



CATHOLIC BELIEFS AND DOCTRINES

I want to help people understand what the Catholic church really is. This document will walk through some of the core Catholic beliefs and sacraments. We will test them against Scripture to see if they are true. We will find out if the Catholic church is the true church of Jesus Christ.

DOGMA, SACRAMENTS, STATUES

The church claims they follow Scripture and tradition. Colossians 2:8 says, *“beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”* They don’t follow Christ, they twist Scripture to substantiate their doctrines, and they are founded on the traditions of man instead of the Word of God.

The 7 sacraments of the church are not Biblical and no one in Bible took part in Catholic sacraments. They weren’t adopted until the 3rd century. The Latin word sacer *“holy”* was combined with the Greek word mysterion *“secret rite”*. Secret rites are pagan and are used by fraternal orders. Sacraments were given a *“mysterious significance”* that indicated a spiritual potency. This is mysticism, sorcery. They are signs and symbols of sacred things imparting spiritual benefits to participants. But signs and symbols do NOT impart anything spiritual to us. They are used in witchcraft and we should NOT be using ANYTHING similar to what is used in witchcraft. **They say that these 7 sacraments were instituted by Jesus, but they were not. We don’t see any place in the Bible where the sacraments of Catholicism are used by Jesus:**

AUTHORITY & STRUCTURE

The pope can declare days, people, religious sites, events and so on holy. The pope claims to be supreme, infallible. He is called the Holy Father. 1 Pet 1:17-18 says, *“and if you call on the Father.”* This Father is God, not a man. Matt 23:9 says, *“And call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father which is in heaven.”* John 14:15 says *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.” The 1st commandment is “I am the Lord your God...You shall have no other gods before me.”* The pope is called *“your excellency.”* Mark 10:17 says *“There is none good but one, that is, God.”* So the Catholic church doctrines are contrary to Scripture. The Pope doesn’t have supremacy, he is not infallible. Jesus is our King. The Pope says he is the *“vicar of Christ”*. The title of pope implies his supreme and universal primacy over the church of Christ. He bears in virtue of the commission of Christ and the church claims his *“vicar”* power derived from Christ. But we have no Master but Christ. We submit ourselves to no vicar of God. We don’t bow down before a leader of a sect.

The Catholic church says that the pope has been appointed by Christ to run the church on earth while the King is away. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit as His substitute so that He might abide with us forever in John 14:16. *“The Pope enjoys, by divine institution, supreme, full, immediate and universal power in the care of souls”* Catechism, Par 937. I hope you realize what this means. It means that if the pope tells you to do something, you have to do it. We see this in history. The Catholic church persecuted followers of Christ who didn’t want to bow to the authority of the Catholic church during the dark ages and the Inquisition. Jesus did NOT establish or send the pope to be his vicar, to run the church on earth. **He did not give any man divine institution, supreme, full and universal power in the care of souls.** God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the only ones that have divine, supreme, full and universal power. **A man NEVER has that power. The Bible is clear about this.** Satan’s 2nd lie to Adam and Eve was *“You will be like God.”* The antichrist will have a spirit of being like God. He will set himself up to be God. The pope has set himself up to be Christ, and the Catholic church (men) choose the pope. I don’t believe the pope is the antichrist, but he has the spirit of antichrist. The bishop of Rome claimed to be the vicar of Caesar. The city that had been the seat of power for the Roman Empire became the city for the bishop of Rome to exercise his authority. Why would someone do this? Because they want all authority and power that belongs to Christ alone.

The Pope declares that Christ has given power only to Peter and his successors which they can exercise in any way they want to. The claim that Peter was the 1st pope of the early church is a deception. Peter was not Catholic. The first bishop to be called pope was Gelasius I (492–496), and he was referred to as the *“vicar of Christ.”* This title of pope or *“vicar”* hasn’t existed since Christ. The Catholic church has lied to the world that the first pope was Peter, but this isn’t supported by Scripture. Peter was a disciple of Christ who didn’t want any title of authority. He didn’t see himself as the rock on which the church was founded. He was a humble servant. 1 Peter 2:4-5 says, *“coming to Him as a living stone, **rejected***

*indeed by man, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a **holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*** 1 Pet 5:3 says, *“not as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”*

Peter would have never mixed pagan worship with the worship of God the Father and Christ. He went to the Jews in the dispersion and preached to them. He was a Hebrew, a Jew. The early Catholic bishops were not Jews. They were antisemites, so Peter was not in agreement Catholics or their doctrines. Peter told people to be obedient to God, not man. Peter said, *“Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with **angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.**”* 1 Peter 3:21-22. **According to Peter and Scripture, all authorities on the earth are SUBJECT to JESUS, NOT EQUAL.** So Peter didn't believe man had authority or power equal to God or Jesus. He believed Jesus had supreme power and authority. Peter said, *“For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.”* 1 Peter 4:3. Peter is telling the Gentiles that you have to be born again. He isn't saying you can remain a Gentile. (A Gentile is a pagan. The Catholic church is a Gentile church). So, Peter didn't agree with the theology of the Catholic church which says you can get drunk, live in sensuality and passions and practice idolatry, but if you confess to a priest you will be forgiven. **No, Peter believed you had to live a holy life to be a follower of Jesus.** Peter told the elders, *“Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”* **Peter's ideas of leadership were COMPLETELY DIFFERENT from the Catholic church.** Peter believe you weren't supposed to force someone as a shepherd. He didn't believe ministry was for gain. He didn't believe in dominating people, but humility. He believe that a shepherd should be an example of Jesus to the body of Christ. **This is COMPLETELY OPPOSITE of the Catholic church's views on shepherding and leadership.** They wrote the catechism and force(d) people to perform their sacraments, instead of the commandments of God and Jesus. They have taken money, items, scrolls, artwork and many other things from believers and Jews during the dark ages, Inquisition, and the Nazi persecution of the Jews. They've obtained one of the most vast treasuries of books and manuscripts at the Vatican Library, most of these items were stolen from people who they persecuted or killed. They are not examples of holiness or righteousness. Holiness and righteousness means you obey the commandments of God and follow Jesus. They do neither.

The church belongs to Jesus. It is NOT the Catholic church. It doesn't belong to the Catholic church and it doesn't belong to a pope. The pope is a mortal man who will be judged by Jesus. Pope Frances just died. He made public statements about homosexuality and announced that the Catholic church could bless gay couples or non-married couples living in sexual immorality. He did not believe we have to live moral lives. This means He's not a follower of Jesus, because Jesus taught that we had to obey God's Law. He said, *“If you love Me, keep My commandments”* John 14:15. He also said, *“Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect”* Matthew 5:48.

The Pope is basically the head of the one world church. In February of 2019, Pope Francis signed a global peace covenant called the *“ Document of Human Fraternity for World Peace”* with a Sunni muslim leader. One country has adopted it as a national document, and other countries could follow. This idea is from the United Nations. The U.N. website says, *“ .. we must acknowledge that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity.”* The United Nations doesn't want religions and people believing in Yeshua (Jesus) Christ, they want a human fraternity (I would encourage you to research this) that acknowledges tolerance, mutual respect, equality, freedom, and diversity. So, if you create a one world religion, then you can water down and modify doctrines and theologies. We see what is going on right now in the world. There are rights for homosexuals, transexuals, transvestites, pedophiles, and anyone with any sexual identity confusion, but rights are being taken away for Christians sharing the gospel. One of the key principles of the human fraternity document is *“terrorism is due to incorrect interpretations of religious texts.”* Christians are already being seen as terrorists. Not muslims, not hindus, but Christians. This is going to get much worse. The pope is the religious head of this United Nations-backed fraternal order. This is Satanic. The Catholic church was trying to do the same things just decades after' Jesus' death: create a one world church- but they didn't succeed.

The Bible denounces the pope's authority as unnecessary. We are a holy priesthood. We have a High Priest named Jesus. 1 Peter 2:9 says *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."* A priest was required to be a mediator. Jesus is our High Priest and Mediator. 1 Timothy 2:5 says, *"For there is **one God and mediator** of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that **He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.**"* John 14:6 says *'Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'* We are a royal priesthood and need no one to stand between us and the Father. In Christ, there is a true priesthood of all believers. We have been declared righteous in Christ through His blood and sanctification. Rev 1: 6 says *"and hath made us kings and priest unto God and his Father."*

John Stott says *"Councils have no authority in the church unless it can be shown that their conclusions are in accord with Scripture."* All of the councils of the Catholic church have no authority by this standard because the conclusions of the Catholic church councils are not in accordance with Scripture.

This is taken from the MYSTICI CORPORIS CHRISTI ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PIUS XI ON THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST
"We have seen Our children (God's children) in Christ, in whatever part of the world they happened to be, one in will and affection, lift up their hearts to the common Father (the Pope, but God is the Father), who, carrying in his own heart the cares and anxieties of all (Jesus carried in his own heart the cares and anxieties of all), is guiding the barque (boat) of the Catholic Church in the teeth of a raging tempest. This is a testimony to the wonderful union existing among Christians; but it also proves that, as Our paternal love embraces all peoples, whatever their nationality and race, so Catholics the world over, though their countries may have drawn the sword against each other, look to the Vicar of Jesus Christ (the Pope) as to the loving Father (God is the Father, not man) of them all, who, with absolute impartiality and incorruptible judgment (this is saying the Pope is not liable to perversion or debasement. He cannot be affected by contaminating influences, especially bribery or hope of gain or advancement, incorruptible principles) and incorruptible judge rising above the conflicting gales of human passions, takes upon himself with all his strength the defence of truth, justice and charity."

"They, therefore, walk in the path of dangerous error who believe that they can accept Christ as the Head of the Church, while not adhering loyally to His Vicar on earth. They have taken away the visible head, broken the visible bonds of unity and left the Mystical Body of the Redeemer so obscured and so maimed, that those who are seeking the haven of eternal salvation can neither see it nor find it."

The pope is a mortal man. Only God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the angels and created beings in heaven or not liable to perversion or debasement. Redemption is in Christ. Man sinned, so every man is a sinner. And every man needs Jesus to be saved. Jesus Christ is the only One who knew no sin. The Pope is not without sin, and he is not without the ability to be corrupted. All of mankind is fallen (Psalm 14:2-3). Ecclesiastes 7:20 says *"Indeed, there is NO ONE ON EARTH WHO IS RIGHTEOUS, NO ONE who does what is right and never sins."* **The Pope is saying he is righteous and incorruptible (he never sins!) This is blasphemy!** God has given the authority of judgement to Jesus Christ, the ONLY One who is righteous and incorruptible. John 5:22 *"For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgement to the Son."* John 17:22, *"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead."* The pope said that he rose above the conflicting gales of human passions. No pope ever has. **Jesus is the only person to ever do that, and He was the Son of God, and the Son of Man.**

THE EUCHARIST (THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says *"Recalling these words of Jesus, the Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. . . . For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (Jn 6:51-55). The whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine—the glorified Christ who rose from the dead after dying for our sins. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. In order for the whole Christ to be present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—the bread and wine cannot remain, but must give way so that his*

glorified Body and Blood may be present. Thus, in the Eucharist the bread ceases to be bread in substance, and becomes the Body of Christ, while the wine ceases to be wine in substance, and becomes the Blood of Christ. As St. Thomas Aquinas observed, Christ is not quoted as saying, "This bread is my body," but "This is my body" (Summa Theologiae, III q. 78, a. 5). St. Thomas Aquinas said this. He was an Aristotelian. He believed in mysticism. He observed that Christ said, *"This is my body."* Jesus wasn't saying that it was His actual body. Jesus is the bread of life. John 6:35 says *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whosoever believes in me shall never thirst."* The bread of life isn't physical bread, but the bread of spiritual renewal found in the salvation of the Blood of Jesus. If the bread of life isn't physical bread, why would Jesus's body need to be in the physical bread? It is figurative language. John 6:51 says *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."* Jesus said, *"Do this in remembrance of me."* God provided manna ("the bread") for the Israelites, and Jesus is our bread of life. Manna pointed to Jesus, our salvation. Jesus said *"take, eat; this is my body."* Matthew 26:26. Here, He is explaining His coming crucifixion and the restoration He will provide by His body and blood. He broke His body and spilled His blood on the cross to pay for our sins, making eternal life in heaven. If we eat the bread and it tastes like bread, then it is bread. If we drink the wine/juice and it tastes like wine/juice, then it is wine/juice. **What does God say about eating/drinking blood? God said that eating/drinking blood is an abomination.** Genesis 9:4 says, *"Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood."* Lev 3:17 says *"It is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not eat any fat or any blood."*

In Leviticus 17:10-16, God specifically prohibits the eating of blood. Leviticus 19:26 says *"You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying."* Deuteronomy 12:23 says *"Only be sure not to eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh."* God told Israel this because this is what the pagans did, and He didn't want Israel to be like the nations. Eating blood would defile them. Blood is sacred. **If Jesus' blood makes atonement for our souls, it would be witchcraft to eat His blood. This is disgusting!** The pagans nations drank blood and ate meat with the blood in it. They worshipped demon gods. The Catholic church who adopted pagan traditions think that we become united to Jesus by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. They teach that His body, blood, soul and divinity are present when the sacrament is eaten/drunk.

Colossians 2:8-10 says *"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth ALL THE FULLNESS of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power."* The Church of Colossia had false teachings in the church—they were combining ideas from other philosophies and religions. The philosophy threatening the Colossian Christians was so dangerous because it was obviously sinful and licentious. It sounded good and seemed highly intelligent. This heresy was gnosticism and other philosophies which emphasized special knowledge and denying Christ as God and Savior. Most of the early church fathers were gnostics. They were trying to add to the gospel—people claimed to have special insight to the gospel. They were mystics. If we have Christ, why do we need sacraments? This is what the Catholic church does. No priest, no man. We have a High Priest who is seated on the throne! Christ alone bridges the gap to give us a relationship with God. We are supposed to keep the commandments of God instead of partaking ritual sacraments. As holy priests, we are separated unto God and sanctified unto the divine things. **God is divine, not the church. We need to be separated from the things of this world. The divine nature separates us unto God.**

Romans 12:1 says, *"present your bodies as living sacrifices holy and acceptable to God."* We don't need to present anything else to God except our bodies. Everything we do with our bodies is an act of worship. We don't need other things to worship Him.

This is taken from the MYSTICI CORPORIS CHRISTI ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PIUS XIION THE MISTICAL BODY OF CHRIST ***"Similarly, the Savior of mankind out of His infinite goodness has provided in a wonderful way for His Mystical Body, endowing it with the Sacraments*** (Jesus never endowed the church with sacraments), so that, as though by an uninterrupted series of graces, its members should be sustained from birth to death (Jesus never sustained members of a church from birth to death. We are saved by grace. We have free will to accept Jesus as our Savior and obey Him, or we can choose not to.), ***and that generous provision might be made for the social needs of the Church. Through the waters of Baptism those who are born into this world dead in sin are not only born again and made members of the Church but being stamped with a spiritual seal they become able and fit to receive the other Sacraments*** (Jesus never said that we

were supposed to receive sacraments. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit. Eph 1:13 says “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.”) **By the chrism of Confirmation** (confirmation is for anyone that has been baptized properly—the church says they can and should be confirmed. The church can deny or delay it. It is the way for a Catholic to attain full membership in the church. It requires a sponsor. It is supposed to be the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A man cannot pour out the Holy Spirit on a person, only the Holy Spirit can do that. Confirmation is not in the Bible), **the faithful are given added strength to protect and defend the Church, their Mother** (why do we need to protect and defend the church or Mary? The power of the Holy Spirit is in us. We put our trust in God. We pray for strength. Eph 6:10 says “Finally, receive your power from the Lord and from His mighty strength.” God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit protect and defend the church. They protect the Body of Christ, the believers. This is not in the Bible), **and the faith she has given them** (Mary doesn’t give anyone faith. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit do this). **In the Sacrament of Penance, a saving medicine** (what is the saving medicine? God saves us through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ paid for our sins—past, present, and future) **is offered for the members of the Church who have fallen into sin, not only to provide for their own health, but to remove from other members of the Mystical Body all danger of contagion, or rather to afford them an incentive to virtue, and the example of a virtuous act.** (Penance is when a member of the church confesses sins to a priest and is given absolution. This is not in the Bible. Man cannot absolve us of sin. Only God can do that. Acts 3:19 says “repent, then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” 1 John 1: 9 says “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” Penance is in some religions of Indian origin, including Hinduism. Acts 10: 43-44 says “Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.” Colossians 2:13-14 says that Jesus forgave all our sins. God is the One who forgives sin, and He forgives all our sins. Christ, being God, has the power to do so as well. Isaiah 43:25 says “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” Ephesians 1:7-8 says, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence.” Colossians 1:13-14 says, “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” Acts 3:19 says “Repent, therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.”

What Jesus did with His disciples was celebrate the Passover meal. Jesus would be the Passover Lamb that died the next day and He wanted to teach His disciples that the Passover they were celebrating was all about Him. Catholics instituted their own feasts, removing the Passover and the Feasts of the Lord. The Catholic church changed Passover and replaced it with Easter. They replaced Passover with the Eucharist, taking of the bread and wine. The Catholic church believes and teaches that THE BREAD ACTUALLY BECOMES THE BODY OF JESUS every time communion is “blessed.” They also believe **the wine ACTUALLY becomes His blood** every time it is “blessed.” But if this was the case, the church would be disobeying God’s commandments. And they are, even to suggest it. **Christ’s body isn’t mystical. It is/was real and He is seated on the throne in heaven next to the Father. As He had the last Passover with His disciples,** He said, “Take, eat, this is my body.” He was teaching them that the unleavened bread they were eating represented Him, the only One without sin. And after taking the cup and giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant **which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**” Matthew 26:26–28. He was teaching them that His blood would seal the New Covenant which God promised Israel in Ezekiel 11, 36, and Jeremiah 31. He would fulfill these prophecies and these spring feasts. John says it like this, “When He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’” John 22:19-20.

He didn’t say, “Have this ceremony where you bless my body and it will come to life as you eat it.” **He said to remember Him as we ate it. God doesn’t want to be worshipped through mystic rituals. This is how pagans and Satanists worship.** Was Christ a mystic? No. So why would we remember Him using mysticism? **Just in case you don’t know what mysticism is, it is sorcery. In Deuteronomy 18, God strictly forbids sorcery.** Verse 10 says, “There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who **practices divination** or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a **sorcerer** or a charmer or a **medium** or a **necromancer** or **one who inquires of the dead**, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord.” So, the Catholic church is leading people in abominations.

Hebrews 9:28 says, “So also **Christ was offered once** to bear the sins of many; and **He will appear a second time**, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await Him.” As He hung on the cross, Jesus said, “It is finished.” He paid the price for the atonement of our sins one time. This is an eternal atonement. So if the Bible says His body was offered once and He atoned for sins completely on the cross, why would His body need to come to life for the “Eucharist”? This is a pagan ritual and it’s very Satanic. It’s using alchemy, which is a pagan Satanic belief in magic and it’s being placed in a form of worship that’s unacceptable to God. **The Bible says that Jesus’ body will appear a second time, and it will be for His second coming. It doesn’t continually appear every time a priest does a sacrament!**

This is taken from the MYSTICI CORPORIS CHRISTI ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PIUS XI ON THE MISTICAL BODY OF CHRIST “If we would define and describe this true Church of Jesus Christ - which is the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church [12] - we shall find nothing more noble, more sublime, or more divine than the expression ‘the Mystical Body of Christ’ - an expression which springs from and is, as it were, the fair flowering of the repeated teaching of the Sacred Scriptures and the Holy Fathers.” They are saying the true church of Jesus Christ is the One (capitalized) holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman church. They are also saying that mysticism is noble and is a divine expression of faith. This is a huge lie!!! Jesus didn’t come to establish a religion. He came to die for us and give us eternal life. The people of God/Saints are body of Christ—not a religion. Revelation 12:17 and 14:12 tell us who those people are and what they do/believe.

BAPTISM

Catholics baptize by sprinkling instead of submersion. This was changed at the Council of Ravenna in 1311. In Christian baptism, believers are immersed in water just as John the Baptist and the disciples immersed people, and as Jesus was immersed Himself (Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:11-12). Baptism symbolizes death, burial and resurrection. This means we die to ourselves, we bury the old self, and we are resurrected into new life in Christ, not a religion or denomination. The Catholic church says that when a person is baptized, they become part of the “mystical body of Christ”. There’s nothing mystical about the body of Christ. The body of Christ according to Scripture is the nation of Israel. We are grafted into Israel, God’s set apart, chosen people (Romans 4:16, 11:17-24, Ephesians 2:12,19, Galatians 3:29, Revelation 12:17). Members of the Body of Christ are joined to Christ in salvation (Ephesians 4:15-16). Members of the Body of Christ follow Christ as their Head (not the pope or a church or religion) (Ephesians 1:22-23). We are connected to other followers of Christ spiritually because of our faith in God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit, not through a baptism into the Catholic church. John the Baptist baptized people by submersion. He didn’t baptize anyone into Catholicism. He baptized Jesus. I want to follow what the Bible says, not man. We get baptized because Jesus got baptized, and that means we do it HIS WAY, by immersion. Sprinkling is a man-made tradition.

The Catholics also baptize infants. They claim that the “sacrament” of baptism accomplishes remission of sin, original sin and actual sin. *Nowhere does the Bible say baptism is a sacrament. It is a decision.* The Bible calls us to “repent and be baptized for the remission of sins.” How does an infant repent if it’s never sinned? How does an infant make the decision to be baptized? It’s been born into a sinful world, yes. But the Bible gives us an order for baptism. (1) Repent of your sins, lawlessness, breaking God’s Law, (2) Be baptized and your sins will be forgiven. **This forgiveness doesn’t happen because of a sacrament, it happens because we make a PERSONAL DECISION to give our lives to Jesus and follow Him. An infant can’t make that decision.** Millions of parents have been deceived by the Catholic church and have baptized their infants. The decision is supposed to be made by the person getting baptized. We can’t decide for someone else whether or not they get baptized.

CONFESSION

The Holy Spirit does. Catholic priests believe they can pardon sins. This is a sacrament must do. They are not taught to follow the Bible, but the Catholic church. A man does not intercede for us. Here’s some verses about intercession, confession and repentance in the Bible:

Romans 8:37 says “And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in the accordance with the will of God.**” We don’t need a man to intercede for us. We have the Holy Spirit.

2 Chronicles 7:14 *"If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* God says that the way we confess and repent is to pray to HIM and seek Him and turn (t/shuva—repent). He says if we do those things He will hear from heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land. He doesn't instruct us to pray to men, to repent to men. We are supposed to do that with Him.

In Psalm 32, David tells us who he confessed to. Verse 5 says, *"Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.'* And **You forgave the guilt of my sin.**" We are supposed to confess our sins to the Lord and Him alone.

Acts 3:19 says, ***"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."***

1 John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* In this verse, we can assume that we confess our sins to God. We have confirmation of this in multiple places in the Bible. It says He is faithful. It doesn't say to confess our sins to a man.

The Catholic church teaches that its priests can absolve sins. But this is contrary to Scripture.

SAINTS AND ANGELS

Catholics venerate the archangels Gabriel, Michael and Raphael. invoke St. Michael. They pray to *"Holy Michael the Archangel."* They call him *"Prince of the heavenly host."* They have 44 prayers to angels. To pray to or venerate (give something power) is to worship them.

Colossian 2:18 says, *"Let no one **disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind.**"* So the Bible tells us to ABSOLUTELY NOT worship angels. It says if we do this, we are disqualified from the faith. It comes from a sensuous mind, not a mind built on the Word of God.

Two times in Revelation, the angel that was showing John things that would take place said that He did not want to be worshipped when John fell down at His feet. John says in Revelation 19:10, *"Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus.'" In Revelation 22:9, John fell down to worship at the feet of the angel. But the angel said to him, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."* A true angel of God will no allow himself to be worshipped, but a demonic angel will because Satan wants all of the glory that belongs to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. So, if you are worshipping angels, you are not worshipping the angels of God because they will not accept worship.

Catholics want to venerate people as saints. Even though on Catholic.org, they says *"Only God can make a person a saint"*, they describe the process of becoming a saint. (1) Someone has to sponsor a person to become a saint (this is a person saying *"that person was a good person. I want to see them venerated."*), (2) A formal investigation has to be conducted by the Catholic church, (3) saints are decreed by the church after investigators have collected evidence that the person is in heaven, (4) the person has to be dead 5 years before they can become a saint! **These are all RIDICULOUS!!! How do you determine someone is in heaven? Why does a person have to be dead 5 years?**

They have feast days/days of memorial for these deemed saints. **This is not biblical. God commanded us to keep the Feasts of the Lord.** He commanded us to memorialize His Son and His deliverance, not men. He never commanded us to venerate men or memorialize them. Catholics wear medals/pendants of saints, which are basically talismans/amulets invoking a prayer to the saint. **This is pagan. It is NOT what God commanded us to do. He doesn't want us invoking a person.** He wants us to pray to Him and ask Him for help. He wants to be worshipped. He doesn't want us worshipping men.

MARY AND PRAYING TO MARY

The perpetual virginity of Mary from Catholicism contradicts the Bible. She is called the "*Blessed Virgin*." Matthew 1:25 says "*But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a Son.*" Joseph had sex with Mary after she gave birth to Jesus. Mary was not a virgin once because she had other children after Jesus. The earliest recorded prayer to Mary is the in 3rd or 4th century. The catholic church uses James 5:6 to support praying to Mary. "*therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.*" But nowhere does the Bible tell us to pray to a person. Especially a dead one. In fact, the Bible says that talking to the dead is necromancy. It is an abomination to God. Mary is dead, so she cannot pray for us. The Bible doesn't tell us to pray TO one another. It says confess your sins to one another and pray FOR one another. I confess my sins to God, but I can also confess my sins to a person so that I may be healed. If I sin against you, I would confess my sins against you. We PRAY ONLY TO GOD THE FATHER. We are not supposed to pray to people or statues. The Catholic church says that Mary is "*our mother.*" **She is not. She is Jesus' mother.** They say that Jesus extended her motherhood to all humanity when he was on the cross according to John 19:26-27. "*When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved (John) he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, "Behold thy mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her unto his own home.*" **But is this what that verse says? Jesus didn't tell Mary she would be the mother to all humanity. He asked John to take care of her, and she went to his house!**

What is the queen of heaven? It's important to know the origin of this and where it came from, because then we can see the deception of the Catholic church. According to Wikipedia, "*Queen of Heaven is one of many titles used of Mary.*" What does the Bible say the queen of heaven is?

Jeremiah 16:17-20 says, "*As for you, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you. Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, the fathers kindle fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven. And they pour out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. Is it I whom they provoke? declares the Lord. Is it not themselves, to their own shame? Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, my anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, upon man and beast, upon the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground; it will burn and not be quenched.*" The queen of heaven was a pagan goddess. It refers to Ishtar (or Ashtoreth or Astarte, depending on the culture, but they're all the same goddess). In Jeremiah 44:16-19, God is telling Israel that He will set His face against them for worshipping other gods. The people respond to God's words through Jeremiah by saying, "*As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we will not listen to you. But we will do everything that we have vowed, make offerings to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we did, both we and our fathers, our kings and our officials, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, and prospered, and saw no disaster.*" The people don't recognize that they have everything because of god, not the pagan gods and goddesses they worship, including the queen of heaven. In verse 22, Jeremiah tells them that God is going to bring His judgement on the land: "*The Lord could no longer bear your evil deeds and the abominations that you committed. Therefore your land has become a desolation and a waste and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day.*" God calls worshipping the queen of heaven and evil deed and an abomination. There is no such things as a queen of heaven. There is ONLY a King of Heaven, Yeshua Mashiach, the Jewish Messiah of Israel and God's people and He does not share His rule with His earthly mother who is in the grave. She is awaiting the resurrection. She is not be exalted or prayed to. She is not to be called upon because this is necromancy.

The idea that Mary is the queen of heaven is NOT based in Scripture. It only comes from Catholicism. Can God's church be a church that worships Mary as the queen of heaven? No. This means the Catholic church cannot be the church of God or Jesus. The Catholic church took the worship Ishtar, (or Ashtoreth or Astarte), a pagan goddess and put Mary's face on it, mixing paganism with worship of God. God says He detests this. God's people are supposed to be pure and cleansed from mixture. 1 Peter 2:9 says, "*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*" We are called to be a people who do not walk in darkness, but the light of Christ.

They teach that Mary was assumed into heaven, and that she is honored as Queen in heaven. They teach that the "woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" in Revelation 12:1 is Mary. But this woman is Israel and we know this because of the first prophecy God spoke in Genesis 3:15 to the serpent and Eve. The Catholic church teaches that she is the "new Eve" as Christ is the "new Adam." This is complete heresy. According to EWTN.com, "The solidly theological reasons for her title of Queen are expressed splendidly by Pius XII, in his Radio message to Fatima, Bendito seja (AAS 38. 266): "He, the Son of God, **reflects on His heavenly Mother the glory, the majesty and the dominion of His kingship, for, having been associated to the King of Martyrs in the unspeakable work of human Redemption as Mother and cooperator, she remains forever associated to Him, with a practically unlimited power, in the distribution of the graces which flow from the Redemption. Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular choice [of the Father]. And her kingdom is as vast as that of her Son and God, since nothing is excluded from her dominion.**" He says several things: (1) Mary is Queen, (2) Jesus gave Mary His glory, (3) she was involved in the work of human redemption (in an active way, not passive), (4) she has practically unlimited power, (5) she is queen (6) she has a kingdom, (7) she has dominion! **But the Bible doesn't say this anywhere. This is complete heresy and blasphemy!** According to the National Catholic Register, Mary is the Queen Mother and Queen of Heaven. "The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." (Lumen Gentium 59) The Lumen Gentium is a Vatican document. So, according to the Catholic church, Mary was taken up to heaven and exalted as the queen of heaven. **Where do you find ANY of this in the Bible? John 3:13 says, "No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man (Jesus)." So the Bible says the complete opposite of what the Catholic church doctrine is.**

The Bible says that Jesus reigns on the throne. Jesus said "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:69). **The Bible says that Jesus is seated at the right hand of God. If Mary was seated there, I would think she would be coming back with Jesus.**

Colossians 3:1 "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." **It doesn't say Mary was involved in the redemption of men at all.**

Psalms 11:4 "The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men." It doesn't say Mary was or would be in the holy temple or in heaven.

Daniel 7:9 "I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire."

Hebrews 8:1 "Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens." **It doesn't say Mary is seated in heaven, ONLY JESUS WITH GOD!**

Revelation 5:11-14 "Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: 'To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!' The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped." **It does not say a "her" sits on the throne. It does not say Mary is worthy to receive power or honor or glory. The pagans worshipped a goddess who wanted to be seated on the throne. This goddess was a demon disguised as a woman because the enemy wants you to think goddess worship is acceptable. The verse says God the Father and Jesus are seated on the throne are being worshipped in heaven—men, not women. There is no woman we are called to worship.**

The Catholics say, "Hail Mary!" This is venerating a dead person. They use Luke 1:28 to say that the angel Gabriel said "Hail favored one. The Lord is with you." Hail means greeting. The Greek word for favored one is "charitoo." It means "to

make graceful, charming, lovely, agreeable, to pursue with grace, compass with favor, to honor with blessing, to indue with special honor.” The same word is used in Ephesians 1:6 “to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given to the one He loves.” The angel was NOT paying homage to Mary as Jesus. He was addressing her as favored by God because He gave her the special honor of being the mother of Jesus, but that was a human honor. The angel said, “*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*” But just because the angel addressed her as blessed, that doesn’t mean we hail, honor, or pray to her (the dead) because it’s necromancy. **We’ve already seen that in Deuteronomy 18, God prohibits His people from consulting a “necromancer or one who inquires of the dead” and He certainly didn’t want His people doing these things! Talking to the dead is necromancy. It’s a form of witchcraft.**

This is what the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. considered heresy: “*If anyone does not confess that God is truly Emmanuel, and that on this account the Holy Virgin is the Mother of God (for according to the flesh she gave birth to the Word of God become flesh by birth), let him be anathema.*” Their own doctrine is heresy yet they accuse anyone who disagrees of being a heretic.

Catholics say that this doesn’t contradict the gospel message, but it does. Prayer is to God. Jesus taught us how to pray. He said, “*Our Father.*” He prayed to the Father. The Heavenly Father is who we’re supposed to pray to. We don’t ask someone who is dead (Mary) to pray for us, because that is consulting the dead and it’s necromancy. It’s pagan and you’re not calling on someone in heaven. You’re calling on a demon spirit disguised as the queen of heaven, which is Ishtar (Ashtoreth or Astarte). **The Bible does not tell us to invite Mary into our lives. We invite Jesus God, and the Holy Spirit into our lives.**

Catholics not only pray to Mary, but they call upon Mary to pray for them. They invoke her by the names “*Holy, Virgin, Tower of ivory, Mystical Rose, House of Gold, Ark of the Covenant, Gate of Heaven, Morning Star, Queen of Angels, Queen of Virgins, Queen of the most holy rosary in the Litany of the Virgin Mary.*” Invoking is witchcraft. We should NEVER invoke a dead person.

HOLY WATER

The water that is supposed to be holy is not holy. It is water that has been blessed by Catholic clergy. This is NOT commanded in the Bible. It is a tradition of Catholicism. It is a sacrament, and is meant to protect against evil. However, this is not true. If we have Jesus, He is the authority that protects us from evil. We don’t need water that has been “blessed” by a priest. **This is important to know. This is a pagan ritual.** Other religions like Kikkism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Wicca (witchcraft) ancient Greek religion (this is probably where it came from since the Greeks majorly influenced Roman culture) do the same. In Greek religion, holy water was part of the process distinguishing the sacred from the profane. These religions are pagan false religions. The Catholic church adopted many pagan rituals, and this is one of them.

Holy water of the Catholic church doesn’t have a role in God’s plan of salvation. It is not in the Bible. Jesus is the living water. Jesus says to the woman at the well in Samaria in John 4, “*If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water*” (He was talking about Himself). *He went on, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”* We don’t need to continually have “*holy water*” sprinkled on us. If we have invited Jesus into our lives, we have the living water. These rituals are meaningless. Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit give us grace. We don’t need anything else, we don’t need rituals. We have the real living water. **God never commanded the use of “holy water”.** Jesus didn’t get baptized using “holy water.” He was baptized in the Jordan River. We need to follow Him instead of man.

Catholics try to use Numbers 5:16 to say that holy water is mentioned in the Bible. This verse describes the water that God used to judge a case of marital infidelity. The priests would take water along with some dust of the tabernacle to make a water that the woman would drink. It was actually bitter water, not holy water, that would bring a curse if the woman had committed adultery! If a man thought a wife had been unfaithful, she had to drink the water. If the water turned bitter in her stomach, she had defiled her husband. She would become a curse among the people. If she had not

defiled herself, and was clean, then she would be free. **But this is perverting the Word of God to say that this verse supports their use of “holy water” for ritual worship. The context isn’t the same. Nothing is the same.**

CONFIRMATION

The Bible doesn’t say anything about confirmation. This is a sacrament done by the Catholic church to “*seal the gift of the Holy Spirit.*” The church is supposed to seal the gift of the Holy Spirit? This is NOT in the Bible. Ephesians 1:13 says, “*In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.*” Let’s look at this. A person who is an unbeliever believes in Jesus because they’ve heard the gospel. This is an adult who makes the decision to accept the gift of salvation and surrender their lives to Jesus. That is how the Bible says we are sealed with the Holy Spirit. Paul didn’t do a sacrament or ritual to “seal” them. The Holy Spirit does this Himself.

The Catholic church reference Acts 19, but Paul baptized them in water and then laid hands on them and they were baptized with the Holy Spirit. They will confirm an infant, yet they claim that when you’re confirmed, you accept a mission from God? How can an infant accept a mission from God? They adopt the name of a Biblical figure or saint at their confirmation. Most people adopt the name of saints. The Bible teaches that saints are “*those that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony (faith) of Jesus.*” We’ve looked at how the Catholic church determines who are saints. We see A LOT OF DECEPTION IN THIS DOCTRINE. It is contrary to Scripture because the Bible tells us that God decides who His people are.

THE BLESSING OF OBJECTS

The Catholic church believes that priests can bless objects and they will then be set apart for holy use. These are sacraments that are done in a ceremony. They can involve: prayers, sprinkling the object with holy water and reading Scripture. **But we don’t see this anywhere in the Bible. God blesses things. He sanctifies things. It’s not done by man, but by Him.**

THE COMMANDMENTS

The Catholic church, after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, the 7th day of the week, changed the commandments. They decided what their 10 commandments would be, and they weren’t the 10 commandments according to the Bible. This is so important to know! They changed the Law of God by removing the 2nd commandment which prohibits image worship, because they wanted to practice pagan worship by bowing down to images. They changed the 4th commandment, to rest and do not work on the 7th day Sabbath, to the 3rd commandment and made it refer to Sunday as the Lord’s day (they changed the name and the day). The Sabbath is the 4th commandment. They changed the 10th commandment-thou shalt not covet and divided into 2 commandments because they had eliminated the commandment about worshipping and bowing down to images. They couldn’t have 9 commandments so they broke one up and made it two so the commandments still equal 10. That lie would be too obvious. God is NOT the author of confusion. The enemy is.

The Catholic church has been used to confuse and deceive many people into believing God’s commandments have been done away with and have been replaced by the Catholic commandments. We all need to ask. Would the church of God break His commandments? Would they eliminate His commandments? Would they divide His commandments?

This is the 10 commandments according to the Catholic church and the 10 commandments according to the bible:

	THE CATHOLIC CHURCH-A TRADITIONAL CATECHETICAL FORMULA (CHANGED)	THE BIBLE (UNCHANGED)
<u>1</u>	I am the Lord your God: you shall have no strange gods before me	You shall have no other gods before me.
<u>2</u>	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain	You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them, or serve them; for I, the Lord Your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
<u>3</u>	Remember to keep holy the Lord's day	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
<u>4</u>	Honor your father and your mother	"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy
<u>5</u>	You shall not kill	Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.
<u>6</u>	You shall not commit adultery	You shall not murder.
<u>7</u>	You shall not steal	You shall not commit adultery.
<u>8</u>	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor	You shall not steal.
<u>9</u>	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
<u>10</u>	You shall not covet your neighbor's goods	You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

This is taken from the *Mystici Corporis Christi* Encyclical of Pope Pius XII On the Mystical Body of Christ (most of the early church fathers were mystics, gnostics, and pagans who mixed these philosophies with Christianity):

*“Christ made His Church one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Consequently, **whatever Christian body answers to that description may legitimately call Jesus Christ her founder.** An objective analysis of Roman Catholicism shows that only she satisfies the conditions and therefore **she alone was founded by Christ and is animated by His divine Spirit.**”* Father John A. Hardon. *“Recognizing the True Church.”* chapter IV from *Christ to Catholicism* (Inter Mirifica, 2003). **The last time I said the Apostles’ creed in a Sunday church, the Holy Spirit convicted me not to say it again because if I did I was agreeing that the catholic church is the one, holy apostolic church. This is a huge lie and deception. Christ did NOT make His church Catholic. His doctrine and teachings were completely opposite of the Catholic church. This bishop is saying that ONLY Catholics can call Jesus Christ their founder. As we have already seen, the Catholic church is NOT animated by the Holy Spirit, but a counterfeit spirit disguised as the Spirit of God.**

SUNDAY (A PAGAN DAY OF WORSHIP) IS THE “MARK OF AUTHORITY” OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Karl Keating, Catholic Apologist:

“Fundamentalists met for worship on Sunday, yet there is no evidence in the Bible that corporate worship was to be made on Sundays. The Jewish Sabbath, or day of rest, was, of course, Saturday. It was the Catholic Church that decided Sunday should be the day of worship for Christians, in honor of the resurrection.” Catholicism and Fundamentalism, pg. 38.

The Catholic Encyclopedia, vol 4, p. 153 says this:

Q: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Sabbath?

*A: **Because the Catholic church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.***

Keenan’s A Doctrinal Catechism 1876 says:

Q: Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to initiate festivals of precept?

A: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her: she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, a change for which there is NO scriptural authority.

Constantine named himself bishop of the Catholic church and enacted the first civil law regarding Sunday observance in A.D. 321.

Christianity was not made the official religion of the Roman Empire until the edicts of Theodosius I in 380 and 381 A.D., Constantine, from 312 A.D. until his death in 337, was engaged in building pagan temples and Christian churches, and was turning over the reins of his pagan priesthood to the Bishop of Rome. **This is the sad origin of the Roman Catholic Church- it compromised from the very beginning with paganism.**

The Catholic Virginian

“Nowhere in the Bible do we find that Jesus or the apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed from Saturday to Sunday. We have the commandment of God given at creation then to Moses to keep holy the Sabbath day, that is, the Seventh day of the week, Saturday. Today, all Christians keep Sunday because it has been revealed to us by the [Roman] church outside the Bible.” Catholic Virginian, Oct. 3, 1947

Schaff’s History of the Christian Church, vol. III, chap. 75.

On the venerable day of the sun let the magistrate and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country however, persons engaged in agricultural work may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits; because it often happens that another day is not so suitable for grain growing or for vine planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost.

They rested on the day of the sun, the day the pagans worshipped. Catholics admit that the Bible says something completely different.

The Catholic World, Mar 1994, pg 809

*“The sun was a foremost god with heathendom. There is, in truth, something royal, kingly about the sun, making it a fit emblem of Jesus, the Sun of Justice. Hence the Church in these countries would seem to have said ‘keep that old pagan name. It shall remain consecrated, sanctified.’ **And thus pagan Sunday, dedicated to Balder (a god in Norse mythology) became the Christian Sunday, sacred to Jesus.**”*

The Catholic National, 1985

“The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ himself hidden under the veil of flesh.”

The Saint Catherine Catholic Church Sentinel, May 21, 1995

*“Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day (God’s holy day), the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. ‘The Day of the Lord’ (dies domini) was chosen, NOT from any direction noted in the Scriptures, but **from the Church’s sense of its own power** . . . People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically . . . keep Saturday holy” (emphasis added).*

Catholic News Agency (Sept. 8, 2021)

Many Catholics do not know why they must attend Sunday Mass under pain of committing grave sin, which can put one’s salvation in jeopardy. Those who lived according to the old order of things have come to a new hope, no longer keeping the Sabbath, but the Lord’s Day, in which our life is blessed by him and by his death” (CCC 2175). A New Sabbath, Brian Pizzalato, September 8, 2021.

*“Of Course the Catholic Church claims that the change (Saturday Sabbath to Sunday) was her act...**And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things.**”_H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.*

*“**Sunday is our MARK of authority**...the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is the proof of that fact”. ---Catholic Record of London, Ontario Sept 1, 1923.*

*“Protestants do not realize that by observing Sunday worship instead of Saturday Sabbath, **that they accept the authority of the Holy Father of the Church, the Pope.**”----Our Sunday Visitor, February 5, 1950._*

Avram Yehoshua, The Sabbath and Yeshua, the Seed of Abraham, Nov 22,2021

*“The Catholic church relies on **its own authority** for this (changing and negating laws), much the way the Pharisees elevated their teaching above the word of God.” “When the reformation came along in the 1500s and Protestant churches began springing up, they took with them, without realizing it, a number of heresies from the Roman Catholic church. One of them was Sunday. **Protestant churches have become the unwitting daughters of the Roman Catholic church in this area.**” pg. 2.*

Development of Christian Doctrine by Catholic Church Historian Cardinal Newman, pages 372-373

Cardinal Newman says **the (Catholic) Church incorporated many pagan religious practices into the Church.** He claims that the Church “sanctified” them and that made it **safe** to bring these practices into the Church. Why would these practices have needed to be safe? Because they were pagan. The church thought they could bring pagan things in, bless them or make them holy, and then use them in worship to God. But a man cannot bless anything and make it holy, because God alone is holy. He told us how to be holy: keep His commandments and follow His Son.

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/20763882/sabbath-and-jeshua-fcca-int>. This website has quotes from early church fathers (Catholic) about the Sabbath, the Lord’s day and worship:

<https://apostles-creed.org/confessional-reformed-christian-theology/ecclesiology/quotes-from-early-church-fathers-on-the-sabbath-and-the-lords-day/>. If you read this, you will have a good understanding of the church fathers and what they thought about the Sabbath.

Jerome of Stridon (Latin Priest, 342-420 A.D.)

Jerome explained that *"if it is called the day of the sun by the pagans, we most willingly acknowledge it as such, since it is on this day that the light of the world appeared and on this day the Sun of Justice [Jesus Christ] has risen."* A Catholic priest said that if Sunday was called the day of the sun by the pagans, they would acknowledge it. **Jesus is NEVER called the Sun of Justice in the Bible. He is called the Son of Righteousness. Who was called the Sun of Justice? Mithras, a pagan god, was called the Sun of Justice. Jesus (Yeshua) was called the Sun of Righteousness. Malachi 4:2 says, "But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in His wings." The Catholic church acknowledged the pagan day of worship and adopted it as their day of worship!** So, Jerome called Jesus (Yeshua) the name of a pagan god, Mithras.

The Catholic church was fascinated by political and ecclesiastical power. The popes and bishops had ties of material interest and personal status. They called Jews infidels and heretics! He said that **"truths are revealed in scripture and tradition by the Catholic church"**. **The Catholic church doesn't have ANY traditions that are revealed in scripture.** He is saying that the Catholic Church has the divine teaching authority!

"In the New Law (this is replacement of God's Sabbath/ Law) the observance of the Lord's Day (Sunday) took the place of the observance of the Sabbath (Saturday), not by virtue of the precept (of God), but by the institution of the Roman church and the custom (tradition) of Christian people." The New Advent.org, Summa Theologiae, Question 122, Article 4, reply to Objection to Article 4.

It wasn't followers of Jesus who worshipped on Sunday. Pagans worshipped on Sunday, the day of the sun. **The Catholics instituted the new law observance because they didn't want to be like Israel, God's people. They wanted to be different, pagan. So they worshipped on the pagan day of worship and tried to force all of Constantine's kingdom to do the same.**

CATHOLIC SYMBOLOGY:

We're going to look at some Catholic artwork to determine if it's about Jesus or something else. When you look at Catholic artwork, you see halos and suns over people's head, at least most people think they **are halos, but they're NOT. This symbol is called a nimbus--it is a sign of sun worship.** The sun is found in much of the statues and artwork in the Catholic church. The halo is actually the sun behind the person's head. Sun worship was marked by the use of the nimbus (a luminous cloud or halo). **It is a very underhanded way of mixing sun worship idolatry with Christianity. The pagan nimbus became a very misleading custom in Christian (Catholic) art.**



The images on the top are gods of Babylonian art, Egyptian art, the zodiac, a tarot card, and Hindu art. The gods have the nimbus above their heads. The images at the bottom are Jesus with the nimbus around His head, the people with nimbus' on their heads, a woman with a nimbus on her head, the saints on the throne with Yeshua (they pray to the saints) holding the nimbus and with a nimbus around His head and around the heads of everyone in the painting, The sun, nimbus is in on the gold cross. The sun is much bigger than the cross, and notice how the cross sits on the sun. This is the church. The cross of Jesus concealing sun worship. This proves that the Catholic church was influenced by sun worship and paganism.

Now lets' look at some more images:



1. The first picture on the previous page is the outside of Paul VI Audience Hall, designed to look like a serpent. The roof is like scales. The building is shaped like the head of a serpent, the nose is on top of the building, and the eyes are at the side.
2. The second picture is the inside of the hall. The eyes, scales, and fangs are evident. If you are seated in the hall, you are looking up at the serpent.
3. There is a Satanic/demonic sculpture in the hall sitting right behind the pope and cardinals. The pope is seated on a throne. The sculpture that represents Jesus and Satan is behind him!
4. This is an up-close picture of the statue. Jesus has two heads. The head of a man on the left and the head of a serpent (profile) on the right. On one side is the head of Jesus and the other side is the profile of serpent. Notice which one is higher. The serpent. God is allowing everything to be very clear. We only need to look. They are showing us that the picture of the church is dividing Jesus and Satan, making it look like one person. **The is what the Catholic church is- the church of Satan, disguised as the church of Jesus.** Many people are worshipping a Gentile, pagan Jesus that the Catholic church has created, but they are really worshipping Satan, not the Jewish Messiah Yeshua (God's salvation) of the Bible.
5. The 5th picture above is the Dagon, the god in Judges 16 and 1 Samuel 5. The temples of Dagon were in Beth-Dagon, Gaza, and Ashdod. Next to it is a picture of the pope with his papal hat on. It is the symbol of Dagon. Dagon was worshipped by the Philistines and the Assyrians (pagans), and temple of Dagon was in Ashdod. Dagon is a pagan god, yet the Catholic church popes wears on their heads the symbol of the god Dagon, a demon.
6. The 6th picture is the devil in the Vatican museum. I find it very interesting that he's holding 2 children. This reminds me of abortion and the child sex-trafficking industry. The devil is trying to take our children. It's odd that the Catholic church has this in their museum. They had this made to be there.
7. This is a picture of Pope Frances holding the sun (which represents sun god worship) shown in previous pictures. The words on the sun are "*ecee panis angelorum factus cibus viatorum*" which means "*Behold the bread of angels, as pilgrims' food inherited.*" This phrase comes from the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Homily of John Paul 2. This phrase is nowhere in the Bible.

God is allowing Satan to show us exactly who he is and the church that belongs to him. This is so we will come out of these false doctrines and begin following Yeshua. **This is the church that deceived most Christians to rebel against God's commandments and worship on Sunday rather than the Sabbath. God is letting the enemy show himself in this "church?" It's out there for all to see! If you worship on Sunday, you are putting yourself under the authority of the Catholic church, instead of the authority of Yeshua.** You are putting yourself under the authority of Satan. I know you didn't know this before. But now you do. **I hope you can see what the Catholic Church is all about and the darkness that is behind it.** Jesus tells us about Babylon in Revelation 18:4 "*Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues.*" If you want to stay under the authority of the Catholic church, you will take part in her sins and share in her plagues. This church is the spiritual whore of Babylon, deceiving the world to disobey God. Babylon is the system(s) of the world. Religion is a system. The Catholic church is a system. You need to come out of being under its authority. You need to repent to God your Father and turn from violating His commandments. You need to study your Word daily so you know how to rightly divide the Word of truth.

Satan engineered a "*church*" that is the church of Satan (rather than the church of Yeshua) to deceive people and make them slaves to the Catholic church! **The power of darkness of the Catholic church has attacked the believing remnant of God for almost two thousand years. They did not want the Word of God to be read or understood, and they attacked and assassinated the remnant Sabbath and commandment keepers to try to eliminate them. They took their Bibles and would not allow Bibles to exist in the Hebrew language which they hated. They have hid these manuscripts. Why? Because Satan doesn't want a remnant that keeps God's commandments.** But God's Word says, "*Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply*" Jeremiah 23:3. **Satan doesn't want you to be remnant in the fold. He's a wolf trying to keep the sheep from the Shepherd.** So he would install another counterfeit shepherd, one who claimed to be Christ on earth. One who would blaspheme Jesus, the one they claim to worship. But behind the veil of deception we find something extremely different. We find the worship of Satan through the worship of demon gods.

JESUS DIDN'T COME TO ESTABLISH A RELIGION OR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. The Bible says that Jesus *“answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”* He came to die for us (we are the house of Israel if we are grafted in) and give us eternal life. The church is the Body of Jesus—not a religion. The true church kept the Sabbath and God’s commandments. God commanded Israel to keep the Sabbath as His set apart, holy, chosen priesthood. The disciples and Paul taught the Torah (God’s instruction. This is what Torah means). And the disciples and followers of Jesus (Yeshua) followed the Torah. **The Catholic church claims to be the “true church”, just like Satan claims to be the “true God”, but it is a lie. Satan is a counterfeiter and he set up a false religion to spread his lies to the world.**

Satan has used the Catholic church to try to remove the Torah (God’s instruction) and the Holy Spirit from God’s church. The church tried to replace the Sabbath of God with a pagan day of worship, Sunday. Catholicism has tried to remove the truth that Jesus (Yeshua) came for the lost sheep of the house of Israel and that Gentiles that believe in Jesus (Yeshua) are grafted into Israel. He wants them to think their identity is still Gentiles, but it’s not. It’s Israel. The Catholic church wants you to believe that those who believe in Jesus are Catholic. It has tried to destroy Israel (the Jews). Israel is the enemy of Satan and the Catholic church. This study will prove that. The Catholic church is not the one, holy church. And it is not apostolic. In order to be a Biblical church, the church would have to do things the Biblical way. The Catholic church doesn’t satisfy the requirements of the church which Christ commanded or God the Father commanded. Instead, it is infected by an antichrist spirit. The papacy is a tool of Satan.

TRUE WORSHIP

In 2 Kings, Jehu didn’t follow God with all of his heart. He wasn’t a true worshipper of God. He got rid of what was clearly evil but he refused to remove the idolatry in his own land, which showed he didn’t have a true relationship with the God of Israel. He didn’t turn from the sins of Jeroboam, and he made Israel to sin. The Lord began to cut off parts of Israel because of their unfaithfulness and disobedience to Him. **This is what is happening in the church today. We refuse to remove the idolatry in our own land, in our own churches. We need watchman on the wall who will call out false doctrines, idolatry and evil. Jehu wasn’t careful to walk in the Law of the Lord with all of his heart. Are we willing to walk in the Law of the Lord with all of our hearts?** This is going on today with pastors and teachers in the church. The get rid of clear evil, but they refuse to remove idolatry in their own churches—they **don’t teach obedience to God’s laws, or the Sabbath. They teach that 9 of the 10 commandments are supposed to be kept, but not the 10th because it is for the Jews.** This is idolatry!. Jehu was a prideful man and he sought self-glorification rather than God’s glory. Because many are prideful, they refuse to study the scriptures and let the Holy Spirit teach them about the Sabbath, the Feasts, and the commandments of God. In the seminaries, they are taught doctrines of men: that the Sabbath, the Feasts and the commandments have been done away with and they believe them and teach them. **The Sabbath, the Feasts, and the commandments demonstrate God’s glory!!!!** David loved the commandments of God and he saw God’s glory in them! He was a man after God’s own heart. **We need to love the Sabbath, the Feasts, and the commandments of God, and see God’s glory in them.**

How we worship God matters! False worship of a true God is unacceptable to Him. If we worship Him on a false day, not the Sabbath that HE made holy and sanctified, it is false worship! We should be ALL THE WAY in following God, not ½ way. We must follow ALL God’s commands, not just those that benefit us. Pastors believe that Sunday worship benefits them because they can have very large congregations b/c Sunday is easy---almost everyone is doing it. If a pastor was to start teaching the Sabbath, he might lose a majority of his congregation, and this is fear. 1 Pet 4: 13 says *“rejoice insofar as you rejoice in Christ’s sufferings.”* 2 Tim 4:5 and 1 Pet 2:19 tell us that we need to endure suffering without compromising our integrity. Matt 5:10-12 says *“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”* People are going to insult you if you teach the Sabbath and keep the Sabbath, even people in the church. But God wants us to follow Him and teach His commandments, even if we do lose a majority of our congregation. BUT GOD!!!! God can make that congregation the biggest congregation if the pastor is bold enough to teach the commandments of God. We need to guard against false doctrine and spirits, and worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Who will you follow? The commandments and traditions of men or the commandments of God?

God is the only authority we should obey. He wanted to bless the Israelites through the Sabbath and He wants to bless us. The majority is not always right. What matters is what the Bible says.

1 John 1: 5-7 says *“This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus (Yeshua) His Son cleanses us from all sin.”* God will give us the revelation, knowledge, wisdom and understanding, but it’s up to us to walk it out. **If we are not lining ourselves up with the Word of God, we are being disobedient.** Maybe we’re justifying it, maybe we’re making excuses (an excuse is a well-planned lie), maybe we’re following the ways of the world. We’re choosing to walk down a path of disobedience. When we choose to sin, our light begins to dim a little bit (This is exactly what Israel did!). We are trying to get ourselves to believe a lie, trying to convince ourselves. We are not living out the truth. We are called to see sin as God sees it, but many of us are seeing sin as the world sees it. God gave us the 10 commandments. Jesus (Yeshua) didn’t come to do away with them. He came to fulfill them. He wanted us to keep them.

The basis for God’s Law is love. God’s Law has to apply to all people over all times. It is timeless. Why would anyone want to do away with God’s Law? Will we do away with love?

We have an enemy who wants to do away with God’s Law. He wants workers, not be approved by God. If we don’t know the Scripture, we can’t fight this deception. Satan wants us to be workers of iniquity. In 2 Timothy 2, Paul is writing to Timothy about a worker approved by God. He says *“correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”* **I want to be a worker approved by God. I have written this study to lead people to knowledge of the truth so they can repent and come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil. I want to correct pastors, teachers and the church with gentleness and love. Even though pastors and ministers and people have been captured by the devil to do his will, to disobey God, they can repent and turn back to God and His ancient ways. There is little time left!!!!**

IF we do this, the church can come to its senses and escape from the snares of the devil. 2 Timothy 3:14-15 says *“You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the SACRED WRITINGS (at that time, they had only the Old Testament scrolls, which were the sacred writings) which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (Yeshua).”* **So, he’s saying that that OT gives people wisdom that leads to salvation through faith! I want you to know the Word of God and have the wisdom from God of His laws, His statutes, His Sabbath.** Isaiah 55:11 says, *“so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”* God’s Word will not return to Him void, and it will accomplish that which He purposes. He purposes to *“put His Law in our minds and write in on our hearts.”* Jeremiah 31:33. **God will accomplish bringing His Sabbath and His commandments back to us. His word will succeed. Will you let His word speak to your heart? Will you hear?**

Joel Richardson says *“sometimes we hear things and we are sure we know what it means. But then, when we do a little more research, we find out it actually means something very different than what we assumed. The call on the church today is to be good Bereans, students of the SCRIPTURES. The majority of Christians today are very good students of their teachers. Very few are actually faithful Bereans, which is to say, good students of the SCRIPTURES. We need to be good students of the scriptures. We need to allow the scriptures to speak for themselves and when they conflict with popular Christian tradition, , no matter HOW MANY TIMES WE’VE HEARD IT PREACHED, no matter HOW MANY TIMES WE’VE HEARD GREAT PREACHERS THAT WE LOVE AND ADMIRE TEACH THESE THINGS, WE HAVE TO SETTLE AND RESOLVE IN OUR HEARTS TO ACCEPT WHAT THE SCRIPTURES SAY. WHEN THE SCRIPTURES CONFLICT WITH WHAT TEACHERS SAY, WE NEED TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE SCRIPTURES.”* **IT’S VERY SIMPLE.”**

John 16:13 says *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into ALL the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”* The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. God’s commandments are *“all that I have said to you”* in John 14:26. **The Holy Spirit teaches us. He helps us do God’s will. He helps us tune into God’s voice and do what He is calling us to do. Ask Him to show you what the Father’s will is for you.**

I would encourage you to meditate on Psalm 119. David writes about the excellencies of the Word of God—His laws, His testimonies, His commandments, His statutes, His precepts, and His judgments. We are to seek Him with our whole heart! David says, *“let me not wander from Your commandments.”* We have wandered from God’s commandments. He says, *“Your testimonies are my delight and my counselors.”* God’s testimonies aren’t our delight and our counselors, because we aren’t keeping His testimonies. The Sabbath is a testimony to God’s ways, His righteousness, His understanding, His mercy, and His love. The Sabbath is a day of rest, a day to be kept—God knew we would need a day of rest so he made one day holy and sanctified it—the Sabbath. It’s very hard to say we’re keeping His testimonies when most of us are not keeping His Sabbath. It’s very hard to say we’re keeping His commandments, if most of us are not keeping the 4th commandment! **WE CAN’T BE HOLY IF WE’RE NOT OBEYING GOD’S COMMANDMENTS.** We can’t change God’s commandments. **THAT IS DISOBEDIENCE.** If we’re obeying Him, we’re keeping the Sabbath, Feasts, and the commandments. If we’re disobeying Him, we aren’t keeping them. It’s **HIS LAW. IT HASN’T CHANGED.** If it did change, God would be lying. And that’s exactly what the enemy wants you to think—he wants you to think that God has changed! God doesn’t lie (the enemy is the liar), and His Word doesn’t change. He wants us to worship Him in Spirit and in truth!

WE CAN’T KEEP ANY DAY HOLY. WE CAN’T KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS WE WANT TO WHILE IGNORING THE REST. This is a **LIE!** We have to worship God in the order in which He commanded. We obey God and His Word because we love Him (1 John 5:3). His commandments aren’t burdensome!

DO YOU BELIEVE GOD’S WORD?

WILL YOU DISOBEY GOD AND OBEY MAN OR WILL YOU OBEY GOD AND DISOBEY MAN?

YOU HAVE THE CHOICE.

GOD GAVE YOU THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE TO OBEY HIM OR REBEL AGAINST HIM.

WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Revelation 14:17 says *“Here is the patience of the saints: here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus (Yeshua).”*

Thank God for His commandments and instructions. Thank God that He is a loving God and reveals to us His character, His love, and His holiness through His commandments and His Sabbath!!! Every day is a sanctification process. Every day is a learning process. And when there is error, we need to stand up and correct our brothers and sisters who are being deceived because we know that the truth sets us free! If we want them to be free, we will speak the truth in love.

“Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

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