

Forgiveness of Sins is by Faith Only in Christ

As expected, the Catechism makes our salvation dependent upon *our own good works*, while the Bible says that it is dependent only upon *the perfect works of Christ* on the cross, and our simple child-like faith, resting in Him.

The New Catechism Says "... all salvation comes from Christ the Head through the Church ... through Baptism" C.C.C. # 846. "In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere 'to the end' and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal **reward for the good works** accomplished with the grace of Christ" C.C.C. #1821. "The Church affirms that for believers **the sacraments** of the New Covenant **are necessary for salvation**" C.C.C. #1129.

The Bible Says "*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 2:8,9). "*...when he [Christ] had by himself purged our sins, [He] sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high*" (Hebrews 1:3). "*He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life*" (1 John 5:12). Simply turn away from everything else, and "**believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU SHALT BE SAVED**" (Acts 16:31)

As far as God is concerned, nothing can earn a person's place in heaven - not their baptism, vocation, prayer life, not even their faith! Only **Christ** provides complete and final forgiveness for all sins, past, present, and future - and His forgiveness is only received by accepting it as a free gift from God, all because of Jesus Christ! "**As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name**" (John 1:12). Accept God's gift today! There are no second chances in hell! And, you have no guarantee of tomorrow.

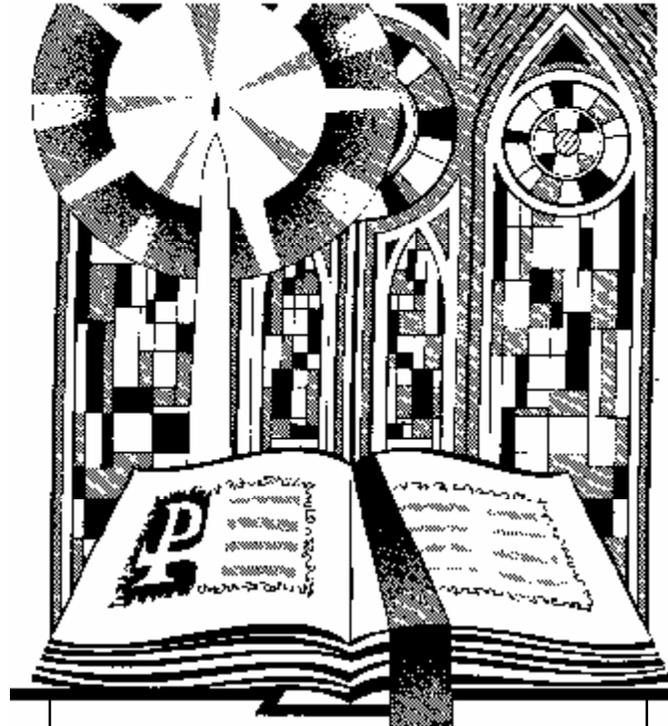
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What's the Difference?

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*Is there really a difference between
Catholicism, and the Bible?*

Even though there are a lot of good things done and believed by the Catholic Church, there is a fearful difference between what the Roman Catholic Church teaches and what the Bible says about things.

Below is a brief comparison for you to be able to see that the differences are important enough to become concerned about your soul's salvation. Are you ultimately trusting *in a Church*, or *in a perfect Saviour*? Your answer will make the difference between heaven, and hell.

How Do We Settle This Matter?

We are going to have to choose between believing what God said in His Holy Bible, or what the Church says in its endless Traditions and writings. *Jesus chose God's words!*

The New Catechism (1994) Says "The Church ... does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence." Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church (1994) (Veritas) hereafter **C.C.C.** Paragraph #82

The Bible Says "*It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus declared to His Father, "*Thy word is truth*" (John 17:17). "**God cannot lie**" (Titus 1:2).

There's No Need for Mass, or other Sacrifice!

Jesus was the "finished" sacrifice on the cross, and there is no need for any further sacrifice, since His was perfect and complete for all time! Otherwise, *He is a fraud!*

The New Catechism Says "...our Saviour instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood ... **to perpetuate** the sacrifice of the cross" C.C.C. #1323. "In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, **the same Christ** who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner." C.C.C. #1367

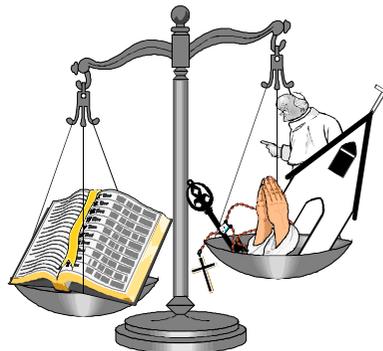
The Bible Says "...Jesus said, **'It is finished'**" (John 19:30). "*But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God*" (Hebrews 10:12). "*There remaineth no more sacrifice for sins*" (Hebrews 10:26).

All forms of Idolatry are Forbidden!

Notice that God hates any form of idols and idolatry. Don't fool yourself into thinking that venerating an image is not bowing down to an idol - God thinks it is vile!

The New Catechism Says "The Christian veneration of images is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype, and whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it." C.C.C. #2132

The Bible Says "*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: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that*



hate me" (Exodus 20:4, 5)

Can the church assure you of heaven when you die? Why can't it? Shouldn't you be trusting in JESUS instead?

Did Jesus really die so that a massive religious organisation would rule by force, or that **HE** would rule every heart by faith?

Looking at just the above areas, there is a vast difference between what God Himself said in His holy word, and what the priests and Bishops are saying. It is the Bible that states **a pastor should be married and not celibate** (1 Timothy 3:1-5). It is the Bible that says **Mary had other children after she had Jesus** (Matthew 13:53-56). It is the Bible that says **praying to a dead saint is an abomination unto God** (Deuteronomy 18:10,11). It is the Bible that commands us to **worship God alone through Jesus Christ - not Mary, or any other** (1 Timothy 2:5).