may, be understood as referring to the 'Sacrament of Penance', that is, to confession and atonement as exercised under the priest's ministry.
- Number 27) They preach vanity who say that the soul flies out of Purgatory as soon as the money thrown into the chest rattles.
- Number 50) Christians should be taught, if the pope knew the ways and doings of the preachers of indulgences, he would prefer that St Peter's Minster (i.e. The Vatican!) should be burnt to ashes, rather than that it should be built up with the skins, flesh, and bones of his lambs.
- Number 82) Why does not the pope deliver 'all souls' at the same time out of Purgatory for the sake of the most holy love and on account of the bitterest distress of those souls this being the most imperative of all motives, while he saves an infinite number of souls for the sake of that most miserable thing money, to be spent on St Peter's Minster this being the very slightest of motives.
- Number 86) Why does not the pope build St Peter's Minster with his own money – since his riches are now more ample than those of Crassus – rather than with the money of poor Christians?

Reformation WATCHWORDS...

Sola fide means BY FAITH ALONE! – Romans 3v20-31 + Romans 5v1

Sola gratia is Latin for BY GRACE ALONE! – Romans 3v24, Ephesians 2v8+9

Sola Scriptura refers to SCRIPTURE ALONE! – 2 Timothy 3v16, Hebrews 4v12

If you are a Roman Catholic, get out of this unbiblical religion while you can. If you know of others in this false religion, do all you can to get them out. Roman Catholicism is *not* Christian; it will lead you to an eternity in the Lake of Fire.

I have backed up everything I've stated with Scripture, so if you disagree with anything presented in this booklet, you disagree with the Holy Bible, God's word.

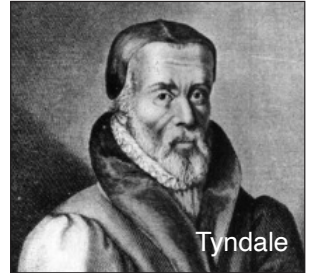
If you are a Roman Catholic, I hope this information has shocked you, and woken you up to realise that you are on the wrong path. I also hope and pray you get saved right now, where you are, by asking Jesus Christ to forgive you of all your sins.

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Death under Roman Catholicism

The Roman Catholic Church hated **William Tyndale (Bible translator)** and tried him on a charge of heresy in 1536 finding him guilty and condemned to be burned to death. Tyndale 'was strangled to death while tied at the stake, and then his dead body was burned'. His final words, spoken 'at the stake with a fervent zeal, and a loud voice', were reported as "**Lord! Open the King of England's eyes.**"



Set into the pavement in front of Balliol College on Broad Street, Oxford, is a cross made of different coloured cobblestones. The Martyrs' Cross marks the traditional place where three Protestant bishops, **Nicholas Ridley**, **Hugh Latimer**, and **Thomas Cranmer**, were burned at the stake under Queen Mary for refusing to renounce their Protestant faith.



Another Champion of the Faith



Luther

Martin Luther – taught that salvation and, consequently, eternal life are not earned by good deeds but are received only as the free gift of God’s grace through the believer’s faith in Jesus Christ as redeemer from sin. His theology challenged the authority and office of the pope by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge, and opposed sacerdotalism (*religious belief emphasising the powers of priests as essential mediators between God and humankind*) by considering all baptized Christians to be a holy priesthood.

Finally... here is a list of some other errors found in the Roman Catholic Church that we haven't covered in this booklet, or only touched upon because of space. None of these false teachings can be found in the King James Bible.

- The Assumption of Mary – John 3v13.
- Penance – Acts 16v31, 1 John 1v9, Romans 3v24-28, 1 John 2v2.
- Celibacy of Priests and Nuns (1079 AD) – 1 Timothy 3v2, 1 Corinthians 9v5, Matthew 8v14, Luke 4v38, 1 Corinthians 7v2, 1 Timothy 4v1-3.
- Confirmation.
- Extreme Unction (526 AD).
- Infant Baptism (370 AD) – Acts 8v36+37.
- Transubstantiation (1215 AD) – we covered it a little in this booklet.
- Adoration of the Host (Wafer Bread) (1220 AD).
- The Mass (394 AD) – John 19v30, Galatians 2v21, Hebrews 9 and 10, 1 Peter 3v18, Hebrews 2v17, Romans 5v10, 2 Corinthians 5v18+19.
- Other Mediators Between God and Man – Hebrews 4v14+16, 1 Timothy 2v5. Prayers to Saints (375 AD) – Christians are 'saints' – Ephesians 1v1, Philippians 1v1.
- Purgatory (593 AD).
- Papal Infallibility (1870 AD).
- Indulgences (1190 AD).
- Idolatry – Making Images (786 AD) – Exodus 20v4+5, Leviticus 26v1, Deuteronomy 4v16, 16v22, 27v15, 1 Thessalonians 1v9.
- Mary Veneration (431 AD) – Mary worship has grown, so that Mary is now called the 'Mother of God', the 'Queen of Heaven', and the 'Madonna' – Jeremiah 7v18, 44v17-19+25, John 14v6. There is no such thing in Scripture called 'The Immaculate Conception' (Luke 1v47, Romans 3v10+23). There is no such thing in Scripture regarding Mary's 'Perpetual Virginity' (Matthew 1v25, 13v55+56, John 7v5, Acts 1v14).
- Catholic Attitudes to the Bible (1229 AD) – The Roman Catholic Church has a history of burning Bibles. When it could not stop Bibles being printed, it denied anti-Catholic Bibles (e.g. The King James Bible) by saying '*That's your interpretation!*', meaning that the Bible has no authority if anyone can interpret it in any manner. Rome allows Catholics to read the Bible, but teach that it is wrong and sinful to put any interpretation on Scriptures that are contrary to Roman Catholic doctrine. In other words, don't think for yourself, otherwise you may discover that Roman Catholic doctrine is full of errors and contradictions. They want you to just blindly accept everything Rome tells you, you can only trust Rome.
- Rosary Prayer Beads (1090 AD).

- Crossing Oneself (300 AD).
- The Inquisition, Torture, Massacres, Murders, Wars – Roman Catholic documents revealed that they murdered around 68 million protesters from 1100 to 1800 AD when the Inquisition stopped.

The following torture devices were used by Rome against protesters...

- The rack which stretched and dislocated joints.
- Heavy pincers tore out fingernails.
- Thumbscrews dislocated fingers.
- “Spanish boots” crushed legs and feet.
- The Iron Virgin was a hollow metal case with knives inside, which pierced the victim placed in it.
- Hanging.
- Eyes gouged out.
- Molten lead poured into ears and mouth.
- Being forced to jump off cliffs onto sharp spikes below.
- 100,000 Albigenses (Protestants) were massacred in one day in 1211, then burned in heaps.
- Pope Pius IV sent the Italian army to massacre many women and children at Orange in 1562.
- 10,000 Huguenots (French Protestants) were killed in Paris on St Bartholomew’s Day and 75,000 the week after. The Huguenot wars killed 200,000 Protestants.
- The ‘30 Years War’ in Germany saw the population drop from 15 million to 5 million due to Catholic invading armies... also killing 900,000 Protestants.
- The Spanish Armada was sent to conquer Protestant England by Catholic King Philip of Spain. ‘Bad weather’ destroyed this fleet off the coast of England. The Inquisition was ordered by Papal decree and confirmed by pope after pope. Why did no pope stop the Inquisition torture? What did Jesus say... **But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;** Was the Roman Church acting like Jesus Christ here? Matthew 5v44.

In conclusion...

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her (The Roman Catholic Church), **my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins** (The Roman Catholic Church) **have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.** Revelation 18v4+5.



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