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5 Reasons Why Catholicism is not Christian - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/12/9 13:56

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'Take thou the tiara adorned with the triple crown,
and know that thou art the Father of Princes and of kings,
and art the Governor of the world.'
- Coronation Service of the Pontiff.

"To usurp is to seize by force and without rightful powers that
cannot be achieved except by criminal means."

T = TRINITY OF GOD USURPED!

The Pope claims the place and names that belong to God alone (Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, III para. 18).

God, the Father: He claims he is "The Holy Father". This is the unique name of God the Father.

John 17:11 "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." — 'Thine own name!' It is God's name alone - it cannot belong to anyone else.

Matthew 23:9 "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

God, the Son: He claims he is "The Head of the Church". This title belongs to Christ alone.

Colossians 1:18 "And 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."

Ephesians 5:23 "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."

God, the Holy Spirit: He claims he is "The Vicar of Christ". This is the office of the Holy Spirit alone.

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Pope even takes the very name of God. The New York Catechism calls the Pope, "the arbiter of the world, the supreme judge of heaven and earth, the judge of all, being judged by no one, God Himself on earth." **THE TRINITY OF GOD IS USURPED IN ROMAN CATHOLICISM!**

I = INTER-MEDIATION OF CHRIST USURPED!

The Bible states, "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Timothy 2:5,6).

Rome claims that in her masses she can repeat the sacrifice of the cross and change the wafer and wine into the very body and very blood of Christ. She claims that she perpetuates the sacrifice of the cross (Eucharisticum Mysterium, Intro. C, 1). Again, "In the sacrifice of the Mass our Lord is immolated" (Ibid, C, 2).

Christ cried on the cross, "It is finished" John 19:30.

Hebrews 9:25,26 "Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 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."

Hebrews 10:12 "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

Rome has elevated Mary to the place of mediation. John Paul II states that "in Mary is effected the reconciliation of God with humanity" (On Reconciliation and Penance. St. Paul Editions, p. 139).

No Christian can accept "The Cult of the Blessed Virgin" (Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, VIII para. 66). It is idolatrous and an insult to our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE INTER-MEDIATION OF CHRIST IS USURPED BY ROMAN CATHOLICISM!

A = AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE USURPED!

The Church of Rome cannot establish her false claims that she alone is the preserver of God's Word and the maintainer of the Truths of the same. Rome is far from being a believer in the Bible as the sole rule of faith and practice.

Her rejection of the Bible as the sole rule of faith and practice has been brought about by the many additions she has made to Holy Scripture.

The command and warning of God is crystal clear that the Bible must not be added to.

Deuteronomy 4:2 "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

Deuteronomy 12:32 "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it."

Proverbs 30:6 "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

Jeremiah 23:28 "He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully."

Revelation 22:18 "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

Now the Church of Rome has been found out to be a liar and has had added to it the plagues of the Apocalypse – as God stated in Proverbs 30:6 and Revelation 22:18 – by adding to God's Word.

Rome adds to God's Word by adding more books to the Canonical Scriptures, known as the Apocryphal Books. These books were never received by the Jewish Church (Romans 3:2); they were never quoted by Christ; they were rejected by the Christian Fathers; and they are self-evidently not inspired. The writer apologises for defects (2 Maccabees 15:39) and one seemingly commands suicide. They are no part of Holy Scripture; yet, they were added into the Canon by the Church of Rome to make up Rome's Bible.

Rome also adds to the Bible apostolic and ecclesiastical traditions. Oral tradition evolved into written tradition and the unreliability of oral tradition is exposed in John 21:22,23.

Rome also adds that the interpretation of Scripture must have the "unanimous consent of the fathers". Alas the fathers were far from being unanimous. They contradicted themselves and rarely consented. In fact, strange to relate Gregory the Great Bishop of Rome stated that the Bishop who claimed to be the Universal Bishop is the forerunner of the Antichrist (Gregory Registo. Epist. 1.b. v11. Ind. Is epis 33 ed Benet Domisitos).

Christ warned against tradition and stated, "Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:3,6,9).

Rome stands out as a self-exposed liar and as the target of the judgments of Almighty God by her deliberate adding to the Holy Scriptures of Truth.

At the end of the 19th century Rome added on to the Scripture the infallibility of the Pope having for years said that the doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope was a "Protestant falsehood" (see Papal Catechism). **THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE IS USURPED BY ROMAN CATHOLICISM!**

R = REMISSION OF SINS USURPED!

John Paul II states "It would be foolish and presumptuous Â... to claim to receive forgiveness while doing without the sacrament" of penance (On Reconciliation and Penance p.115).

He further insists that the individual confession to a priest to receive absolution from him "constitutes the only ordinary way in which the faithful who are conscious of serious sin are reconciled to God" (Ibid, p.132).

The Bible shows us that the way to true remission of sins is clearly contrary to that of the way of Popes, earthly priests, absolutions, and penances:

Ezra 10:11 "Make confession unto the Lord God."

Psalm 32:5 "I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The Lord Jesus never put any earthly priest or Pope between Himself and the sinner. **THE REMISSION OF SINS IS USURPED BY ROMAN CATHOLICISM!**

A = ASSURANCE OF SALVATION USURPED!

Rome has put her curse on the Bible way of salvation. "If any man says that it is by the righteousness of Christ itself that men are formally justified Â– let him be accursed" (Council of Trent, Session 6, Canon 10).

"Sins must be expiated. This must be done in this earth through the sorrows, miseries, and trials of this life and above all through death. Otherwise the expiation must be made in the next life through fire and torments of purifying punishments" (Indulgentiarum Doctrina, I para. 2).

Rome thereby removes all assurances a sinner may hope to receive of their eternal salvation. However, the Bible paints for us a very different picture in which "the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives."

1 Corinthians 1:30 "Jesus Christ is made unto us Â... righteousness."

Romans 5:18 "By the obedience of one (Our Lord Himself) shall many be made righteous."

1 John 1:7 "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Purgatory is not found in the Bible. There is no future wrath for justified sinners.

Romans 5:9 "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

You can be saved now and have full assurance of faith in the certainty that you know you have eternal life. You require no priest but Christ alone (Hebrews 4:15). You require no sacrifice but Christ alone (1 John 1:7). You require no mediator but Christ alone (1 Timothy 2:5).

The Pope's "bad news" points you to Purgatory Â– a non-existent place! The Lord Jesus Christ's good news (or gospel) points you to Paradise by simple faith in Himself. Good news indeed!

Remember what Peter said in Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Be warned! Rome's Catholicism is not Christian. **THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION IS USURPED BY ROMAN CATHOLICISM!**

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Re: 5 Reasons Why Catholicism is not Christian - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/12/9 14:50

Great information. Thanks.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/12/9 18:38

It is sad that many christians are open to believing this system is of God but is controlled solely by men.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2007/12/9 22:24

Thank you for posting this. My mother sadly is one of the many who is deceived into believing she is saved when she is lost in the traditions of the Catholic Church. She holds more value to what the traditions of the church teach even over the Word of God. She prays to Mary and the dead saints believing that they intercede for her with God. IT breaks my heart because I have tried to share with her the truth but she will not hear it.

God Bless
Maryjane

Re: - posted by HIServant (), on: 2007/12/10 22:24

Great posting. We lead people to CHRIST on our knees...not by giving them a supplement to the Bible or our own instruction manual with rules and regulations which we enforce.

Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2007/12/11 0:04

Official Catholic doctrine asserts that one is saved by faith and works, not by faith alone. This errant doctrine alone, if adhered to, would nullify any possible salvation. Here is what I found from the Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry about Catholic teachings and how they are unbiblical:

Are Roman Catholics Christians? They are, if they have trusted in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of their sins. However, if they believe that they are saved by God's grace and their works, then they are not saved -- even if they believe their works are done by God's grace -- since they then deny the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice.

Being a Christian does not mean being a member of the Roman Catholic Church. It means being a member of the body of Christ, which is accomplished by faith and trust in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of your sins. It means that you do not add your works to His work. Sincerity doesn't forgive sins. Membership in a church doesn't forgive sins. Doing works of penance doesn't forgive sins. Praying to Mary doesn't forgive sins. Forgiveness is received in the faithful trust and acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. You must trust Jesus, God in flesh, for the forgiveness of sins, not a manmade ritual and certainly not the Catholic saints. Even though the Roman Catholic Church affirms the Trinity, the deity of Christ, and His physical resurrection, it greatly errs in its doctrine of salvation by adding works to salvation.

The official Roman Catholic doctrine of salvation is that the grace of God is infused into a baby at baptism -- making him/her justified before God.¹ This justification can be lost through sin and must be regained by repeated participation in the many sacraments found in the Roman Catholic Church. These sacraments increase the measure of grace in the person by which he or she is enabled to do good works, which are in turn rewarded with the joy of heaven:

* "We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. 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," (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1821).

* "Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, we can then merit for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification," (CCC, par. 2010).

No one can say whether a Roman Catholic is truly a Christian or not, since we cannot know people's hearts. But, if anyone, Catholic included, openly denies essential doctrines² then he is not saved, and this is the problem. It appears that the Roman Catholic church is denying the essential doctrine of justification by faith. It says...

* "If any one saith, that by faith alone the impious is justified; in such wise as to mean, that nothing else is required to co-operate in order to the obtaining the grace of Justification, and that it is not in any way necessary, that he be prepared and disposed by the movement of his own will; let him be anathema." (Canon 9, Council of Trent).

* "If any one saith, that man is truly absolved from his sins and justified, because he assuredly believed himself absolved

ed and justified; or, that no one is truly justified but he who believes himself justified; and that, by this faith alone, absolut ion and justification are effected; let him be anathema." (Canon 14, Council of Trent).

* For more on this, please see Council of Trent. Canons on Justification.

Notice that justification by faith alone is denied and heaven is the reward for doing good works. This is the problem. The RCC does not teach the biblical doctrine of justification by faith. It teaches justification by faith and works. If you want to see more on this, go to

The Roman Catholic view on justification.

So, what is the CARM position on Roman Catholics?

CARM's position is simple. If a Roman Catholic believes in the official Roman Catholic teaching on salvation, then he is not a Christian since the official RCC position is contrary to Scripture. Therefore, as a whole, Roman Catholics need to be evangelized. They need to hear the true Gospel. They need to hear that they are not made right before God by being in a church, or by being baptized, but by receiving Christ (John 1:12), believing that Jesus has risen from the dead (Rom. 10:9), and that justification is by faith (Rom. 5:1) and not by our deeds (Rom. 4:5). It is only true faith that results in true works (James 2), not the other way around. Roman Catholics, like anyone else, need to trust in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of their sins and not the Catholic sacraments, not the words of the priest, not the Pope, not Mary, not the saints, not penance, not indulgences, not the rosary, etc. Jesus alone is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

Finally, I believe that there are truly regenerate Christians in the Roman Catholic church. But, they are truly Christians in spite of official RCC theology and in spite of the ritualistic offerings of this ancient church which has had too many hands meddling in it through the centuries, gradually moving it away from orthodoxy and into apostasy. Yes, apostasy. The Roman Catholic Church is no longer representing true Christianity.

Jesus alone saves. Jesus alone is Lord. Only Jesus' sacrifice can cleanse us. Only by faith are we made right before God. Justification is by faith, not by anything we do.

<http://www.carm.org/catholic/saved.htm>

Pray and witness to the Catholics so that they might come out from deception and receive the true gospel of Christ and be saved.

Re: - posted by UnaFide, on: 2008/2/23 23:07

Pardon my ignorance. Could someone tell me who is CARM and where do they get their authority to teach Christian doctrine? I see them referred to often.

Since God tells us that he wills all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4), I must be certain that CARM has the truth and teaching authority before I believe what they say on behalf of Christianity. To do otherwise would be imprudent.

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2008/2/23 23:19

UnaFide wrote:

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Welcome to SI UnaFide.:~)

What does it mean to have teaching authority? Does this mean having the Holy Spirit? Just need some clarification.

Thanks and blessings.

Re: - posted by UnaFide, on: 2008/2/24 17:02

Hi Miccah,

Thank you for replying and the welcome. When I refer to authority, I mean in the biblical, immediate sense referred to Matt 7:28, Matt 28:17-19, and Luke 4.

According to the Bible, I know that the Holy Spirit was with the Apostles. The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus to guide His Church. In order for me to say for certain that CARM is guided by the Holy Spirit, I would have to know that they are part of His Church.

To illustrate further in a comparison, let me state that authority is not the same as conviction. Authority is the power to adjudicate and is conferred on a person or organization by someone else. Conviction, on the other hand, is an internal assertion where one believes he is correct. I can see CARM's conviction, but I don't see where they obtain their authority.

If CARM can not substantiate from whom they obtained their authority to teach Christian doctrine, then how can I be sure that what they teach is genuine? Who will vouch for them and say that what they teach is truth? In summary, who is CARM and why should I believe what they say?

Thank you for the opportunity to explain further.

Re: 5 Reasons Why Catholicism is not Christian - posted by DanJ, on: 2008/3/1 22:03

Hmm, interesting. Especially how you don't use the wholly biased "Protestant" view....i hate the word protestant--it umbrellas false doctrines in with us :-p. So what would a practicing catholic need to do? Would they need to perhaps study the bible AS WELL AS attend their church? because the way i see it is the problem with the church was mainly caused by those few hundred years when politics got in between them and God, granted without the catholic church civilization would likely have collapsed...Does this at all say that Catholics aren't fully under the grace of God? Thanks in advance.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/3/1 22:20

Quote:

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Hello, Dan, and welcome to the forums! Can you share with us what some of these false doctrines are? When I think of traditional "Protestantism" I do not identify it with falsehood - actually, what comes to mind is quite the opposite! I identify it with evangelical, Christian, wholesome Biblical truth and liberation from Roman Catholic darkness and other systems of deception. Once we begin getting into certain protestant denominations, however, we may encounter subshoots of error, though *Protestantism* as a whole, to me, encapsulates reformation and correctness of doctrine.

Your thoughts?

Brother Paul

Re: - posted by DanJ, on: 2008/3/1 22:22

that's what i meant, Protestants are umbrella'd by the secular world as any "Christian" (according to the world) who is not EO or RC

I just know there are some out there who need to check out their doctrine before preaching it ;-)

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/3/1 22:27

But you mentioned false "doctrines" in specific. What are they?