

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Do all Catholics go to Hell?****Do all Catholics go to Hell? - posted by iansmith (), on: 2007/5/10 12:43**

My family has a deep heritage in the Catholic Church, including at least one Catholic Saint and many people devoted to the church and to Jesus. My grandmother at her funeral was recognized as one of the most faithful women in the entire state of Illinois for her devotion to Christ and her service in the Church.

Now I know that my Grandmother walked with Jesus, she had even supposedly gone to a priest for consolation over the fact that I became a protestant. Luckily for me, the Priest told her that Baptists weren't all that bad.

Now I know on this forum there is an anti-Catholic bias that is painful for me to even deal with... I chose to leave the Catholic Church because I knew that many of the teachings contradicted what the bible said... but I also know of many people who remain in the Catholic Church while maintaining a personal relationship with Jesus.

Historically we see these roles played out to their maxim by Martin Luther and St. Francis of Assisi. Martin Luther never wanted to leave the Church but was forced out. He in fact wanted to reform the Catholic Church from the inside, much like what St. Francis, St Dominic and many of the Monastic orders had done throughout the centuries. Instead he was forced out by the politicization of the reformer's message.

Martin Luther came to genuine faith in Christ in the Catholic Church and had every intention of staying part of the church ... why do you think it's impossible to do the same today?

**Re: Do all Catholics go to Hell? - posted by martymill (), on: 2007/5/10 13:08**

Hi Ian,

I know how you feel. My family is also very active in their catholic church. It caused a real stir when I told them I was a born again believer.

I personally believe there are genuine believers in this church. We should look at the fruit of the tree and not in which vineyard the tree is found.

Peace,  
Martin

**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 13:14**

If one believes in the teachings of the Catholic Church as it pertains to salvation... then they are not saved. The Catholic Church does not believe in salvation by "faith, and not works, lest any man should boast". They believe teach that salvation comes thru the Church, and not Christ. They teach that one will be saved thru the sacraments of the church (baptism, eucharist, mass, purgatory, etc)

This is unbiblical, and if that is where a Catholic puts their faith, then they are not saved.

A Catholic who does NOT put their faith in these things, but in the salvation taught in the Bible... then they are not truly Catholic. In fact, the Catholic Church (Council of Trent) declares such a person as "anathema"... or cursed.

There is only **one** salvation. Honest, sincere belief in anything else is honest and sincere error.

True salvation bears good fruit. However, unsaved can also bear "good fruit", at least to our human understanding. The Mormons and the JWs are good, hard working people who bear "good fruit", but they are no more saved than the pagan devil worshipper.

Krispy

**Re., on: 2007/5/10 13:28**

I'm sure I'll get stoned for my last post... but before someone throws any rocks... here are the declarations of the Council of Trent, which Pope John Paul II said was still in full effect. The current Pope, as a doctrinal pit bull, supports this declaration as well... read it, and then tell me if the Catholic Church teaches anything even remotely close to Biblical salvation...

Krispy

#### DECLARATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT

**FOURTH SESSION: DECREE CONCERNING THE CANONICAL SCRIPTURES:** "If anyone does not accept as sacred and canonical the aforesaid books in their entirety and with all their parts, as they have been accustomed to be read in the Catholic Church and as they are contained in the old Latin Vulgate Edition, and knowingly and deliberately rejects the aforesaid traditions, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA."

**SIXTH SESSION, CANONS CONCERNING JUSTIFICATION:** "If anyone says that justifying faith is nothing else than confidence in divine mercy, which remits sins for Christ's sake, or that it is this confidence alone that justifies us, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons Concerning Justification, Canon 12).

**SIXTH SESSION, CANONS CONCERNING JUSTIFICATION:** "If anyone says that the justice received is not preserved and also not increased before God through good works, but that those works are merely the fruits and signs of justification obtained, but not the cause of its increase, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons Concerning Justification, Canon 24).

**SIXTH SESSION, CANONS CONCERNING JUSTIFICATION:** "If anyone says that the Catholic doctrine of justification as set forth by the holy council in the present decree, derogates in some respect from the glory of God or the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, and does not rather illustrate the truth of our faith and no less the glory of God and of Christ Jesus, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons Concerning Justification, Canon 33).

**SEVENTH SESSION, CANONS ON BAPTISM:** "If anyone says that in the Roman Church, which is the mother and mistress of all churches, there is not the true doctrine concerning the sacrament of baptism, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on Baptism, Canon 3).

**SEVENTH SESSION, CANONS ON BAPTISM:** "If anyone says that baptism is optional, that is, not necessary for salvation, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on Baptism, Canon 5).

**SEVENTH SESSION, CANONS ON BAPTISM:** "If anyone says that children, because they have not the act of believing, are not after having received baptism to be numbered among the faithful, and that for this reason are to be rebaptized when they have reached the years of discretion; or that it is better that the baptism of such be omitted than that, while not believing by their own act, they should be baptized in the faith of the Church alone, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on Baptism, Canon 13).

**SEVENTH SESSION, CANONS ON CONFIRMATION:** "If anyone says that the confirmation of those baptized is an empty ceremony and not a true and proper sacrament; or that of old it was nothing more than a sort of instruction, whereby those approaching adolescence gave an account of their faith to the Church, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on Confirmation, Canon 1).

**THIRTEENTH SESSION, CANONS ON THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST:** "If anyone denies that in the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist are contained truly, really and substantially the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and consequently the whole Christ, but says that He is in it only as in a sign, or figure or force, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, Canon 1).

**THIRTEENTH SESSION, CANONS ON THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST:** "If anyone says that Christ received in the Eucharist is received spiritually only and not also sacramentally and really, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, Canon 8).

**FOURTEENTH SESSION, CANONS CONCERNING THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** "If anyone says that in the Catholic Church penance is not truly and properly a sacrament instituted by Christ the Lord for reconciling the faithful of God as often as they fall into sin after baptism, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons Concerning the Most Holy Sacrament of Penance, Canon 1).

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FOURTEENTH SESSION, CANONS CONCERNING THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: "If anyone denies that sacramental confession was instituted by divine law or is necessary to salvation; or says that the manner of confessing secretly to a priest alone, which the Catholic Church has always observed from the beginning and still observes, is at variance with the institution and command of Christ and is a human contrivance, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons Concerning the Most Holy Sacrament of Penance, Canon 7).

FOURTEENTH SESSION, CANONS CONCERNING THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: "If anyone says that the confession of all sins as it is observed in the Church is impossible and is a human tradition to be abolished by pious people; or that each and all of the faithful of Christ or either sex are not bound thereto once a year in accordance with the constitution of the great Lateran Council, and that for this reason the faithful of Christ are to be persuaded not to confess during Lent, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons Concerning the Most Holy Sacrament of Penance, Canon 8).

FOURTEENTH SESSION, CANONS CONCERNING THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: "If anyone says that God always pardons the whole penalty together with the guilt and that the satisfaction of penitents is nothing else than the faith by which they perceive that Christ has satisfied for them, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons Concerning the Most Holy Sacrament of Penance, Canon 8).

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION, CANONS ON THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: "If anyone says that in the mass a true and real sacrifice is not offered to God; or that to be offered is nothing else than that Christ is given to us to eat, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on the Sacrifice of the Mass, Canon 1).

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION, CANONS ON THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: "If anyone says that by those words, Do this for a commemoration of me, Christ did not institute the Apostles priests; or did not ordain that they and other priests should offer His own body and blood, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on the Sacrifice of the Mass, Canon 2).

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION, CANONS ON THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: "If anyone says that the sacrifice of the mass is one only of praise and thanksgiving; or that it is a mere commemoration of the sacrifice consummated on the cross but not a propitiatory one; or that it profits him only who receives, and ought not to be offered for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on the Sacrifice of the Mass, Canon 3).

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION, CANONS ON THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: "If anyone says that it is a deception to celebrate masses in honor of the saints and in order to obtain their intercession with God, as the Church intends, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on the Sacrifice of the Mass, Canon 5).

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION, CANONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF ORDER: "If anyone says that there is not in the New Testament a visible and external priesthood, or that there is no power of consecrating and offering the true body and blood of the Lord and of forgiving and retaining sins, but only the office and bare ministry of preaching the Gospel; or that those who do not preach are not priests at all, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on the Sacrifice of the Mass, Canon 1).

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION, CANONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF ORDER: "If anyone says that the bishops who are chosen by the authority of the Roman pontiff are not true and legitimate bishops, but merely human deception, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Canons on the Sacrifice of the Mass, Canon 8).

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION, DECREE ON PURGATORY: "Since the Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Ghost, has, following the sacred writings and the ancient tradition of the Fathers, taught in sacred councils and very recently in this ecumenical council that there is a purgatory, and that the souls there detained are aided by the suffrages of the faithful and chiefly by the acceptable sacrifice of the altar, the holy council commands the bishops that they strive diligently to the end that the sound doctrine of purgatory, transmitted by the Fathers and sacred councils, be believed and maintained by the faithful of Christ, and be everywhere taught and preached."

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION, ON THE INVOCATION, VENERATION, AND RELICS OF SAINTS, AND ON SACRED IMAGES: "The holy council commands all bishops and others who hold the office of teaching and have charge of the cura animarum, that in accordance with the usage of the Catholic and Apostolic Church, received from the primitive times of the Christian religion, and with the unanimous teaching of the holy Fathers and the decrees of sacred councils, they above all instruct the faithful diligently in matters relating to intercession and invocation of the saints, the veneration of relics, an

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d the legitimate use of images, teaching them that the saints who reign together with Christ offer up their prayers to God for men, that it is good and beneficial suppliantly to invoke them and to have recourse to their prayers, assistance and support in order to obtain favors from God through His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone is our redeemer and savior; and that they think impiously who deny that the saints who enjoy eternal happiness in heaven are to be invoked, or who assert that they do not pray for men, or that our invocation of them to pray for each of us individually is idolatry, or that it is opposed to the word of God and inconsistent with the honor of the one mediator of God and men, Jesus Christ, or that it is foolish to pray vocally or mentally to those who reign in heaven."

**Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/10 13:29**

Much of Catholic doctrine is wrong, but I do see that many have faith in Jesus.

In my opinion, we will not see as many Protestants as we think we will in heaven and a whole lot more Catholics than we thought we would see.

**Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/10 13:32**

Thanks Krispy, it is good to remember what exactly the Catholics 'believe'.

**Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/10 13:33**

...but I do not believe that all Catholics will go to hell.

**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 13:42**

While I hope you are right, Jay, I have to disagree with your conclusions. If a Catholic faithfully believes in scriptural salvation, then they are not a true Catholic. Sadly, most Catholic believe in Catholic doctrine. Otherwise... they would not be there.

You've been very influenced by the ecumenical movement, I think.

As for me, I will continue to work diligently to bring every Catholic I ever meet to a knowledge of the Jesus of the Bible... and get them saved... and then out of that wretched false religion... just as I do any Mormon I come in contact with.

I just cant, in good conscience, sit back and say nothing while millions are deceived into eternal damnation. (I'm not saying thats what you're doing, Jay! I know better. I'm speaking only for myself here.)

Krispy

**Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2007/5/10 13:48**

Quote:  
-----There is only one salvation. Honest, sincere belief in anything else is honest and sincere error.  
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Amen.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/5/10 14:03**

The RCC has a spirit behind it; all one has to do is walk into any RCC sanctuary and approach the narthex. Look up at the dead, wooden christ festooned to the wall. Look around at the carved figurines and watch people bow before them and cross themselves. Consider the bloody, tyrannical history of the RCC. Ascertain the RCC's current regard for men like Luther and Tyndale, Huss and Wycliffe - they are still counted as heretics. Witness the Knights of Columbus where Catholic men are blindfolded as part of their initiation ceremony.

Use this as a litmus test: Imagine the RCC is new religious movement, founded and organized within the last 50 or so years. All the trappings and trimmings are the same: the elaborate, priestly garb, teachings on purgatory, mariology, transubstantiation, confession booths, forbidding marriage, venial and mortal classifications of sin, the one, true, original "Mother" church assertion, the open condemnation of men like Spurgeon, Wesley, William Tyndale. The audacious claim that we wouldn't have the Bible as we know it had it not been preserved by God through their "Mother Church".

Would we label it a cult? A horrible, lying, wicked cult? If we knew this cult had tried 50 years ago to keep Bibles out of the hands of not only its laymen, but the secular world also?

There are so many things; I was raised RC, confirmed, and my mother was a eucharistic minister. I have just as much right to say what I am saying about the RCC as anyone in these forums, and I speak from years and years of experience. I have sat down with priests and deacons and jostled heated scripture volleys. One priest that I have a personal relationship with is a dear man from Malaysia. Such love the Lord has given me for him! We go out to lunch and talk after Catholic burials. I ask him questions and I listen; he asks me questions and then he listens. I have been blessed to share the gospel with him and he always bows his head and gets silent, his priestly garb forgotten. In the end, I can see that he is perplexed, doubting his own religious system, and he always asks me to pray.

When I am with him, I don't feel like a furious Elijah itching to show up the false priests of Baal; I feel compassion, love, concern, yearning. I want my dear priest friend to come to the glorious knowledge of the truth and be liberated from religious bondage. Surely, this is the spirit God imparts when we honestly come in contact with such people. They are not villains; they are blinded by a villain. I know from experience that when a RC adherent gets genuinely born-again, well, they tend to leave the system. They may tag along for a few months and continue going to mass, but the spell is at last broken, the chains fall off.

But I do not claim to have grasped anything save salvation through faith in Christ alone. Perhaps there is a way God *can* keep certain saved brothers and sisters in the RCC system, though it defies my pathetic, earthly logic! Ah, then again, God has an interesting track record of operating in the realm of *il*logic and humbling my intellect.

Just take a look at Savonarola or Martin Boos at Galneukirchen!

Brother Paul

**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 14:19**

KrispyKrittr said

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Harsh, dude! How do you know he's been influenced? Maybe he's a Calvinist and believes the elect are saved no matter what denomination they belong to -just so long as they have access to a Bible (Oh, and the Will of God to save them, of course).

Btw, the Catholics are right about one thing the Evangelicals constantly miss: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone...as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (JAS 2:17-26)

Hehe, Krispy - always makin' friends...

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**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 14:33**

Of course, the Catholic Church is basically a cult

Of course, many of its doctrines are wrong

Of course, a Catholic who gets truly born again should "come out".

Probably that, as Krispy says, makes them not proper Catholics.

But I have known Catholics who were truly born again yet could not seem to get to the point of coming out.

Historically, has anyone read a biography of Madame Guyon for example? Apparently she had a true experience of God and found to her surprise that she couldn't pray to Mary or the saints any more. And the priest got cross with her because in the confessional she only had petty sins to confess. The Lord had cleansed her heart and made her a new creation.

Yet she remained, at least in theory, a Catholic all her life!

I don't know why, but there is is!

When one has been steeped in a religion that is nominally Christian it's sometimes hard to get clarity on its errors. Not everyone gets "clean and clear" when they come to the Lord.

There are elements of "cultism" in all denominations. Let us look to our own spirits!

I spoke in another thread of a friend who said, after I'd come out of the Presbyterian Church, that I still had my "Presbyterian corset"... "in the back of the wardrobe"! Man's traditions can keep us from having true freedom in Christ, whatever denomination we belong to (or even if we claim to belong to none, as I do).

It just happens that the RCC is probably the most ancient, strongest, and one of the most astray of these man-made traditions.

Hebrews 12:1 says: "Let us lay aside every weight...", as well as sin. Both are entanglements that weigh us down.

And, as Paul said, (Paul West, not the apostle!) the RCC has a spirit behind it. Even someone who is truly born again in that tradition doesn't always have the light or the will to let the Lord free him.

Blessings

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/10 14:37**

Krispy, I understand your concerns. You and I are very alike on this topic. I was appalled when I first got into reading church history and the terrible injustices done by Catholics in the name of Christ.

I am not Catholic, I do not want to be Catholic, I know that their concept of Mary is very dangerous, the Eucharist is abominable and God will judge their false teaching in the end.

I also lean towards the historicist viewpoint and see the office of pope as the fulfillment of antichrist/man of sin spoken of in the bible.

Having said all that. I cannot in good faith pronounce that all Catholics are doomed. Hear me out, I believe that apart from Christ there is no salvation, salvation is by grace through faith, not of works so that no man may boast. I believe that Jews are going to hell without Christ, Muslims are going to hell without Christ, Hindu's are going to hell without Christ, C

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atholics are going to hell without Christ and Protestants are going to hell without Christ.

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**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 14:44**

Quote:

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Not really... I like Jay. Notice I ended my sentence about him being influenced by the ecumenical movement with "I think". That implies that it's my impression, and I dont know that for sure.

:-)

Krispy

**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 14:49**

Quote:

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Notice that is not really what I am saying either. There are those in the Catholic Church who have put their faith in Christ alone. They are "Catholic" by name alone.

My point tho is they can not believe and trust in Catholic doctrine *and* be saved at the same time. They are not compatible.

Whether they come out or not is another question. As I said on another thread, if a Muslim gets saved he can not go on practicing Islam, right? Or a Mormon Mormonism. We expect them to come out. No, wait... scripture commands them to come out.

I think we should as well exhort saved "catholics" to come out of the RCC as well. If they dont they are in disobedience, just as we would be if we didnt come out of whatever it was we were messed up in. At that point, it's between them and God.

Krispy

**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 14:51**

A lot of folks on here probably think I bash Catholics. Not so... it might interest everyone to know that our next door neighbors are very very close friends of ours... and they are Catholic. Hard core mass 3 times a week Catholics.

I love Catholics... which is why I feel so strongly about this issue. If I didnt love Catholics I wouldnt give a rip.

Krispy

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**Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/10 15:02**

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**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 15:05**

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Krispy  
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I go to a Catholic lady in the course of work. Her sister who looks after her is so earnest in her beliefs, and keeps talking about the church and so on. It's heartbreaking to see someone so bound to man's traditions, without any idea of what it means to truly know God.

Yet if I say only a little bit that doesn't tie in with what the priest has said, there is an instant negative reaction. Even if it isn't anything against any doctrine of Catholicism!

Truly a spiritual stronghold.

That's the main reason why I wouldn't come too hard against born again Catholics who don't come out. The power of this demonic stronghold is so great that not everyone has the courage to face opposing it.

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood..."

Prayer, and spiritual warfare needed to break this terrible chain binding a soul.

And not every Catholic wants to be set free.

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2007/5/10 15:14**

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**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 15:17**

Quote:  
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Well, you didnt "convince" me of anything on this issue... dont think you should get your hopes up about me becoming "reformed" or abandoning the KJV. :-)

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Seriously tho, I want to be teachable, and that means if clear evidence was before me concerning **any** topic, I want to be ready to change my theology accordingly.

I did that when I studied the Bible version issue. I started out wanting to prove there was nothing wrong with the NIV... ended up dumping it for a version I thought I would never be able to understand.

Krispy

**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 15:19**

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Should any of us be spending time on this forum?

Since we're faced with Catholicism daily, there is nothing wrong with discussing it and learning about it.

Your question sounds spiritual, and I know you mean well, but yea... we should be talking about this.

And I throw stones at every false religion... but not until I throw them at myself first.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by Jesuit\_Agent, on: 2007/5/10 15:35**

KrispyKrittr said

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Krispy  
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Veeeeerrrrryyyy goooooood Mr. Krittr. Now that we have this on record, one of our inquisition agents will contact you shortly.

He will ask, "Wonderful day.... are you a friend of Calvin's or Armin's?"

You will answer, "I speak Latin, not Greek."

I have not said this. I am not here.

**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 16:04**

Uhm... I dont normally recommend the Comedy Channel to people, but in your case I think you should probably watch it to help develop your skills...

Krispy

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**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 16:06**

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Well, I thought it was funny... hehe...

**Re: - posted by tj servant (), on: 2007/5/10 16:16**

Quote:  
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Amen Brother!

**Re: - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/5/10 16:26**

Quote:  
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JaySaved wrote:

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Site, please, Jay, or how can we even take a look? And what is the ESV, and where do I find it?

Blessings,

Forrest

**Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/10 16:48**

The ESV is the English Standard Version of the Bible

<http://www.gnpcb.org/esv/>

It is also on biblegateway.com and crosswalk.com

I enjoy it.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/5/10 16:53**

John 1:11-13 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Who are we to say what God has done with anybody.

Be they Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, or Jew.

In Christ Jesus, none of these or any other make a difference to God. "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

"Even to those that believe on His name."

Romans 9:22-24 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Or: "not to the Catholic only, but also the Baptists."

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Col 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond free: but Christ all, and in all.

Ro 9:23

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Or: "not of the Catholic or Baptist, etc."

;my own addition: but all He hath called.

Those that are called in Christ Jesus are Christians, what ever or who ever they may be when called. Matthew 16:15-17 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 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.

Catholic Christians? Yes, but they are no longer Catholic, even though they go to a Catholic Church. They are Christ Ones, Christians, "whom they were first called Christian in Antioch." Whom were Jew and Gentile.

In Christ: Phillip

I go to a Baptist Church, but I am not a Baptist, I am a Christ Person, with His last Name as all Brides have the last name of their Husband. Much more than just a Bride, but a son of God, and a member the only Begotten Son of His Body and His Bride the Church.

"Christ in you the Hope of Glory"

Question for all????? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, and He has saved you from death, hell and damnation, unto eternal life in Him?

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It would be great if that were true. However it is not. One who believes in Catholic teachings for their salvation is a lost soul. They will awaken in hell one day unless Christians warn them, and they heed the warning.

Jesus was not nearly as accepting as some think He was... after all, it was Him who said "no man comes to the Father except thru me..."

This would include trying to come to the Father thru the teachings and sacraments of the Catholic Church.

To say being a Catholic makes no difference tells me you really have no idea what the RCC teaches.

Krispy

**Re: Do all Catholics go to Hell? - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/5/10 17:48**

Quote:

iansmith wrote:

My family has a deep heritage in the Catholic Church, including at least one Catholic Saint and many people devoted to the church and to Jesus....Now I know on this forum there is an anti-Catholic bias that is painful for me to even deal with... I chose to leave the Catholic Church because I knew that many of the teachings contradicted what the bible said... but I also know of many people who remain in the Catholic Church while maintaining a personal relationship with Jesus.

From another who has family ties to Catholicism (Both grandmothers and my mother, married to Presbyterians) there is a culture issue here that many outside the Catholic Church don't see.

Yes, there is great danger to the souls of all those who follow the straight Catholic line. After all, the RCC changed the Ten commandments, allows worship of idols, and declared Mary to be equal to Jesus, and may have meant, equal to God when they proclaimed Mary the 'Queen of Heaven'.

Well, Mary, a good Jewish girl, would be appalled at the idea. The highest honor was hers, to be the physical human mother of the Messiah.

But when you are raised in a cult, even if you read the Bible (which is generally discouraged in the RCC), you have a lot of trouble breaking free. Yet, reading the Bible, and finding out the truth about Jesus, about all the rules of God that the RCC breaks routinely, from calling a brother Christian Father, to venerating and praying to designated saints do not take away the power of your family ties to that cult over you. And then, to place the Pope above Christ, and any Priest also, to forgive sins? That's blasphemy. But how do you undo a lifetime's teaching?

You can, however, stay in the RCC, and shine your light about Jesus, walking out the Fruits of the Spirit, and do a great service to the cult members, which are only a hair's breadth away from the truth. Yes, it's hard to be a born again, charismatic Christian, and stay in the RCC. I think it's dangerous to the soul, to lend credence to a cult, which, the RCC is, more's the pity.

My Mom left the church because she couldn't handle it. Then she lived in fear and guilt all her life, and copying the methods of the RCC, became a controlling, manipulative person, paranoid, narcissistic, all qualities that I have recognized in the RCC proper, the Curia, for I have studied this religion that I have never followed.

I've been to Mass with friends at Christmas, I've taken communion there, and to me, Jesus was there. But Jesus is in me, so He was there. And my friends were Born Again Catholics, with one foot in each camp, unable to break the occasional habit of going at Midnight Mass, because it held wonderful memories for them.

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I place the blame on those who inculcate the beliefs that keep Catholics imprisoned in their minds to a culture they can't break free from without disowning their family. The teachers of the RCC, such as the Jesuits, subtly discourage reading the Bible, and without the Holy Spirit, how can a Catholic even understand what the RCC says is wrong? And God will hold the teachers to blame more than the followers, who have been brainwashed from birth.

And though I know separation from any cult is necessary for the safety of the soul, instead of even one condemning thought, let us pray that many will be set free before the RCC becomes the agent of the Anti-Christ in full, instead of in part as is now.

Blessings,

Forrest

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What "christian" emissaries will "we" send to the apostate catholic church? The traditionalists or the evangelicals? The Calvinists or the Armenians? The charasmatics or the cessationists? The Pre-tribs, mid-tribs, post-tribs, or amillennialists?

Who has the right understanding of scripture?

"Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not." (ISAIAH 66:3-4)

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not." (MATT 24:23-26)

"... ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." (JUDE:3-4)

"...let God be true, but every man a liar..." (ROM 3:4)

**Re: - posted by ChristinYOU (), on: 2007/5/10 20:41**

Quote:

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Only One, God the Father conveyed by the Holy Spirit through the Life of Christ in the believer.

I know many X Catholic's who have embraced Christ and no longer attend the apostate Catholic organized religious man operated Church, which is not the Body of Christ His Church. I also know many who are in the Catholic Religion and are evangelizing Catholics with the good news of "Christ in them the Hope of Glory".

1Cr 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

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Phl 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

Phl 1:16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

Most of all even in this apostasy, Jesus Christ is preached. How many of us go to the Catholics and give them the truth of the Gospel of Paul instead of standing back and throwing rocks and condemning them to Hell.

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Who is the supply of the believers in Christ? It is not the Catholic or any other organized religion, it's by the "supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ".

Let us praise God for the Catholic Church, for even in their apostasy Jesus Christ is Glorified by God through the Holy Spirit of bringing forth out of religion true believers, which He has been doing for a long time, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile.

Let us be ready when they come. We have the truth of "Christ in you the Hope of Glory" and it needs to be given to them that are without that God has sent to within the Body of Christ His Church.

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**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/5/10 22:03**

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I know many ex-Catholics who became believers while still attending the Roman Catholic Church. Quite a few of them continued to attend the Church for a while -- until prayer and study (over time) allowed them to comprehend the heresy of the Church. More times than not, they simply "figured out" that much of the customs and practices are extra-Biblical. This made them feel uncomfortable, and led them on a search for truth. Of course, this ultimately led them OUT of the Roman Church.

The initial question is puzzling:  
*Do all Catholics go to Hell?*

The answer is quite simple:  
**ALL PEOPLE GO TO HELL** -- except those who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

This includes Catholics, athiests, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses -- but also Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, etc... A person with a relationship with Christ will eventually realize and discern between the truth and error within the faith. I am not talking about debated doctrines (eternal security, tongues, the rapture, hair coverings, etc...), but the undeniable truths of the Body of Christ (repentance, faith, charity, baptism, etc... as is included in Hebrews 6:1-2).

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Amen and Amen!!! If I can talk about Jesus to anyone, regardless of their titular denomination, and we can agree on the really crucial doctrines that put us in Jesus and Jesus in us, I refuse to make my dislike of their personal religious culture a barrier between us.

Yes, I know that often a simple word like grace or faith can be seen differently, but until I ask and discuss the basic salvation issues, Jesus as the Son of God, fully divine, fully human, begotten of Mary by the Holy Spirit, and my only means of redemption and salvation, how can I even tell? The label means nothing to me, except to be careful in making sure we are talking the same language.

I will respect their culture, having none of my own, and even enjoy it in their presence, knowing that their light and mine shine just as brightly to God.

And if their culture keeps them ensnared, I know whom to talk to about it - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

Forrest

**Re: Do all Catholics go to Hell? - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/5/10 23:37**

Quote:

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Think that may be just a perception brother, it does come up and a search through the forum archives would show a variety of discussions.

I think it is painful as well at times in manner over ... mandate, or perhaps both. It is one thing to 'know' what is taught by the construct that places everyone Catholic into its fold, but I have made mention of this here before, I do not believe even the vast majority know just exactly what the Church construct actually holds to.

I didn't realize it until far down the road, well after being raised and brought up in this environment.

It really is a manifold subject and problem. One of the things I have picked up along the way is that to many a Catholic they would prefer to hold on to what is now an age old tradition that (needs it's own defining, but here I mean ... longevity) 'we' as the 'other' persuasion have failed to convince them of being any better or having a better corner on the truth. Why? Because we are so diminished and divided amongst 'our' many denomination\abominations they would gladly 'take it for granted' and hold to what is now historical, 'traditional', why should they take our word for it? With so much confusion out there in Christendom it is not that difficult to see why there is a preference to hear it from the Pope, as a solitary, lone 'voice' than to the thousands of conflicting sentiments, arguments, strife and contention that we show forth as the alter native. That doesn't make anything 'right', just factual, if my facts hold any weight.

The great problem with all this is to again *assume* too much here, usually the cry will come forth that this necessitates an agreement or a compromise or similar sentiments. That doesn't have to be nor would I hold to it either. There is far too much that doesn't add up and is just flatly against scripture.

At the same time it is very, very difficult to start pronouncing sentence or even frame the question in such a fashion .... perhaps I might get off track here. To the question heading this post ...

No.

To even go back here a couple of posts and read through A.W. Pinks article on ([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id15689&forum34](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id15689&forum34)) Another Gospel would find our own Protestant Churches in a great delusion not any different, perhaps even in worse shape than the Catholic Church. Now saying this much also brings in the 'tit-for-tat' ideal that can be yet another assumption, it seemingly attempts to 'even the score' by way of comparison. Maybe what I want to draw off of it is that faith in the Lord Jesus has to be other than cerebral ascension (I know the majority of us already know this) and that fact is lost on the whole swath of denominations in far too large a great part. It is almost more peculiar that some of the other denominations aren't waylaid as much as the Catholic Church is ... not defending here.

Am hesitating somewhat here and usually do when this subject comes about. It is pretty personal here as well. I love and understand our brother Krispy very much and here it is where I have some problem with particular points that he (you brother, sorry, not talking around you here) would be so adamant about. It is just not that simple to pronounce judgment upon Catholics... I have to get a bit personal here so please bear with me in the right light and understanding. Fortunately I am not emotionally charged in any way and knowing the tendencies of how things often get misconstrued here thought it worth pointing out, negating any assumptions or presumptions. My folks are/were life long Catholics. My father more so I would say in his dedication to what he believes and we haven't really had that many discussions about it ... 60 some odd years of being in this frame, think our sister Forrest touched on this well enough. My mother died just this past February and many a thought up to her death and through her death brought a lot of this matter to the fore. It is part of my testimony that it was my mother who I had found out after my new found life in the Lord that had been praying for me for who knows how long, it was a very striking 'revelation' of sorts, not so much that she was praying, but praying I would ... come back to the 'Church'? Well, it certainly didn't seem so, in fact it appeared to me she was just happy I came 'back' period... This is difficult to unravel adequately. The thing with my folks is they always thought we kids should make up our own minds about matters. And they honored that. At the same time even recent events would have me believe my father would much prefer me to be a Catholic, it's very much unsaid. so here is where the real punch comes in. My mother died as a "Catholic" ... Where is she presently? It is not a drawing question but a truthful asking outloud. I did ask it, wonder of it ... of course. In prayer up to and throughout her illness. Life doesn't always dish out things according to schedule, the Lord doesn't rather ... By the time there was any indication that she didn't have much time left here on this earth things picked up a very quick pace. Anything from 9 months to speculations of through the spring, before we knew it she had descended quite rapidly. All that to just say ... The same way she prayed me back to the Lord I prayed her into His hands, that the Lord Jesus Himself would save her (if there was any doubt) all of His own doing, just as He tracked me down on His own (not without seeds planted along the way). It wasn't a church, a preacher or even a 'witness' that brought me to my ultimate knees but He Himself. I have no doubt whatsoever He honored my request and saved my dear Ma whatever all the theological constructs and they are important! Somehow I wish to convey something far deeper and penetrating that is not compromised in any such fashion, is not giving way because of a special case or any such thing. I am speaking of a knowing past even my own understanding and not a wishful thinking to side step a very painful reality. I would have to face it regardless if it were so.

Maybe here I need to step through this a bit more quickly and mention just some random thoughts that have either been recent or mused on for some time. I sat through a 'Rosary Service' for my Ma. It was somewhat painful in a spiritual fashion. Sitting up front felt like a fish out of water and very much like every eye was peering through me. Here my mother is lying a few feet away in an open casket and the voices around me are repeating in repetition the Mother Mary's and it was all I could do to just silently pray both 'Forgive them for they know not what they do' as well as 'Forgive them for vain repetition' amongst other ... sighings and just ... 'Lord Jesus'. Here it began to dawn on me any number of things. I could humble myself and be silent, pray quietly and not feel some impulse to have to set everyone straight. Similar it was in the church itself. They afforded me the opportunity to speak and honor my mother and give the Lord glory, mentioning even the dangers of praying mothers ;-). Bits of my testimony and ... one thing that has taken me quite a long time to process; Things that are caught rather than taught. Whatever the mistaken notions from our perspective one of the most subtle and profound is recalling my father going to 'mass' on all the special occasions, whatever they were as part of the Catholic calendar(?). He never forced or cajoled any of us on these, usually following on some week day, but went alone. That grew on me in latter years as I returned and was truly converted to the Lord. It is the principle of the matter more than anything, the way he handled himself in this seemingly insignificant way, he bore no grudge and said little, it was his conviction. I found the old church I was raised in now setup quite differently than it used to be. Now the chairs are arranged in a circle with a much smaller 'altar' in the center and .... a small baptismal pool of sorts, something it appeared one could kneel in ... perhaps a 'half-dunk'? Even the priest was powerful in his delivery bringing forth scriptures I would never had thought of bringing forth for a funeral. From the handout; Isa 25:6,-7-9. Romans 8:31 35, 37-39 John 14:1-6 and a very good message on Lazarus, recall his point being that Jesus raised him from the dead for our sake as especially poignant in the way he preached it. A couple of my co-workers attended, both who I know not very well at all. One of Iranian descent that by his mere presence brought forth a quiet dignity that was difficult to ... explain away. They invited everyone to the communion and those not partaking they asked to fold their arms for a 'blessing' which he did (What are his beliefs? I do not know, but his manner was humbling). Real wine. If all this doesn't leave some squirming I would be surprised, it's still not all that easy to put it out here and not wonder at the misconceptions. What I did recognize again was that I could hold without wavering to the truths as I know and understand them and still humble myself in this situation, recognize some rather 'unpleasant facts' of those around me, not that they were unpleasant but that they put the question mark into what is too often too easy to come to conclusions about. In the foyer they had poster boards describing the martyrs in foreign countries, explaining the situations, asking for prayer. I will again go and sit next to my father at mass again in days ahead because I love him. So much for the picking up the pace...

Reading through "Tortured for Christ" once again in recent days brought even more difficulties into all this, depending on ones perspective. ([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id16110&forum40&27](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id16110&forum40&27)) Amazing Testimony Of Richard Wurmbbrand (Interview) Had me pick this up once again and read it through to it's conclusion. Would recommend it for all reasons that it was written for, but for this issue here to point out just what he had to say about Bishops and Catholics who had great faith, gifts and even those he felt *unworthy to untie their shoes*. A different perspective to be gained for certain when persecution is at hand, suddenly a whole host of things begin to get down right serious and sincere.

Yesterday brought up ([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id16716&forum48&0](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id16716&forum48&0)) Northern Ireland enters new power-sharing era that apparently just fell off the page as many an item does, but coming from the fiery Ian Paisley ... Again, yet another perspective. Lastly, there are those saints that creep in here almost unaware that are of a Catholic persuasion at various points in that churches history that if they hadn't been marked out as so it would be impossible to attribute their denominational holding to them. There is far too much to consider to ... just not to do it. Perhaps that is all I really want to address.

**Re: - posted by Peteys, on: 2007/5/12 13:50**

Just a few thoughts on the original question. I was thinking about Elijah back in 1Kings 19. He was a prophet to a dead kingdom. Israel had broken off from the other two tribes and were really an illegitimate kingdom, who never had a godly ruler. They had rejected the authority of God (a descendant of David would be upon the throne), and as a nation were utterly corrupt. At a point of discouragement, Elijah, a true prophet, basically tells the Lord that they're totally wicked, and that he is the only one left who really loves Him. The Lord responds to him by saying that there are still seven thousand that do love Him and have not bowed down to Baal.

I'm sure you see the parallels. The Roman Catholic institution is heretical, their doctrine is contradictory to the Word of God. The institution is dead and the leadership (who fully know these doctrines) are not to be excused, just as the Kings of the Northern tribes knew that they were going against the will of God. Likewise, those who follow them are heading toward judgment. As most of you know, Israel headed off into captivity hundreds of years earlier for their rebellion (My people will perish for lack of knowledge).

However, God's prophet was convinced that there was not a faithful person among the entire nation. Then God blew hi

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s mind by telling him that there were seven thousand. Now to be sure seven thousand seems like a large number, but I'm sure that it was a minuscule percentage of the population of the ten tribes. But there were at least some people who were not following the leading of the present king and his godless wife to worship Baal. Likewise there are people today who live within the outwardly perceivable borders of the Catholic Church, but inwardly are not serving the Catholic church, or its leadership, but are serving the Living God.

My answer to the question based on these Scriptures? All inward Catholics, whose devotion is to that institution rather than Jesus, are going to hell. But not all outward Catholics are. The Judge of all the earth shall judge rightly, and He sees the heart and intent of man.

Incidentally, I would never send a baby Christian to the Catholic church to be fed and grow in the faith. They will be fed poison. But I know those who have been saved while in the Catholic faith, and even some who have tried to remain within the visible RCC to be a witness to those in darkness. Rarely do they meet with success...but Jeremiah didn't have a lot either!

love in Jesus

**Re: - posted by lightwalker (), on: 2007/5/16 18:36**

I know what I am going to say will raise some eyebrows, but I do not think having the right doctrines saves anyone. I believe that when that day comes there will be many surprises. Catholics and mormons and jehovah witnessess will be in the kingdom of God and many who held the will be outside. It does not matter what a persons church holds to but what they do with what they know. I have known those who are in what we call cults and they shine with the love of Christ. What matters for salvation is a persons obedience to the revealed word of God. God says it and I believe it. And they turn to God for help in time of need. Holding the doctrines of demons they are the children of God. While others holding the doctrines of the "church" do nothing but outward forms and are the children of the devil. If you love me obey my commands... if we love Him we will seek to do his will, and in so doing will see our utter inability to do so and crying out to God will receive His strength.. in humility and brokenness... and many have and someday we will be shocked to see some that we have condemned enter the kingdom of heaven ahead of us.. I judge them by their fruits and those fruits are not ideas they hold to but the power of a new life..love, joy, peace, patience....