

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Hasn't anybody noticed?****Hasn't anybody noticed? - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/2/20 0:12**

Mark 12:6 . . . he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

Today as we read this passage it seemed to jump out at me that it clearly states that God is sending no one else to awake the people. How do the Jews account for the fact that there have been no more Prophets? Does my question make sense?

Thank you, white stone

**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/2/20 0:32**

The Talmud says there was to be no more Prophets after Malachi.

**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/2/20 11:27**

Thanks for your reply. It gave me more to type in Google for searching. I found this reply to the same question I asked:

Quote:

-----The era of prophets ended after Malachi 2500 years ago. The Talmud relates that the Rabbis of the Anshei Knesset HaGadol, led by Ezra, realised how attracted to idolatry the Jews were due to the easier path it represented. In order to remove the temptation of idolatry, they prayed for the power of idolatry to be removed from the world. However, idolatry was the negative side of prophecy, using a corrupted version to perform miracles in the name of idols- in removing idolatry from the world, prophecy was removed at the same time. As such, no modern day prophet would be believed and we would ignore anyone claiming to be a prophet.

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If you would like the link to that reply it is <http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20101004211851AAUpPkk>

It seems to be a 'made up' type of reasoning which denies the Power of God to control when/if Prophets come and gives the Rabbi's power to stop God from sending Prophets.

Thank God for the Faith in Jesus He has given me!  
white stone

**Re: - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2011/2/20 11:48**

White-stone,

I have heard this from a Jewish believer and I know it does not relate directly to your question but thought to mention it a nyway.

He said that the Jews took Isaiah 53 out of their Holy Script because of the astounding similarities between that passage the the Christian Jesus whom they have crucified but also in whose name they have been persecuted throughout their history.

May God open their eyes.

**Re: , on: 2011/2/20 13:07**

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**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/2/20 13:56**

Quote:  
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Andie72,

Why feel shame for God's plan? Everything is proceeding as He intended. We can testify when he gives us opportunity and spread our 'Light' to those with eyes. Nothing that was done in the past was my doing, I truly have done enough in my life to be ashamed without having to take on burdens I was not intended to carry. Of course this is just my opinion. I pray for all God's people.

white stone

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/2/20 16:02**

white stone,

I think what andie was referring to in this statement,

Quote:  
-----I feel ashamed as a Christian of our history towards the Jewish people  
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is how the Christians since the time of Christ have actively persecuted the Jews. The most recent incident is the Holocaust. Granted, we all know the 'church' was not involved at all, but Hitler did believe he was acting for God when he worked to eliminate them. And you can go further back in history and find 'Christian' nations persecuting Jews, or forcing them to proselytize.

This is a blot of shame that stains church history in that the Jewish people suffered at the hands of carnal Christians. I am not sure if religious Jews are aware that Christians also persecuted other Christians.

What say, Neil?

**Re: , on: 2011/2/20 17:09**

I am quite grieved that people keep saying stuff like this. It is all false. Christians did NOT persecute the Jews nor were they responsible for the Holocaust. True Christians are people who have the Holy Spirit and true Christians would never do such things. It is only the wolves among the sheep who do such things. Just because a person calls him/herself a Christian does not mean he/she is. If I walk into a donut shop and call myself a donut does that mean I am?

The Lord Jesus Christ was Jewish when He walked in bodily form on this earth. So were all His disciples. So what sense would it make to hate Jews?

Why not stop bashing the Bride of Christ for once and start telling about all the Christians who actually HELPED Jews during the Holocaust?

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**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/2/20 17:23**

CyAn said

Quote:  
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Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/2/20 17:29**

Quote:  
-----Does my question make sense?  
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That is amazing, your question not only makes sense, it fits in with what Jesus was saying in His day, "this generation shall not pass until all of these things be fulfilled."

Matthew 21:45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.  
  
It's an eye opener isn't?

**Re: , on: 2011/2/20 17:34**

Quote:  
-----This is a blot of shame that stains church history in that the Jewish people suffered at the hands of carnal Christians.  
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Whoa, lets back up here. The Jews never suffered at the hands of any true born again Christian. These "so called" Christians took on the name only. They were never believers to begin with. That Catholic Church did the harm not us. They are not Christian, we are not Catholic and we would not lay a hand on a Jew or anyone for that matter.

**GinnyRose, on: 2011/2/20 19:05**

Quote:  
-----What say, Neil?  
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Israel has the world's 6th largest nuclear weapons arsenal.  
  
Jews with nukes, it's a new day.  
  
so let the Jew haters bay and bark, scream and shriek. pose and posture, that's all they can do.  
  
Anything more, and "everyone will be salted with fire".

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**Re: GinnyRose, on: 2011/2/21 6:04**

Approved that is an awfully big statement claiming the Catholic church are not Christians. You have pronounced judgement on every Christian in the first 1000 years of Christianity and a large majority of them since that time. I would just like you to reflect on that in light of what Jesus has said about judging others.

Yes I would agree that those who harmed Jewish people were wolves.

..and also I am not yet Catholic but I have decided to seek communion in the Catholic church. At work my Catholic and Protestant colleagues all consider ourselves Christians. Is that not the case here?

**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/2/21 6:39**

Hi andie72,

Quote:

-----You have pronounced judgement on every Christian in the first 1000 years of Christianity

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This is not at all so. There were very many other groups of genuine Christians from the beginning of the Church.

Sadly, the Roman Catholic Church is not known for its monopoly on truth, but rather for resisting truth time and time again; and, apart from its historical use of a language foreign to many of its communicants until the 1960s, also, for actively removing the scriptures from its flock.

I hope you take time to do a great deal more research before finally embracing subjection to Papal governance.

Your Master is Jesus Christ, and by His Spirit He is well able to guide you safely through your life in this world, and keep you through the troubles (tribulations) His people necessarily experience. Your Father is in heaven, and the writer to the Hebrews exhorts

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected , and we gave reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? (ch 12)

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

There are many other pieces of RCC doctrine which are intransigent to scripture, which rather than obey, they change the scripture.

One of these is the notion that when a baby is christened (baptised), it is 'born again'. According to Paul Washer who preaches in Roman Catholic countries, this is one of the most difficult ideas for a Catholic to give up.

And there are many other legalistic strictures, quite apart from the lie that the death of Christ was not sufficient to atone for our sins, which is promulgated through the liturgy of Mass, and false ideas about works, and what happens when we die.

Please be very very careful.

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**Re: Stay away from Tozer and Spurgeon! - posted by lylewise, on: 2011/2/21 9:50**

This site is wonderful in that it has amassed such great recorded truths and wisdoms (sermons) I agree with Alive-to-God and Approved in their understanding of what the Catholic church represents. If you listen to Tozer and read Spurgeon you will not be long before you hear men who speak with incredible conviction of the wrongs and apostasy of the Catholic Church. It may be hard to listen to them as this strong conviction is something we don't hear as often today in this live and let live age of tolerance. Deception runs deep in Catholic roots and they have fallen to religion of the worst kind; that coming from the tradition of men. Is it not curious that we talk of Jews and Catholics and not see the common thread that binds them even though through the centuries the history between the two that has been anything but good. According to religion they hold onto that which makes them more alike than different if you know what I mean.

**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/2/21 10:40**

Dear andie72,

I will pray that you do not get entangled in false worship. Do you not see how Roman Catholics pray to God through the wrong path?? They pray through Mary and all the saints. How could you expect God to hear your prayers if you do not follow His directions, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Light."

Don't allow your eyes to entice you with all the rich trappings of their Mass. It is all worldly show.

I am not saying there are not genuine believers within the Roman Catholic Church but saying they are often trapped there and in danger of losing their very soul.

My, how my question has morphed. Thank you all for your observations and comments.

white stone

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/2/24 19:49**

Quote:  
-----At work my Catholic and Protestant colleagues all consider ourselves Christians.  
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But do they know HIM? and is the power of the resurrection operational in their lives? Does their church impact or facilitate this process? How is their worship? Their obedience?

There are many people who call themselves Christians, even Baptists, Pentecostals, etc who are merely religious which can sound so pious.

Quote:  
-----Is that not the case here?  
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No.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/3/3 17:02**

Hi CyAn,  
Just want to agree with your wolf in sheep's clothing remark, well put, simple but effective, staff

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**Re: , on: 2011/3/3 18:58**

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Mormons and the greater majority of America also consider themselves Christian. Doesn't mean anything if their lives and beliefs do not align with what the Bible says a Christian is.

Also, Christianity as we know it did NOT come out of the Catholic church. God has always preserved a people for himself that have been apart from false worship. The Roman Catholics were not the only church for the first 1000 years, especially since they weren't the church at all. It's just paganism and ritual dressed up in Christian trappings.

If you're a lover of truth;

One: I'd do some research on Catholic doctrine and church history.

Two: I'd think VERY carefully before joining hands with Rome in anything.

Please love Catholic people. Love them so much that you're not scared to tell them the truth, no matter how many ripples it causes.

I have a missionary friend here in Japan who's a converted Catholic. When he told me his testimony, he was very grateful that someone told him the truth, that Jesus Christ atoned for his sins and that he doesn't have to atone in purgatory for his own.

**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/3/3 19:16**

Quote:

-----EverestoSama on 2011/3/3 15:58:42 . . . . The Roman Catholics . . . . just paganism and ritual dressed up in Christian trappings.

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Thank you for your post. Jesus is the only way to God.

white stone

**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/3/4 8:18**

An ecumenical movement is well established here in the UK, and many of this generation's Catholics have adjusted their vocabulary so it sounds biblical.

Some keen ones join 'Lent groups', where all the various denominational churches in a locality (who feel so inclined) meet to Bible study during the weeks before Easter. (I have never been in one of these groups.) The focus is on the points which the denominations have in common.

I should emphasise there are strong divisions across the country, where some Christians would NEVER do anything with a Catholic, and probably some Catholics feel the same way about non-Catholics. Some of this is because of the on-going violence associated with Northern Ireland, and certain football matches (and their (not necessarily church-going) supporters).

Because the Catholic liturgy is now in English, and the Bible (subtly altered) is promoted to Catholics again, it is easy for the Marian worship and prayers to 'saints' to appear insignificant to the outsider, but nevertheless, these are not biblical.

However, very conservative protestants have begun to join the Catholic church (for instance, married Anglican priests for whom a special Papal dispensation has been given), because of their resistance to women in ministry. One lady member of our Parliament joined a few years ago. She was from a staunchly evangelical Protestant background, with a reasonable grasp of theology.

For people coming the other way - that is, deciding to leave the Catholic Church because they now have a meaningful relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, such that they 'see' what is spiritually unsafe about 'Catholicism' - it is astonishing how much pressure the Catholic system can rustle up against them privately, once their decision has come to general light. (I know this from the experience of a friend, who had been very far from God as a Catholic, who then found Christ and started attending a protestant church.)

Over the years, I've come to realise that as long as a person considers themselves 'Catholic' - regardless of their church's behaviour, their own behaviour, or the challenges to their faith from non-Catholics - they will be left in peace (by the Catholic establishment). They can practise any other religion at the same time, as long as their primary allegiance is to Catholicism. I'm not sure if this is to do with money (only), or more that the Catholic church understands the spiritual hold Catholicism lays on its children when they are very young, (including the need to be buried in 'holy ground'), so that while that hold is working there is a lot of freedom.

Of course, this includes the freedom to sin, because there is no message of 'victory over sin' within Catholicism.

Is this part of the appeal of the Catholic church - that 'no-one is perfect'? Perhaps. By this, one's view is constantly being brought back to one's failures, which rings also with Calvinism, rather than Christ's overwhelming success on the cross and its full meaning. This is why we worship HIM (not Mary, who was never divine, and cannot become divine when a Pope declares it).

Recently, a matter of great concern was brought to my attention: that the 'age of consent' is only twelve years of age, in Vatican city, (the independent state with a seat in the UN) - the youngest in Europe. This ought to raise a lot of questions, not the least of which is why the Vatican needs an age of consent at all? For instance, is it about twelve year old employees marrying each other?

Many good things can be said about individual, good-hearted Catholics, who genuinely do their best to apply the teachings of Jesus Christ as well as their church, but sadly, they are living with an understandably high level of fear of man, which is not God's desire.

#### **QUEEN OF HEAVEN?, on: 2011/3/4 8:53**

Alive-to-God; Thank you for your testimonial...It interests me. One thing stood out about your assessment though, that I wanted to address.

Marvel NOT!...that I say unto you that you must be born again!"..Jesus

Throughout the ages, Babylon, the great Harlot system, has been intimidating it adversaries.., and exercising dogmatic allegiance to her wicked tenants..

This Babylon... simply sent her Priests into a small stream outside Rome, and declared them baptized Christians.

All of the demons that had temples in Rome, got a holy day..and the venerable Queen of Heaven, Astarte/Jezebel....got the biggest throne..EASTER.and..the title...THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD and MAN...as she is worshipped and prayed to millions and millions of times each hour, today.

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The worship and prayer to Mary is the worship and prayer to Satanic beings. There must never be any compromise with her. Jesus exhorted, what I would say to these good catholics..."Come out of her MY PEOPLE!"

Every church ever born is made up of souls born again and filled with the holy spirit...or you are not the church. This is not doctrinal, or a belief system...it is born of a Spirit.....from Heaven.

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Applying the teachings of Jesus will not save anybody, nor ever do any true good in the world. Only the Holy Spirit ministering LIFE brings any real good, and they must be born again by Him....or they will die in their sins.

If they are born from above...all the intimidation in Hell will not turn them away from their Savior.

These are the same as Muslims...with many good people in their ranks...I believe that. They must hear the truth, Repent and Believe. I did, you did, and every Christian did...if they are real.

Can they verbally confess that the Honor of the Pope as the VICAR of Christ is no less than honoring Satan himself?...for it is...

and can they verbally renounce the Worship and veneration of Mary as equally wicked and satanic?..It is..

This is a beginning, and an attitude...and to love them as any lost soul that needs Jesus's blood to be cleansed and go to Heaven, A NEW CREATURE!

**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/3/4 12:16**

BrotherTom, I am somewhat comforted by your post, as while I was writing mine, I was very aware there are many protestant churches which fall well short of the New Testament, and non-Catholic 'Christians' who do not have what they believe God's interests to be in mind, as much as many an average Catholic thinks they do.

We've had news items here on SI, and testimony from European Christians posting here, about the introduction of statues of Mary to some protestant churches, and, the possibility of confession being introduced to others. These possibilities both go along with systems which prevent the individual saints from functioning as the New Testament describes. In other words, the silencing of the body of Christ, and interferences with the freedom of individual Christians to live out their faith, brings the true Church into serious bondage.

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I would add that this is just as important in regard to the general world system which puts money (gold) as its main idol (although often this is concealed somehow), as it can be for Christians who find worldly attitudes dominating their church's agenda.

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.



Re: , on: 2011/4/14 15:27

I initially wasn't going to respond to this thread because I recognize that it is a Protestant forum, and although I am more than happy to defend my faith, I have no desire to force it on anyone. It is not for me to refute all things written against the Catholic faith on this site. That is between the person writing and God.

I think though it is valid to address in some way the questions/assumptions people have addressed directly to me in this thread, because I don't want anyone to mistakenly assume my lack of an answer in any way means I am ashamed of becoming a member of the Catholic church ( I will be starting catechism classes soon).

I am just going to give a very brief overview of the process that led me to where I am now, in the hope that it answers in some way answers the above posters.

First of all I have only come to faith over the last year or two and only started attending church fairly recently. I felt no great affiliation with any particular denomination. I was just "a Christian" and went to a church locally briefly before coming to Catholicism.

I read quite widely, including some Catholic authors, but tended mainly towards Protestant books. I did not feel any particular dislike of the Catholic church, more that it seemed quite formal and I had absorbed the teaching that the historic church was corrupted when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman empire. I greatly respected the writing of modern Catholics which I read, but did not feel convicted that there was a true historical church as such.

The thing that initially set me on the path of investigating the historical church was reflecting on the 'oneness' of the trinity and Jesus prayer to the father in John 17 while on holiday (vacation) recently.

'As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one. I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:21-23)

I started looking into the history of the church, the split between the east and west and the reformation.

What was significant to me was that both the Roman Catholic, the Eastern Catholic and the Orthodox Church all recognize Apostolic succession and the 7 sacraments. It was not until the reformation that they started changing church doctrine.

While I recognize there was corruption in the church in Luther's time, particularly in Rome, but it did not invalidate the entire church, or the validity of the sacraments at any time. I accept there was a need for reformation, I do not accept Luther's authority to change church doctrine.

I have investigated the teachings on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the primacy of Peter, Mary and the saints among other things, and accept them. Both Scott Hahn and David Currie have written in detail on these things if anyone is interested, a lot of it based on the early church fathers.

It is my belief that God has authorized human authority through the apostles and their successors and I choose to submit to it. It in no way elevates those given this authority above their creaturely status.

Anyway I hope that has clarified for some of you that I do have valid reasons for my conversion. Please understand I know NOW most if not all of you will disagree with the conclusions I have reached. I am not asking you to agree just explaining why I have decided to convert.

Grace and peace to you all.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/14 17:58**

Amen CyAn, AtG, BroTom and Whitestone.

If you want a great contemporary education on the RCC and some of it's apologists, read below.

Scott is slick, but if you know the Word and are listening to the Holy Ghost, you can spot his errors. Excellent research and "rightly dividing of the Word".

There are many, many schisms in the Catholic Church. They don't have the "unity" that they would like everyone to believe. Besides, unity at the cost of truth, is not a unity that the Lord Jesus supports.

Furthermore, UNIFORMITY is not UNITY.

On bereanbeacon dot org you will find these articles.

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The Desire of Scott Hahn  
The Deception of Scott Hahn  
The Damnation of Scott Hahn  
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A777

**Re: , on: 2011/4/14 20:12**

A777,

Can you please explain what you mean by there being "many schisms among the Catholic church"?

If there is a schism, they are not in the Catholic church. For example the schism between what is now Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches.

There is not uniformity among the Catholic church but there is unity. The Eastern Catholic and some Coptic Christians follow their own liturgy, but are in full communion with the Holy See in Rome.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/14 21:55**

I will rephrase.

There are many divisions WITHIN the RCC.

Having grown up in an RCC family and just reading everyday Catholic newsletters, I know this all too well. It is very public knowledge. Not a secret.

You're joining them, so you will find out. Jesus calls us to join HIM, not a religious organization. Jesus does not endorse the RCC teachings. The catholic Jesus is a different story.

A777

**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/4/14 21:55**

andie,

The unity is within the True Catholic Church, not the Roman Catholic Church.

Please read:

Quote:  
-----The True Church By J.C. Ryle D.D. (1816-1900) Do you belong to the one true Church; to the Church outside of which there is no salvation? I do not ask where you go on Sunday; I only ask, "Do you belong to the one true Church?"

Where is this one true Church? What is this one true Church like? What are the marks by which this one true Church may be known? You may well ask such questions. Give me your attention, and I will provide you with some answers.

The one true Church is composed of all believers in the Lord Jesus. It is made up of all God's elect-of all converted men and women of all true Christians. In whomsoever we can discern the election of God the Father, the sprinkling of the blood of God the Son, the sanctifying work of God the Spirit, in that person we see a member of Christ's true Church.

It is a Church of which all the members have the same marks. They are all born of the Spirit; they all possess "repentance towards God, faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ," and holiness of life and conversation. They all hate sin, and they all love Christ. They worship differently and after various fashions; some worship with a form of prayer, and some with none; some worship kneeling, and some standing; but they all worship with one heart. They are all led by one Spirit; they all build upon one foundation; they all draw their religion from one single Book-that is the Bible. They are all joined to one great center-that is Jesus Christ. They all even now can say with one heart, "Hallelujah"; and they can all respond with one heart and voice, "Amen and Amen."

It is a Church which is dependent upon no ministers upon earth, however much it values those who preach the Gospel to its members. The life of its members does not hang upon church membership, and baptism, and the Lord's Supper-although they highly value these things, when they are to be had. But it has only one great Head one Shepherd, one chief Bishop-and that is Jesus Christ. He alone, by His Spirit, admits the members of this Church, though ministers may show the door. Till He opens the door no man on earth can open it-neither bishops, nor presbyters, nor convocations, nor synods. Once let a man repent and believe the Gospel, and that moment he becomes a member of this Church. Like the penitent thief, he may have no opportunity of being baptized; but he has that which is far better than any water-baptism-the baptism of the Spirit. He may not be able to receive the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper; but he eats Christ's body and drinks Christ's blood by faith every day he lives, and no minister on earth can prevent him. He may be excommunicated by ordained men, and cut off from the outward ordinances of the professing Church; but all the ordained men in the world cannot shut him out of the true Church.

It is a Church whose existence does not depend on forms, ceremonies, cathedrals, churches, chapels, pulpits, fonts, vestments, organs, endowments, money, kings, governments, magistrates, or any act of favor whatsoever from the hand of man. It has often lived on and continued when all these things have been taken from it; it has often been driven into the wilderness or into dens and caves of the earth, by those who ought to have been its friends. Its existence depends on nothing but the presence of Christ and His Spirit; and they being ever with it, the Church cannot die.

This is the Church to which the Scriptural, titles of present honor and privilege, and the promises of future glory, especially belong; this is the body of Christ; this is the flock of Christ; this is the household of faith and the family of God; this is God's building, God's foundation, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. This is the Church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven; this is the royal priesthood, the chosen generation, the peculiar people, the purchased possession, the habitation of God, the light of the world; the salt and the wheat of the earth; this is the "Holy Catholic Church" of the Apostle's Creed; this is the "One Catholic and Apostolic Church" of the Nicene Creed; this is that Church to which the Lord Jesus promises, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18), and to which He says, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt 16:18; 28:20).

This is the only Church which possesses true unity. Its members are entirely agreed on all the weightier matters of religion, for they are all taught by one Spirit. About God, and Christ, and the Spirit, and sin, and their own hearts, and faith, and repentance, and necessity of holiness, and the value of the Bible, and the importance of prayer, and the resurrection, and judgment to come-about all these points they are of one mind. Take three or four of them, strangers to one another, from the remotest corners of the earth; examine them separately on these points; you will find them all of one judgment.

This is the only Church which possesses true sanctity. Its members are all holy. They are not merely holy by profession, holy in name, and holy in the judgment of charity; they are all holy in act, and deed, and reality, and life, and truth. They are all more or less conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. No unholy man belongs to this Church.

This is the only Church which is truly catholic. It is not the Church of any one nation or people; its members are to be found in every part of the world where the Gospel is received and believed. It is not confined within the limits of any one country, or pent-up within the pale of any particular forms or outward government. In it there is no difference between Jew and Greek, black man and white, Episcopalian and Presbyterian-but faith in Christ is all. Its members will be gathered from north, and south, and east, and west, in the last day, and will be of every name and tongue-but all one in Jesus Christ.

This is the only Church which is truly apostolic. It is built on the foundation laid by the Apostles, and holds the doctrines which they preached. The two grand objects at which its members aim are apostolic faith and apostolic practice; and they consider the man who talks of following the Apostles without possessing these two things to be no better than sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

This is the only Church which is certain to endure unto the end. Nothing can altogether overthrow and destroy it. Its members may be persecuted, oppressed,

essed, imprisoned, beaten, beheaded, burned; but the true Church is never altogether extinguished; it rises again from its afflictions; it lives on through fire and water. The Pharaohs, the Herod's, the Nero's, the bloody Mary's, have labored in vain to put down this Church; they slay their thousands, and then pass away and go to their own place. The true Church outlives them all and sees them buried each in his turn. It is an anvil that has broken many a hammer in this world, and will break many a hammer still; it is a bush which, often burning, yet is not consumed.

This is the Church which does the work of Christ upon earth. Its members are a little flock, and few in number, compared with the children of the world; one or two here, and two or three there. But these are they who shake the universe; these are they who change the fortunes of kingdoms by their prayers; these are they who are the active workers for spreading the knowledge of pure religion and undefiled; these are the life-blood of a country, the shield, the defense, the stay and the support of any nation to which they belong.

This is the Church which shall be truly glorious at the end. When all earthly glory is passed away then shall this Church be presented without spot before God the Father's throne. Thrones, principalities, and powers upon earth shall come to nothing; but the Church of the first-born shall shine as the star at the last, and be presented with joy before the Father's throne, in the day of Christ's appearing. When the Lord's jewels are made up, and the manifestation of the sons of God takes place, one Church only will be named, and that is the Church of the elect.

Reader, this is the true Church to which a man must belong, if he would be saved. Till you belong to this, you are nothing better than a lost soul. You may have countless outward privileges; you may enjoy great light, and knowledge-but if you do not belong to the body of Christ, your light, and knowledge, and privileges, will not save your soul. Men fancy if they join this church or that church, and become communicants, and go through certain forms, that all must be right with their souls. All were not Israel who were called Israel, and all are not members of Christ's body who profess themselves Christians. Take notice, you may be a staunch Episcopalian, or Presbyterian, or Independent, or Baptist, or Wesleyan, or Plymouth Brother-and yet not belong to the true Church. And if you do not, it will be better at last if you had never been born.

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You should not want only a "show of faith," with all the pomp and fashion of Roman catholic mass, but to "have Faith" in the cleansing Blood of Jesus. I pray you will reconsider your decision.

white stone

**Re: , on: 2011/4/14 22:10**

Andie, google "Divisions in the Catholic Church" and you will get plenty of links to keep you busy for a long time.

A lot of the information is written by Roman Catholics, themselves.

What you posted about the True Catholic (Universal) church was right on, Whitestone.

A777

Also, goto BereanBeacon.org and click on Church History on the left hand side. Great compilation of RCC Church History and the Persecutions.

**Why True Protestants REJECT the pope!, on: 2011/4/14 23:37**

Ian Paisley speaks:

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=6846>

**Re: Why True Protestants REJECT the pope!, on: 2011/4/14 23:53**

Along with Richard Bennett at bereanbeacon.org, Ian Paisley is another very courageous brother. They are both very encouraging to me.

[ianpaisley.org/answers.asp](http://ianpaisley.org/answers.asp)

**Re: , on: 2011/4/15 1:07**

Yes, those are two very good websites.

When I first moved here to this community, I saw on our bulletin board a Bible Study in the next building in the complex, so I attended. Only the teacher wasn't Catholic and me, though I came from a Catholic family - but when I got saved, the Word of GOD came alive and I saw that their praying to saints & Mary, confession to priests, the mass, the wafer & wine being transfor

med into His Actual Body & blood and everything else that goes beyond what is written is wrong ... so I was surprised to find these ladies all meeting together at first - until they began to complain about the things that they were seeing that are wrong as well.

Just reading His Word alone is opening eyes without either of the two of us having to come against their beliefs outright and it proved even the more to me that His Word doesn't go out void and despite that these ladies have been RCC all of their lives - His Word is alive and well, for those who desire Him and Him alone - He makes it real and breaks the mystique of any religious spirit that has like a drugging affect on folks. Have felt it - been there - done that. Thank GOD He sets the prisoners free, opens eyes and gives us a sound & sober mind so that we can see through the counterfeit experiences and those things that contradict The Word of GOD. He is The Word of GOD - Alleluia!

**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/4/15 6:59**

Dear andie,

Thank you for coming back to share your heart. I value the opportunity to comment again.

I'm not sure which version of the Bible you are using, but I know you read. I have a 1994 New Jerusalem Study Bible where I would like to look for the references to the seven sacraments you mention, if you could show me where they are as you come to them in your catechism classes? I hope you will be open to further discussion. Please would you help me to follow in this?

I know you've done a lot of reading already, and a777 has asked you to more. Really, I just want to encourage you to keep trying to understand what the Reformation was about in regard to giving the scriptures more authority than men who have departed to human tradition.

I hear what you say about apostolic succession, but that falls down when you realise the disciples did not become EFFECTIVE 'apostles' until their day of Pentecost. Everyone needs their own 'day of pentecost', and to receive their own 'sending' by the Lord Himself. Thus, there have been many apostles outside the Catholic church. (Rom 16:7. I see in my NJSB that the reference to other apostles has been removed in favour of a footnote which hides Paul's meaning.)

Anglicans also believe in 'apostolic succession', but really this has become a form of 'church governance' ('apostolate = liturgical function', according to footnote in NJSB). The Bible doesn't mention 'apostolate', or 'liturgical function', but does go into detail as to the qualities of those who THE CONGREGATION may recognise as fit to take on the roles elders and deacons to serve them. First of all, these men must be submitted to God.

The Lord does not invite you to submit to anyone but Himself, because this is where true liberty is found. While there is a biblical requirement for accountability within 'the Church', today, this regularly crosses denominational boundaries, because it is quite difficult to find 'a man of God' in certain churches.

Going back to personal pentecost, the work of the Holy Spirit which Jesus promises in John 14 - 17, is crucial to understanding the importance of the Reformation in respect of biblical doctrine. (John 16:13 - 15)

The term 'pentecost' was originally attached to a harvest thanksgiving, and we can see from Acts 2 how God had foreshadowed His intention to pour out the Holy Spirit on that day, (a Pentecost in a Jubilee year), in the establishment of the seasons for crops, and His command always to bring Him the firstfruits.

The reference within 'pente' to five (fifty days after the Resurrection) is also interesting. The Holy Spirit is called 'the Spirit of grace', and the number five has become associated with 'grace', (or unmerited blessing). You can trace this all through the Bible, and its hinting at spiritual gifts which would come by the Holy Spirit, to grace believers during and after their personal pentecost.

Victory over 'the sin' (see literal translations) is expected, and best explained in Paul's thesis in Romans 5 - 8. No-one can have victory over sin without the gift of the Holy Spirit indwelling their inner life, after first having been cleansed by the spiritual application of Christ's blood. Jesus Christ died to bring freedom from 'the sin', that He might restore in man the image of God.

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He was in full control of His mission, although because He came in the 'likeness' of 'sinful flesh', He lacked physical strength near the end. Establishing the ETERNAL nature of Christ's victory for mankind, Paul said, 'this thing was not done in a corner' (Acts 26:26); 'He triumphed over principalities and powers openly' (Col 2:15) - giving us to believe that we too can practise victory over sin.

It is true this is a battle, but it is fought from the ground of victory. Paul expresses this in Ephesians 6:10 - 20.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/15 13:23**

Atg,

I have read all the articles A777 posted. I don't really like that kind of writing. He mingles criticizing men personally with sarcasm and does not offer a clear argument against catholic doctrine. I haven't yet read the other things posted. As I said I am not going to force my beliefs onto people, they can choose for themselves whether to explore further. I have just suggested those two men because they understand the issues Protestants have with Catholic doctrine being both converts. And they are well respected within the Catholic community for teaching correct doctrine.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/15 13:40**

Andie,

I do see the sarcasm, too. But it is being used just like Paul used it in Galatians. Having come out of the RCC and Jesuit training, I think those articles are very effective and DO indeed show Catholic doctrine quite well in contrast with Bible doctrine. The titles are a bit strong, but the content does back them up.

Of course my opinion is going to differ with yours just because of what I believe and where I am. I came out of the RCC and you are going into it. Karl Keating, Scott Hahn, Patrick Madrid and others are very well respected WITHIN the Catholic Community. You are absolutely right, about that. And, I will even admit that the Catholic apologists have been and are very effective. They are doing a great service for the Vatican. Many are coming "home to ROME" because of their work. That is not disputed in the least. What I would dispute, is on what basis they are coming Home to Rome.

From here on, I am sure we will just pray for each other's eyes to be opened. As far as "forcing" beliefs on one another, the only way I know how that is done, is by the edge of a real sword. So, I don't think we should confuse conversation and debate with FORCE. You have to violate someone's will to force something on them and I have no desire to violate anyone's will.

A777

**further reading for you, andie - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/4/15 13:56**

<http://www.theinvisiblechurch.ca/fundamentally/fund3/fundC21.html>

IS ROMANISM CHRISTIANITY?

By T. W. Medhurst  
Glasgow, Scotland

I appreciate your approach to this subject, in that you are reading. Hope you appreciate this piece.

white stone

**A777, on: 2011/4/15 15:47**

Quote:

-----Ilan Paisley is another very courageous brother.  
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amen! i love Ian, it was some of his early revival sermons that i listened to at first, when this Jew, first apprehended Jesus Messiah, i did not know the differences between catholicism and Protestantism, i just thought it was two separate Gentile "churches". i knew the history of rome and what this institution did to the tribe of my flesh, the Jews, with their inquisitions and forced conversions and their murders.

but then in 2002, i began to read of rome's "theology", mary idolatry, popery and other such non canonical superstitions, the mass, transubstantiation, and was horrified

anyway, here's a great Paisley sermon on revival

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=6723>

"Five Steps to Genuine Revival"

in Jesus' love, neil

**Re: A777, on: 2011/4/15 16:59**

To to clarify I am not going to comment directly on all the articles etc you have posted, or the sacraments question atg. It would simply take too long, and the men I recommended do it more justice. I will of course read and listen to what you have all posted. And it is your choice if you are interested in reading what I have suggested.

David Currie - Born fundamentalist born again catholic

Scott + Kimberly Hahn - Home sweet Rome

What I meant by not forcing my beliefs on anyone, is I'm not going to start posting specific Catholic doctrine, or comment on anti catholic comments others make on here.

God bless you all

**Andie, on: 2011/4/15 17:48**

as i testified, i'm a Jew who follows Jesus, until 2002, i never really knew the theological differences between roman catholicism and what is termed "protestantism", i just assumed they were two loosely similar forms of "Gentile Church's", and when i had my bell rung by God the Holy Ghost and Jesus was revealed to me and in me, i wasn't "raised up" in an anti catholic Church.

i just started reading and listening, and what i heard, absolutely horrified me. i won't go over the whole list, but top of the list is this;

how can the pope even deign to allow anybody to term him as "Our Holy Father"?....or the "Vicar of Christ"? (little christ)

"Our Holy Father"? i mean, doesnt this man FEAR GOD?

i mean personally, if that was me, i'd be shaking in my boots, quaking with witless FEAR, expecting a bolt from Heaven that cleaves me in two for such blasphemy.....

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and what really gives me intense spiritual indigestion, is the "cruciix", to make a physical representation, AN IDOL, of Jesus, and glue Him atop a Cross?

thats madness!! AN IDOL? of Jesus?

or making statues of Mary and praying to her?

throughout both Old and New Testaments, isnt God very clear about the sin of idolatry?...

and i know some of these backslidden mainline denominations are ordaining homosexual ministers, they're lukewarm, dying and will pay for this foolishness, but the catholic church has institutionalized a protected haven for predatory homosexual child molesting "priests" to go roost and practice their foul wickedness, even to the point the catholic church has had to pay out BILLIONS, to silence these innocent victims of rome?....even to the point of cover up, shuffling these hellbonds and monsters from parish to parish?

Did not the Lord Jesus Christ speak of a millstone around the necks of these who stumble the little ones, as they get dropped into the deepest part of the ocean?

thats what i just CANT understand, why anyone would want fellowship with such an evil institution?

me? i would run away from such as fast as i could, right into the Arms of Jesus.

i pray for you beloved, and i dont mean that in any condescending way at all. i mean that in Jesus' love, neil

**Re: Andie - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/4/15 19:05**

Andie,

If you will stay in Paul's epistles, all organized religion will slowly fall away. Just read the first chapters of Gal, Eph, Col and Phill you will see what I am speaking about.

I stayed in Eph 1 for 6 mos and still don't have what God has prepared for me, which is way beyond what I can see or think, It must come by revelation of the Holy Spirit, but I do have a fuller picture of what Paul was appointed by Jesus to give to us to fulfill the Word of God. Which is Christ in you the hope of Glory, Col 1: 27 Stay with Pauls final Gospel which he calls, "my gospel". It will free you from organized religion. Don't be afraid of where God places you, you may be the only life giving witness for Christ in the place where God puts you.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: A777 - posted by staff, on: 2011/4/15 19:18**

Hi Nathan4Jesus,

I realize that Ian Paisley is courageous but as an ex southern ireland catholic I have to say Ian comes out of the whole Northern Ireland problem badly in my opinion. At times he was quite bigotted. Politics got in the way of his ministry. He should have stayed out of politics altogether.

He should have been preaching about the Orange Order another anti christian organisation. So lets be even handed Ian owes southerners an apology and lost the chance to preach and bring revival south of the border by putting unionism before christianity.

As a person I find him quite inspiring and humourous with a great preaching gift no doubt, Yours Staff



**Re: , on: 2011/4/15 19:21**

Yes, I know none of his past. Only that Democrats in America and especially the Kennedy family were influential in revoking his Visa and banned him from the U.S. (He could not be that bad, eh). Not too long ago, he was allowed back in.

But, as far as his past in Ireland, I don't know.

Neil and I are only pointing to the truth that he preaches.

Concentrating on the message and not the messenger.

A777

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/4/15 19:36**

hi anonymous,

His name is mud with Irish Catholics although I think secretly they do have respect for him in recent years for his role in helping bring peace. However for the best part of his ministry while preaching Christ he was also saying home rule is some rule and marching with groups that included the orange order. So he had double standards which has to be pointed out. I have respect for him but still would find it hard to listen to him preach no matter how accurate the message is, Yours Staff

**Re: staff, on: 2011/4/15 19:40**

yeh, i've heard that before, that Ian should have stayed out of politics.

i forgot who said it, but they said and i'm paraphrasing, that Ian's preaching and teaching was so annointed, that he could have been on par with Wesley, but his dalliance in politic's negatively impacted his witness.

and i agree with that. His early sermons?...wow!!!! His later stuff?...not so much

dear brothers of mine, from the UK, Ireland, who came out of rome, dont have a favorable opinion of him, which i believe dovetails with what Jesus said, you cant serve mammon AND God.

...and politics has become a very nasty greedy business, not fit for a dolous of Christ.

ps that sermon below, "Five Steps to Genuine Revival" is really quite edifying,,, quite good, neil

**Re: staff, on: 2011/4/15 19:42**

Quote:

-----His early sermons?...wow!!!!  
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Have any recommendations? I'd like to hear one (of his earlier ones I mean).

**Re: , on: 2011/4/15 19:47**

Hi Andie,

I have read Home Sweet Rome by Scott Hahn and listened to many of his audio talks. I have not read anything by David Currie, though. I prefer "Far from Rome, Near to God" by Richard Bennett. It contains the testimonies of 50 priests that left the RCC. It's a good book if you want to read it.

I get a kick out of all these authors and how they title their books with a play on words using "ROME". There are more such titles. Regardless of who is right or wrong, you just have to chuckle. I thought, "That is a great name for a book", when I first was given Scott Hahn's book. I believe he has had quite a lot of success with his book and his audio and videos. He is a very accomplished Catholic apologist.

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Please don't think if you share some things about your faith and beliefs that you are forcing them on us. I think you should share everything and anything that is on your heart. I won't enter into debate with you at all.

Some people on this forum may not want to hear it but that should not stop you from sharing.

I have noticed myself, when someone just does not want to hear something, they portray you as "forcing" something on them. Pretty ludicrous statement in an online forum, don't you think?

In that book by Richard Bennett, here are the names of those 50 priests. I have several of these books and would be happy to send you one. No forcing whatsoever. :-)

This book contains the moving testimonies of fifty priests who found their way by the grace of God out of the labyrinth of Roman Catholic theology and practice into the light of the gospel of Christ.

From the back cover:

This is not a narrowly polemical work, nor is its relevance limited to the ongoing controversy between Rome and the churches of the Reformation. The love and concern felt by the former priests for those they left behind, and their fervent desire that they too should experience the joy and peace of salvation in Christ are seen throughout. The wider relevance of the experiences described will also be felt in many contexts remote from Roman Catholicism where human pride and presumption have erected rival sources of authority between people and the Word of God, so obscuring the way of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone.

Richard Bennett is the Director of Berean Beacon, based in Portland, Oregon, USA. Martin Buckingham is the Director of The Converted Catholic Mission in Leicester, UK.

Henry Gregory Adams: Christ Alone Is the Way  
Joseph Tremblay: A Priest, but a Stranger to God  
Bartholomew F. Brewer: Pilgrimage from Rome  
Hugh Farrell: From Friar to Freedom in Christ  
Robert V. Julien: Saved by the Free Grace of God  
Alexander Carson: Free Indeed  
Charles Berry: A Priest Asks God for Grace  
Bob Bush: Once a Jesuit, Now a Child of God  
Cipriano Valdes Jaimés: An Irresistible Call  
Dario A. Santamaria: Yesterday, a Priest—Today, a Missionary  
Miguel Carvajal: Why I Left the Monastery  
Anibal Pereira Dos Reis: If I Had Stayed in Roman Catholicism, I Would Not Have Found Jesus  
Arnaldo Uchoa Cavalcante: Grace and Truth Came to Me by Jesus Christ  
Thoufic Khouri: The Gospel of Grace in Jesus Christ  
Victor J. Affonso: Following Jesus Without Compromise  
Simon Kottoor: There is Power in Christ's Atoning Blood  
Jose Borrás: From the Monastery to the Ministry  
Enrique Fernandez: I Discovered the Word of God  
Francisco Lacueva: My 'Damascus Road'  
Juan T. Sanz: 'Thou Knowest That I Love Thee'  
Celso Muniz: The Professor's Methods Did Not Work  
Manuel Garrido Aldama: From Roman Priest to Radio Evangelist  
Jose Manuel de León: Jesus Saved Even Me  
Jose A. Fernandez: I Was Blind, Now I See  
Jose Rico: Life Begins for a Jesuit Priest  
Mark Pena: The Lord Became My Righteousness  
Luis Padrosa: Twenty-Three Years in the Jesuit Order  
Joseph Zacchello: I Could Not Serve Two Masters  
Joseph Lulich: The Word of God Came to My Rescue  
Mariano Rughì: Living Water—Peace with God  
John Zanon: I Found Christ the Only Mediator

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John Preston: From Works to the Light of the Gospel  
Guido Scalzi: My Encounter with God  
Benigno Zuniga: Transformed by Christ  
Bruno Bottesin: I Was Not Antagonistic to the Truth  
Renato di Lorenzo: A Monk for Twenty Years, Then Born Again  
Franco Maggiotto: Saved while Officiating at Mass  
Eduardo Labanchi: I Received Mercy  
Anthony Pezzotta: I Found Everything When I Found Christ  
Salvatore Gargiulo: I Was a Blind Leader of the Blind  
Carlo Fumagalli: From Death to Life  
Gregor Dalliard: Not Ashamed of Christ  
Toon Vanhuysse: The Truth Set Me Free  
Herman Hegger: Light and Life in Christ  
J. M. A. Hendriksen: From Priest to Preacher  
Jacob Van der Velden: God's Grace in New Guinea  
Charles A. Bolton: My Path into Christ's Joy  
Leo Lehmann: The Soul of a Priest  
Vincent O' Shaughnessy: From Dead Religion to New Life in Christ  
Richard Peter Bennett: From Tradition to Truth

God bless you as you continue your journey to Him.

A777

**Everesto, on: 2011/4/15 19:55**

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=6723>

entitled "Five Steps to Genuine Revival"

much love, neil

**Re: , on: 2011/4/16 5:54**

A777,

To be fair I will read the 50 priests book. I am glad you have read one of the books I suggested, at least you are making an informed decision.

When I read the one by David Currie I realized I DO believe in scripture and tradition. If the church fathers through the ages believed in the real presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine, I believe it too. If the church fathers throughout the ages believed that we are born again during baptism and in baptizing infants, I believe it too.

I trust the tradition of the church over the opinion of Luther. I certainly don't share many of his other personal opinions. His view of the Jewish for one.

Addit: I do recognize that Luther did not personally change all the traditions, but his ideas lead to personal interpretation of scriptures, starting with his own personal opinions, and it has continued since then leading to many different denominations.

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**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/4/16 10:29**

Dear andie72,

You seem to be drawn to accepting what 'men' accept and I feel you are missing what Jesus said about the Blind leading the Blind. Follow God's Word not man's traditions or you will end up in a ditch.

Quote:

-----Matthew 15:9-9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.  
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Tradition = doctrines of men

Quote:

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Consider this from 2 Kings, the priests were surly conducting services but not God's services.

Quote:

-----2 Kings 22:8-20

8: And Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9: And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

10: And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11: And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12: And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

13: Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14: So Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

15: And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16: Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18: But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19: Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

20: Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.  
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I looked in Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Bible for this scripture and here is some of what he wrote (hundreds of years ago and it is still valid).

Quote:

-----No summaries, extracts, or collections, out of the Bible (though they may have their use) can be effectual to convey and preserve the knowledge of God and his will like the Bible itself. It was no marvel that the people were so corrupt when the book of the law was such a scarce thing among them; where that vision is not the people perish. Those that endeavoured to debauch them no doubt used all the arts they could to get that book out of their hands. The church of Rome could not keep up the use of images but by forbidding the use of the scripture.  
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I am glad to see you are open minded and are reading what is posted. You are in my prayers,

white stone

Re: , on: 2011/4/16 11:17

Hi Andie,

I have to smile (not laugh) when I read your comment about "informed decision". I was an altar boy in the RCC having to learn and use Latin (60's) when the Mass was said in Latin before Vatican II. I went to Catholic schools, I was taught the Catechism and both parents went to Jesuit schools all the way through University. So, this was not something I "dabbled" in. And please don't think I was offended, not at all. We have to remember that we are writing text back and forth to each other and it takes time to learn about one another. It is also easy to "misunderstand" or "read into", but if we choose to believe "the best" about the person at the other end of our messages, then the conversation should always go well. :-) In other words, we should be able to stay in "peace" while we converse with each other.

Regarding "church fathers", this is my stance from knowing the Lord, His Word and witnessing how men love to use "holymen" as their authorities and not the Word of God. As far as I am concerned the Church Fathers are the 12 Apostles and anyone else in the New Testament such as Timothy, Luke, etc., that the Holy Spirit inspired to write the NT. Beyond that, I am not impressed with what anyone has to say if it contradicts God's Word. I hope you believe the same.

What has happened, in my opinion is that men have nullified or overridden what the Holy Spirit said through the 12 Apostles. These men are now called the "Church Fathers" as if that gives them any extra credibility or authority over what the 12 Apostles originally said and did. And clearly, "Church Fathers" are cited all the time over the Apostles concerning church doctrine, over and over again, on many issues. This is not just done by the Catholic Church.

So, who has the biggest "Church Father", is the game that is played. We have Augustine, we have Luther, we have Aquinas, we have Calvin we have Liguori and on and on it goes, trumping each other like a poker game.

But since you brought it up regarding the "real presence" of Christ in the wafer (Eucharist). Allow me to comment. Scriptures states:

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

These verses along with "church tradition" are used to establish the Doctrine of Transubstantiation where the elements of bread and wine turn into the Real Body and Real Blood of Jesus.

Andie, any major established doctrine in the Bible is usually built on a solid foundation of many verses, many "witnesses" of scripture and not just one verse. The doctrine of Holy Communion of the Catholic Church is one of their most major doctrines and it is taken from John 6, but not all of John 6, just the scriptures that are needed.

Jesus Himself said, in the context of His body and blood, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." But these scriptures are not mentioned or dealt with even though they are part of the context.

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Andie, it is the spirit that quickeneth, His words are spirit and life.

There is no record in the Bible that the last supper bread and wine turned into human flesh and blood. After blessing the elements Jesus referred to the wine, not as His blood, but as "the fruit of the vine." (Matt 26:29, Mark 14:25, Luke 22:18) At Cana, however, the water Jesus changed into wine actually became wine. In First Corinthians 11:26, the bread is always called "bread" and wine is always called the "cup." Therefore, there is no Scriptural basis that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper can be said to become the physical body and blood of Christ. Only Tradition spoken of by "church fathers" supports this MAJOR DOCTRINE.

Most importantly, how can one receive in Communion, HE, who supposedly already indwells one's soul?

1Co 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

So, I trust the Scriptures over the opinion of Luther, Calvin, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas and any other man titled a "Church Father", whether from the Catholic or Protestant camp. I don't negate history, but neither do I go with "history" when it contradicts God's Word.

The doctrine of "transubstantiation" came into being at the same time as "auricular confession". That was 1215 A.D., by the Fourth Lateran Council.

1Co 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

1Co 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

The New Testament came into effect not at the Last Supper, but at the actual shedding of His blood on the Cross. For clearly at the Last Supper, His body was not broken and He was not bleeding. What they did at the Last Supper is what we do today, in REMEMBRANCE of His wonderful sacrifice for us.

We don't have to go to Mass everyday to receive Jesus. He indwells the Believer 24x7.

John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Kind regards,  
A777

**Re: , on: 2011/4/16 15:34**

Hi A777,

Sorry I don't agree with the conclusions you have reached there, but thank you for sharing, we are all entitled to our own opinion. I am just going to post an article which references what I mean about the church fathers and the real presence of Christ in the blessed sacrament.

## THE REAL PRESENCE

The doctrine of the Real Presence asserts that in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus is literally and wholly present—body and blood, soul and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine. Evangelicals and Fundamentalists frequently attack this doctrine as "unbiblical," but the Bible is forthright in declaring it (cf. 1 Cor. 10:16–17, 11:23–29; and, most forcefully, John 6:32–71).

The early Church Fathers interpreted these passages literally. In summarizing the early Fathers' teachings on Christ's Real Presence, renowned Protestant historian of the early Church J. N. D. Kelly, writes: "Eucharistic teaching, it should be understood at the outset, was in general unquestioningly realist, i.e., the consecrated bread and wine were taken to be, and were treated and designated as, the Savior's body and blood" (Early Christian Doctrines, 440).

From the Church's early days, the Fathers referred to Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Kelly writes: "Ignatius roundly declares that . . . the bread is the flesh of Jesus, the cup his blood. Clearly he intends this realism to be taken strictly, for he makes it the basis of his argument against the Docetists' denial of the reality of Christ's body. . . . Irenaeus teaches that the bread and wine are really the Lord's body and blood. His witness is, indeed, all the more impressive because he produces it quite incidentally while refuting the Gnostic and Docetic rejection of the Lord's real humanity" (ibid., 197-98).

"Hippolytus speaks of 'the body and the blood' through which the Church is saved, and Tertullian regularly describes the bread as 'the Lord's body.' The converted pagan, he remarks, 'feeds on the richness of the Lord's body, that is, on the Eucharist.' The realism of his theology comes to light in the argument, based on the intimate relation of body and soul, that just as in baptism the body is washed with water so that the soul may be cleansed, so in the Eucharist 'the flesh feeds upon Christ's body and blood so that the soul may be filled with God.' Clearly his assumption is that the Savior's body and blood are as real as the baptismal water. Cyprian's attitude is similar. Lapsed Christians who claim communion without doing penance, he declares, 'do violence to his body and blood, a sin more heinous against the Lord with their hands and mouths than when they denied him.' Later he expatiates on the terrifying consequences of profaning the sacrament, and the stories he tells confirm that he took the Real Presence literally" (ibid., 211-12).

#### Ignatius of Antioch

"I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the bread of God, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I desire his blood, which is love incorruptible" (Letter to the Romans 7:3).

"Take note of those who hold heterodox opinions on the grace of Jesus Christ which has come to us, and see how contrary their opinions are to the mind of God. . . . They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which that Father, in his goodness, raised up again. They who deny the gift of God are perishing in their disputes" (Letter to the Smyrnaeans 6:2-7:1).

#### Justin Martyr

"We call this food Eucharist, and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration and is thereby living as Christ enjoined. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus" (First Apology 66).

#### Irenaeus

"If the Lord were from other than the Father, how could he rightly take bread, which is of the same creation as our own, and confess it to be his body and affirm that the mixture in the cup is his blood?" (Against Heresies 4:33-32).

"He has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be his own blood, from which he causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation, he has established as his own body, from which he gives increase unto our bodies. When, therefore, the mixed cup and the baked bread receives the Word of God and becomes the Eucharist, the body of Christ, and from these the substance of our flesh is increased and supported, how can they say that the flesh is not capable of receiving the gift of God, which is eternal life—flesh which is nourished by the body and blood of the Lord, and is in fact a member of him?" (ibid., 5:2).

Clement of Alexandria

"Eat my flesh," says, "and drink my blood." The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients, he delivers over his flesh and pours out his blood, and nothing is lacking for the growth of his children" (The Instructor of Children 1:6:43:3).

Tertullian

"here is not a soul that can at all procure salvation, except it believe whilst it is in the flesh, so true is it that the flesh is the very condition on which salvation hinges. And since the soul is, in consequence of its salvation, chosen to the service of God, it is the flesh which actually renders it capable of such service. The flesh, indeed, is washed, in order that the soul may be cleansed . . . the flesh is shadowed with the imposition of hands, that the soul also may be illuminated by the Spirit; the flesh feeds on the body and blood of Christ, that the soul likewise may be filled with God" (The Resurrection of the Dead 8).

Hippolytus

"And she has furnished her table" . . . refers to his honored and undefiled body and blood, which day by day are administered and offered sacrificially at the spiritual divine table, as a memorial of that first and ever-memorable table of the spiritual divine supper" (Fragment from Commentary on Proverbs).

Origen

"Formerly there was baptism in an obscure way . . . now, however, in full view, there is regeneration in water and in the Holy Spirit. Formerly, in an obscure way, there was manna for food; now, however, in full view, there is the true food, the flesh of the Word of God, as he himself says: "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (Homilies on Numbers 7:2).

Cyprian of Carthage

"He threatens, moreover, the stubborn and forward, and denounces them, saying, "Whosoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily, is guilty of the body and blood of the Lord". All these warnings being scorned and contemned— before their sin is expiated, before confession has been made of their crime, before their conscience has been purged by sacrifice and by the hand of the priest, before the offense of an angry and threatening Lord has been appeased, violence is done to his body and blood; and they sin now against their Lord more with their hand and mouth than when they denied their Lord" (The Lapsed 15–16).

Council of Nicaea I

"It has come to the knowledge of the holy and great synod that, in some districts and cities, the deacons administer the



Eucharist to the presbyters , whereas neither canon nor custom permits that they who have no right to offer should give the Body of Christ to them that do offer " (Canon 18 ).

Aphraahat the Persian Sage

"After having spoken thus , the Lord rose up from the place where he had made the Passover and had given his body as food and his blood as drink, and he went with his disciples to the place where he was to be arrested. But he ate of his own body and drank of his own blood, while he was pondering on the dead. With his own hands the Lord presented his own body to be eaten, and before he was crucified he gave his blood as drink" (Treatises 12:6 ).

Cyril of Jerusalem

"The bread and the wine of the Eucharist before the holy invocation of the adorable Trinity were simple bread and wine, but the invocation having been made, the bread becomes the body of Christ and the wine the blood of Christ" (Catechetical Lectures 19:7 ).

"Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the body and blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by the faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the body and blood of Christ. . . . fully convinced that the apparent bread is not bread, even though it is sensible to the taste, but the body of Christ, and that the apparent wine is not wine, even though the taste would have it so, . . . partake of that bread as something spiritual, and put a cheerful face on your soul" (ibid., 22:6, 9).

Ambrose of Milan

"Perhaps you may be saying, 'I see something else; how can you assure me that I am receiving the body of Christ?' It but remains for us to prove it. And how many are the examples we might use! . . . Christ is in that sacrament, because it is the body of Christ" (The Mysteries 9:50, 58 ).

Theodore of Mopsuestia

"When he gave the bread he did not say, 'This is the symbol of my body,' but, 'This is my body.' In the same way, when he gave the cup of his blood he did not say, 'This is the symbol of my blood,' but, 'This is my blood'; for he wanted us to look upon them after their reception of grace and the coming of the Holy Spirit not according to their nature, but receive them as they are, the body and blood of our Lord. We ought . . . not regard them merely as bread and cup, but as the body and blood of the Lord, into which they were transformed by the descent of the Holy Spirit" (Catechetical Homilies 5:1 ).

Augustine

"Christ was carried in his own hands when, referring to his own body, he said, 'This is my body' . For he carried that body in his hands" (Explanations of the Psalms 33:1:10 ).

"I promised you , who have now been baptized, a sermon in which I would explain the sacrament of the Lord's Table. . . That bread which you see on the altar, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the body of Christ. That chalice, or rather, what is in that chalice, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the blood of Christ" (Sermons 227 ).

...

"What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ and the chalice is the blood of Christ. This has been said very briefly, which may perhaps be sufficient for faith; yet faith does not desire instruction" (ibid., 272).

Council of Ephesus

"We will necessarily add this also. Proclaiming the death, according to the flesh, of the only-begotten Son of God, that is Jesus Christ, confessing his resurrection from the dead, and his ascension into heaven, we offer the unbloody sacrifice in the churches, and so go on to the mystical thanksgivings, and are sanctified, having received his holy flesh and the precious blood of Christ the Savior of us all. And not as common flesh do we receive it; God forbid: nor as of a man sanctified and associated with the Word according to the unity of worth, or as having a divine indwelling, but as truly the life-giving and very flesh of the Word himself. For he is the life according to his nature as God, and when he became united to his flesh, he made it also to be life-giving" (Session 1, Letter of Cyril to Nestorius ).

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Bernadeane Carr, STL, Censor Librorum, August 10, 2004

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+Robert H. Brom, Bishop of San Diego, August 10, 2004

**Re: , on: 2011/4/16 16:22**

Andie, to use these ECFs to prove "the act of" transubstantiation is pushing things far beyond what they were ever trying to convey.

During "the mass" the priest says words over the wafer and the wine that aren't even Scriptural and in sort of an incantation type way "turns" the elements "into" The Body and Blood of Christ.

That is not what Jesus was saying at the Last Supper. That anyone else would have 'the power to change these elements INTO His Body & Blood'.

The "bread" is symbolic of HIS WORD - The Bread of Life and the wine, is symbolic of the new covenant bought by His Blood.

They ate together on The Passover. Jesus had already told them earlier in His ministry that they must "eat of His body and drink His blood" and many turned away from Him because they couldn't understand His Words. Canibalism? - some thought.

On Passover, they were to eat the 'whole' lamb.

We're to eat His Whole Word because He 'is' The Word of GOD.

Hippolytus said it very well in your quotes - "as a Memorial".

Also, the rebuke to the Corinthian was broader than just eating the bread "unworthily" but not "considering the Body". His Church is His Body and they were not considering one another, as some were eating too much and drinking too much as others went hungry, Paul wrote.

To eat "The Word of GOD" and remember that it was His blood that gained our right to FULL Salvation - as symbolised

as the lamb's blood over the door in the Passover is how we should see Communion. The same way the Jews celebrate The Passover - we need to see that that is what "supper" they were eating and the symbolism is the same - except that now they were about to see Jesus as The LAMB of GOD.

There was never any mystical words spoken 'over the elements' to change them into what they already represent.

This practice did not even begin until the 13th Century.

This is from Keith Green's work on this topic.

The decrees followed by the dates - All after Constantine permitted Christianity that blended with the pagan practices and religions of Constantine's time in Rome ....

1. Presbyter (or elders) were first called priests by Lucian... 2nd century.
2. Prayers for the dead... AD 300.
3. The VENERATION of angels and dead saints and the use of images... 375.
4. The Mass as a daily celebration was adopted... 394.
5. The beginning of the exaltation of Mary, and the first use of the term "Mother of God" by the Council of Ephesus... 431.
6. Priests began to dress different from the laity and to wear special clothes... 500.
7. Extreme Unction... 526.
8. The doctrine of purgatory was first established by Gregory the Great... 593.
9. Prayers began to be offered to Mary, dead saints, and angels... 600.
10. The first man was proclaimed "Pope" (Boniface III)... 610.
11. Veneration of the cross, images, and relics authorized... 788.
12. Holy water, mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by a priest was authorized in... 850.
13. Veneration of Saint Joseph... 890.
14. College of cardinals begun... 927.
15. Canonization of dead saints, first by Pope John XV... 995.
16. The Mass developed gradually as a sacrifice, attendance was made obligatory in ... 11th century.
17. The celibacy of the priesthood was decreed by Pope Hildebrand, Boniface VII ... 1079.
18. The rosary, or prayer beads copied from Hindus and Mohammedans) was introduced by Peter the Hermit ... 1090.
19. The Inquisition<sup>2</sup> of "Heretics" was instituted by the Council of Verona ... 1184, and was legalized and promoted by the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215.
20. The sale of Indulgences ... 1190.
21. The seven sacraments defined by Peter Lombard ... 12th century.
22. The dogma of transubstantiation was decreed by Pope Innocent III ... 1215.

23. Confession of sins to the priest at least once a year was instituted by Pope Innocent III in the Lateran Council... 1215
24. The adoration of the wafer (host) decreed by Pope Honorius III... 1220.
25. The scapular invented by Simon Stock of England... 1251.
26. The doctrine of purgatory proclaimed a dogma by the Council of Florence... 1439.
27. Tradition is declared of equal authority with the Bible by the Council Trent... 1546.
28. The Apocryphal Books were added to the Bible by the Council of Trent... 1545.
29. The Immaculate Conception of Mary was proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854.
30. Pope Pius IX condemns all scientific discoveries not approved by the Roman Church... 1864.
31. Infallibility of the pope in matters of faith and morals proclaimed by the First Vatican Council... 1870.
32. Pius XI condemned the public schools... 1930.
33. Pius XI reaffirmed the doctrine that Mary is "The Mother of God"... 1931.
34. The dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII... 1950.
35. Mary proclaimed the Mother of the Church by Pope Paul VI... 1965

Excerpt from Keith Green's "The Catholic Chronicles" - <http://www.sohmer.net/media/KG-TCC.pdf>

**Re: Updated, on: 2011/4/16 16:37**

Andie, thanks for the posts.

I can only say that what you provided are just the words of men. You did not provide anything from the Word of God. The verses you provided, I dealt with.

In concluding the context surrounding His body and blood in John 6, Jesus, not wanting us to be confused, says, "It is the Spirit that giveth life, the flesh profiteth nothing".

I will go with what Jesus said because in this instance, Jesus is being contradicted by men and I told you that when men or their traditions contradict the Word, I am bound to go by the Word.

You can surround yourself with many "counselors" and "learned" and "respected" men, as many have done, providing for themselves temporal comfort and security.

On the other hand, even if you are opposed by thousands, you are in good stead if Christ is on your side and He will be with you are with Him.

Many are caught in Catholicism's "Tradition Trap".

More later...

Respectfully,  
A777

**Jesus\_is\_God, Thank you for that post. - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/4/16 16:52**

andie,

While searching for material covering Traditions/the Jewish Church and Jesus I found this site:  
<http://www.thirdelijahmessage.info/JewishTradition.html>

One of the points this fellow makes is right on target with what I wanted to point out.

Quote:  
-----Traditions add a sense of security and belonging when they are practiced with fellow believers. Too many traditions become the focus of religious practice and dilute the practice of religion as God specifies it.  
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You posted a long list of MEN supporting the 'Holy Eucharist,' I do not read the same support in God's Holy Word. Don't you know they will say whatever it takes to 'hook' you. The men you speak with may be sincere and believe what they are telling you, that does not make it correct.

kindly, white stone

**Re: , on: 2011/4/16 16:59**

A777,

I don't understand your no scripture statement. Please look at the first paragraph:

1 Cor 10:16-17  
1 Cor 11:23-29  
John 6:32-71

Yes I understand your statement about the church fathers being mere men. That is my point. I now believe in scripture and apostolic tradition. The rest of the church did too until the reformation.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/16 17:07**

My input on this thread is now over. I hope I have helped someone out there open their eyes, and at least look into things a little more carefully.

God bless you all.

**more on keeping tradition - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/4/16 17:12**

And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.  
Mark 7:9

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**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/4/16 19:12**

hi Nathan,

All been said, he has been anointed by God and is a powerful preacher and I hope God uses him for longer. He reminds me of Billy Graham in ways and I do hope God continues to use him. He could have taken a leaf out of Methodists' book who actually learned Gaelic to preach in parts of Ireland. I think he was influenced by what he thought was going to happen to his country in the future but as it happened that view turned out to be incorrect.

It's so easy to be perfect though isn't it! May God bless him and all on SermonIndex who listen to him,  
Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/4/16 21:58**

Quote:

-----A777,

I don't understand your no scripture statement. Please look at the first paragraph:

1 Cor 10:16-17

1 Cor 11:23-29

John 6:32-71

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Andie, I will respond, just tied up right now.

A777

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/4/17 1:24**

I saw you weren't going to comment any further on this thread which is fine but I do hope you read more of the posts or at least read my post. I have been praying throughout the day about the post I am going to quote you from and I would have commented sooner but my internet was down all day long.

"If the church fathers through the ages believed in the real presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine, I believe it too. If the church fathers throughout the ages believed that we are born again during baptism and in baptizing infants, I believe it too."

The problem with this is IF the church fathers ie Peter, Paul, John and the Apostles held this tradition they would have written it IN the Bible. We have ZERO scriptural backing to either claims and we see Christ spoke symbolically of the Bread and Wine and there was never ONE recording of an infant being baptised in the Word of God.

Traditionally the Bread and Wine wasn't even taken in the fashion we see today but for the Apostles it was a time of remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ and their unity in His death, burial, and Resurrection, they celebrated these things. One a Sunday ie the Lord's Day they would literally have a feast and the Bread and Wine were the central theme of the entire event. What we see even in Protestant churches and Catholic Churches alike is far off from what the New Testament Church actually did historically.

The traditions of Christianity were recorded in the Bible and anything added to is simply man made tradition added to the Word of God.

I highly recommend reading a book called "The Pilgrim Church" by E.H. Broadbent, He spent the greater portion of his life recording and investigating the New Testament Church and the People God preserved from Pentecost to the 1900's. For Broadbent church history was no light thing and he went to great pains to acquire and record the Testimony of the New Testament Church.

Here is a link to an electronic version for free:

<http://gutenberg.net.au/ebooks10/1000351h.html>

Also will say E.H. Broadbent had access to documents that we no longer have available to us. I do hope you read this and will to the very least read the first 2-3 chapters of "The Pilgrim Church" if not the whole thing.

God Bless,  
Matthew

**Re: Christian history towards Jews, on: 2011/4/17 1:40**

Not everything that calls itself "Christian" is a Christian. If I walk into a donut shop and call myself a donut, does that make me a donut? If I buy a badge and gun and call myself a cop does that make me a cop? At NO time did Christians persecute Jews. Some Catholics did, and the Vatican assisted the Nazis in hiding their loot and in hiding Nazi murderers in Brazil, etc but don't go calling them "Christians". When you do that you slander the Bride of Christ, which is an offense to the Lord.

**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/4/17 6:43**

Hi andie,

I had the same thought as Matthew, about reading the Pilgrim Church. It is very readable - not at all starchy - and holds the integrity of one who searched out the real story, and just told it. He wasn't looking to pull anyone down, but rather to exalt the word of God, as capable (without additional teachers), of leading us each into truth, in the same way as we can know the voice of the Shepherd when we hear it. (John 10). That is, until our freedom to follow God has been undermined so consistently, that we no longer know who is speaking to us and find ourselves assuming it must be God because someone else says so. I've been there, and am deeply, deeply saddened to know you are choosing to believe men rather than your Father in heaven, to whom you have access by the Holy Spirit - 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling'(Ephesians 1)

Regarding the on-going discussion about Transubstantiation in this thread, I want to bring to your attention these words from Paul in the KJV.

'For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Wherefore henceforth know we NO MAN after the flesh: yea, THOUGH WE HAVE KNOWN CHRIST AFTER THE FLESH yet NOW henceforth know we NO MORE.

Therefore if any man is in Christ, a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:14 - 17

This declaration by the apostle Paul puts the body of Christ into its present, spiritual perspective, long before the Church of Rome began to resurrect it as a dead body, rather than a live body - which it is - seated in heaven since the Ascension. (Ephesians 1:19 - 23, Ephesians 2:5, 6). You are seated in heaven IN HIM, spiritually. In Him are you alive.

Paul is writing against the context of many forms of idolatry in the Roman empire, all of which have evil spiritual associations. Within these, mankind oft-times recognises the need for a sacrifice, or sacrifices to these gods, frequently involving the death of a creature. Where the creature is human, this is an abomination in God's sight; it is murder; it destroys a life of one made in His image, though fallen, which could never redeem from sin. Priests of baal do actually eat the sacrifice too.

Now we can see why Paul is keen while writing to a congregation of mainly Gentile origin, to make a clear distinction between local abominable practices, and the pureness and rightness of Christ's death as the Lamb of God who REALLY IS ABLE TO TAKE AWAY SIN - sin being a spiritual power which had corrupted the image of God.

Hebrews 10:4 For 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 wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me:'

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In the two verses above, we see that even under the Old Covenant sin was only covered by blood, it was not removed.

Now, we are invited to be cleansed from sin WITHIN by the SPIRITUAL application of Christ's blood to our souls. This is how we maintain a right standing IN FACT with God our Father.

1 John 1:7

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.

The sharing of broken bread and poured out wine is a way which Christians down through the centuries since Christ anticipated His death, can remember Christ's death for them, anticipating His resurrection, (now by implication our own), and by the Spirit of God - for it is He who makes any of this meaningful in our real time experience - be convicted of sin, given grace to repent, and with joy receive forgiveness that we may rejoice meaningfully in our salvation giving real glory to God.

All these are spiritual transactions completed in heavenly places in Christ.

It is not necessary that the bread and wine 'become' the 'flesh' and 'blood' of Christ. Not only is this against what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5 quoted above, it is not true.

If you have read this whole post, andie, thank you, and please, again, I urge you to search the scriptures which are able to make you wise regarding salvation. You know that Erasmus was a Catholic, I'm sure. Well, the best collection of original texts was gathered by him to translate into Latin. The same original texts were translated into English, but this is NOT the version you have in a modern Jerusalem Bible. Be aware.

If you really do find yourself attracted by the ritual side of Christianity, you would do better to find a Messianic synagogue - of which there are many in your neck of the woods - and learn from Jewish Christians. They understand from two thousand years BEFORE CHRIST, how Jesus Christ fulfilled all that their prophets - and angels - had longed to see fulfilled, that God Himself might rejoice in His work of redemption through Christ in the saving of men from His wrath.

**Re: Hasn't anybody noticed?, on: 2011/4/21 18:43**

andie, I also wanted to comment on this which you said on the previous page:

Quote:  
-----I now believe in scripture and apostolic tradition. The rest of the church did too until the reformation.  
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Roman Catholic literature may well propose this view, but it is only a part of the history of the Church.

Unless you research from long before the Reformation, and from non-Catholic sources, you will not find the whole story.

The Reformation was about revelation and understanding of scripture which caused men and women to pull away from Rome, but there had always been a vibrant part of the Church outside Rome's influence all the time, instigated by those who had left Jerusalem after Pentecost, taking the gospel with them.

Not least of these were those who returned to their home countries all over the world, (Acts 2) but many others followed, through trade, or persecution (Jesus had warned them to flee persecution.) A pure form of Christianity was in Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. (These are the places I know about, but I'm sure Christians settled elsewhere in the world, too.)



In John's third epistle v 9, there's an important comment on a man who refused to let the apostle John visit his church. His name was Diotrephes. John says of him, 'who loveth to have the preeminence among them'.

Why does this matter? It goes along with what Jesus said about Pharisees loving the best seats and dressing up to seem important, and is diametrically - or diabolically - opposed to Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Much more could be said about the potential for hierarchy in the church, which in John 13 Jesus redefines for His real disciples.

I am well aware of how comforting it is to join an organisation which seems to have everything worked out, but again, this is not what Christians are exhorted by Peter himself, who said:

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for IF ye do these things, ye shall NEVER fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
2 Peter 1

Even in the 800s in Britain, when the king with the most territory became formally 'Roman Catholic', not all the Christians in England were in agreement with him. You can read about this in Bede's account.

Please remember this verse from Romans 6, and regularly ask yourself if you are still free to submit yourself to the Lord - 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: the Son abideth ever.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father.

Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a

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man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.  
John 8