

## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ITSELF

*To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them, (Is.8:20).*

*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (2Tim.3:16).*

*Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add you not unto his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar, (Prov.30:5-6).*

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed, (Gal.1:8).*

## UNSCRIPTURAL OR PAGAN PRACTICES INTRODUCED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AD 300 Prayers for the dead	AD 1215 Confession of sin at least once per year (Pope Innocent III - Lateran Council)
AD 312 Sign of the cross	AD 1220 Adoration of the bread (Host) - (Pope Honorius)
AD 375 Worship & prayers to saints/angels	AD 1229 Bible forbidden to laymen - (Council of Toledo)
AD 394 'Mass' instituted	AD 1287 'Scapular' invented (Simon Stock)
AD 431 Worship of Mary	AD 1414 Cup forbidden to people at Communion - (Council of Constance)
AD 500 Priests dress differently to laymen	AD 1439 Doctrine of Purgatory decreed
AD 526 Extreme Unction-Sacrament to dying	AD 1439 Seven sacraments affirmed
AD 593 Doctrine of Purgatory introduced	AD 1508 The 'Ave Maria' approved
AD 600 Worship services conducted in Latin	AD 1534 Jesuit order founded
AD 600 Prayers directed to Mary	AD 1545 Tradition granted equal authority with Bible
AD 607 Boniface III made first Pope	AD 1546 Apocryphal books added to Bible
AD 709 Kissing the Pope's foot	AD 1854 Immaculate Conception of Mary - (that Mary never sinned)
AD 786 Worshipping of images and relics	AD 1864 Syllabus of errors proclaimed
AD 850 Use of 'Holy water' introduced	AD 1870 Infallibility of Pope declared
AD 995 'Canonisation' of dead saints	AD 1930 Public schools condemned
AD 998 Fasting on Fridays and during Lent	AD 1950 Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Mary rose bodily into Heaven)
1079 Celibacy of the priesthood	AD 1965 Mary proclaimed mother of church
AD 1090 Prayer Beads ('Rosary' - Peter the Hermit)	
AD 1184 The Inquisition (sentencing & execution of heretics)	
AD 1190 Sale of Indulgences	
AD 1215 Transubstantiation (Bread & wine becomes real body and blood of Our Lord)	

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC TEACHING

The Catholic church alone is the body of Christ...Those outside the church have not the Holy Spirit \*

Praying to MARY and OTHER SPIRITS (saints) in heaven.

PURGATORY (a place apart from Heaven and Hell where souls suffer and are purged of sin).

INDULGENCES (praying for the release of Souls in 'Purgatory').

IMAGES *'It is lawful to have images in the church and to give honour and worship unto them - Images are put in churches that they may be worshipped'*, (Council of Trent & confirmed by recent Vatican Council).

TRADITION has equal authority with the Bible, (Council of Trent and confirmed by recent Vatican Council).

\* *'The Teachings of the Catholic Church'* P.677

## BIBLE TEACHING

*'..whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life, (Jn. 3:15).*

Bible forbids contacting spirits/dead, (Is.8:19-20;Dt.18:11); ***'There is one God, and one mediator between God and men...Christ Jesus'***, (1Tim.2:5; Jn.16:23)

No Scripture supports purgatory. The Bible says there is a ***'great gulf'*** between *Heaven and Hell*, (Lk. 16:19-31)

The Bible: ***'...Your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money...'***, (Acts 8:20-22); ***'None..can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him, (Ps. 49:7).***

***'Confounded be all that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him...'***, (Ps.97:7); ***'You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above..You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God..'***,(Ex.20:4-5)

***'...Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?...you made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition'***, (Matt.15:3-6); ***'Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ'***, (Col.2:8). The Bible curses any who add or take away from God's Word, (Rev.22:18; Dt.4:2,12:32; Pr.30:5-6; Jn.10:35).

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Mary is a CO-MEDIATOR, '*mediatrix of all graces*' and intercedes on our behalf. Mary is the mother of God.

**'There is one God, and *one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus***', (1Tim.2:5; Jn.16:23). Only through Jesus is there access to the Father, (Eph.2:18). No Scripture even hints that Mary intercedes for us but rather that Jesus is '*interceding for us*', (Rom.8:34). **'He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them'**, (Heb.7:25). No Scripture supports Mary as 'Mother of God'. God is eternal and had no mother. Mary called herself the '*handmaid of the Lord*'. Mary was not in existence when God created the universe, (Jn.1:3). Mary was the mother of Jesus, (Acts 1:14).

Mary is the 'IMMACULATE CONCEPTION' (made doctrine 1951).

Mary was a sinner, '**for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God**', (Rom. 3:23). Mary brought a *sin offering* to the Temple like all Jewish mothers, (Lk.2:21-24 cp. Lev.12:6-8). Mary said **my spirit rejoices in God my saviour**, (Lk. 1:47)...Why would Mary need a saviour if she did not sin?

Mary remained a virgin, (PERPETUAL VIRGINITY made doctrine 1951).

The Bible says Jesus was her '**first born son**', (Matt.1:25). Jesus had *brothers and sisters*, (Matt.13:55; Mk.6:3)

ASSUMPTION of Mary - (that Mary rose into Heaven in a bodily form) - made doctrine 1951.

No scripture supports this. The Bible says *no one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man*, (Jn.3:13; Pr.30:4). When the Bible speaks of Christ's second coming it is *never with Mary* but with the angels and saints, (Zech.14:5; 1Thess.14:5; Jude 14; Rev.21:2,10)

There are SEVEN SACRAMENTS (introduced by Peter Lombard, AD 1150).

The Bible has two sacraments instituted by Christ - Baptism & Communion. This is admitted by the Catholic religion but it claims tradition & infallible authority to have seven.

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PETER was the HEAD OF THE CHURCH.

The Catholic religion uses Matthew 16:18-19 to support this. The original Greek translation is '**...and I tell you that you Peter**' ('*Petros*' - a stone) **...and on this rock** ('*Petra*' - a mass of rock) **...I will build my church**'. '*Petra*' and '*Petros*' are two different Greek words with different meanings! The Bible always refers to Christ or God as '**the Rock**', (2Sam.22:32, Ps.18:31; 89:26).

CELIBACY OF PRIESTS, (made law AD 1079).

The Bible says it is permissible to be celebrate but *not a command*. Peter and most of the apostles were married! (1Cor.9:5; 1Tim.3:2, Matt.8:14; Lk.4:38)..Bible says to **...confess your sins to each other...** (James 5:16). The apostles never heard confessions, (Acts 10:43), or forgave sins. Only God can forgive sins, (Mk.2:5-11; 1Jn. 1:9; Matt.9:6).

CONFESSING SINS TO PRIEST, (Priest has power to forgive or not to forgive sins).

Confession is '*necessary unto salvation*', ('*Catholic Encyclopedia*', P. 625).

INFANT BAPTISM is miraculous in bringing a child into the Family of God. Baptism is necessary for salvation.

There is no infant baptism in the Bible. The Bible says the water has no effect without belief, (Acts 8:35-37). The Penitent thief on the cross was *not* baptised yet saved. Water baptism is not essential to salvation, (1Cor.1:13-24; 15:1-5, Rom.1:16; 10:9-14; Eph.2:8-9; Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; 16:31; Jn.3:14-18, 36; 5:24; 1Jn.5:1)

Baptism performed outside the Catholic church is not valid.

No scripture supports this. Paul was baptised by Ananias who was a 'layman'.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION (that the Bread and Wine become the real body and blood of Christ), made doctrine in 1215. This doctrine is 'essential to salvation'.

Bible says to '**do this in remembrance of me.**' Catholic church uses Lk.22:19-20 *literally*. But Jn.6:63 says **The words I speak to you are *spirit* and life**. Jesus also said **... I am the bread of life**. (Jn.6:48).

DELETION OF WINE in Communion, (12th Century - communion with bread only).

This is taking away from the Word of God, (Rev.22:18, Dt.4:2; 12:32; Prov.30:5-6; Jn.10:35).

AT 'MASS' Christ is Sacrificed again.

The Bible clearly *condemns* this renewal of sacrifice, (Heb.6:6; 9:26-28; 10:10).