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"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." - Romans 1:16

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*"When you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are not gods."
(Gal. 4:8)*

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Rescuing Precious Souls from the Bondage of Religion

We can be wrong about a lot of things in this life and still survive, but if we are wrong about the only way to obtain forgiveness from God, we will pay for that fatal mistake throughout all eternity. Our Creator provides only one way to redeem man from sin and He has revealed it in a divinely inspired message to mankind. However, it didn't take long for God's complete and perfect Gospel message to be corrupted by religious leaders. These men, who say they speak for God, have distorted and perverted this good news of God's mercy and grace. Their unstated goal has been to control people by keeping them in legalistic bondage to their authority. The Lord Jesus revealed the only way of escape from this bondage. He said: "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

Establish the Supreme Authority for Truth

Reaching those who are being held captive by religious indoctrination must always begin by establishing the Bible as the supreme authority for knowing God's Gospel. Christ and His Word must rule over man's religious traditions because God has exalted His Word above all things (Psalm 138:2). The word of God is infallible and has no equal (Isa. 55:10). The Bible is the most authoritative, influential and powerful book ever written. It is the standard for discerning truth from error (1 John 4:6). It is sufficient to function as the sole, infallible rule of faith (2 Tim. 3:14-16). The Bible does not refer us to any other rule of faith because everything we must know, understand and believe to be reconciled to God is found in Scripture (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

Whenever we are confronted by two or more opinions, we must always ask, "But what does the Scripture say?" (Gal. 4:30).

What About The Traditions of Men?

Roman Catholics reject the supreme authority of Scripture by elevating their tradition to the same level of authority. They defend their position by quoting St. Paul who wrote: "Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us" (2 Thes. 2:15). But we must make a distinction between traditions which *had already been taught by the apostles in the first century* and the traditions established by men over the last 1900 years (2 Cor. 11:2 ; 2 Thes. 3:6).

Clearly there are certain apostolic traditions recorded in Scripture that Christians must embrace, but not all traditions are biblical. Paul encouraged us to make this distinction. He wrote: "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the *tradition of men*, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ" (Col. 2:8). Paul is warning us that we can become ensnared by the traditions of men when they do not conform to Christ and His word. Tradition must always be subservient to Scripture because God's word is divinely inspired while tradition is not.

What About "Infallible" Men?

Roman Catholics also reject the supreme authority of Scripture by elevating its "infallible" bishops to be equal in authority. In practice, the bishops actually sit above Scripture by declaring no one else can give an authentic interpretation of the Word of (see Bondage on page 2)

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God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, para. 85). Yet the Apostle Paul commended the Bereans (who were not bishops) for interpreting the Scriptures to verify the truthfulness of his teaching. "Now the Bereans...received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11). It is quite clear that the apostle, who penned over half the New Testament, encouraged his listeners to submit to the supreme authority of the Hebrew Scriptures. The veracity of every man's message must be tested with the same Scriptural authority.

Getting the Gospel Right

Once the supreme authority of Scripture has been communicated to Catholics who are enslaved to another authority, the Gospel of God can be heralded. It is wise to present God's Gospel in contrast to Rome's plan of salvation so Catholics can discern the difference. The distinction between the two gospels can best be described as the difference between divine accomplishment and human achievement. The true Gospel describes what God has *done* through Jesus Christ to save sinners, while the gospel of Rome describes what man must *do* for God. Paul defines the Gospel according to Scripture *alone* (1 Cor. 15:1-4). The glorious Gospel of grace is what one perfect man did 2000 years ago to reconcile sinful man to God. It has nothing to do with what any imperfect man has done since, or is doing now. This eliminates all the requirements Roman Catholics have added to the finished work of Jesus Christ. It also eliminates Catholic priests making daily sin offerings on their altars.

Catholics Are Totally Dependent Upon An Illegitimate Priesthood

One of the most controlling elements of the Roman Catholic religion is its indoctrination concerning the priesthood. Each Catholic is taught that their salvation is utterly dependent upon the ministry of their priests. According to the unbiblical teachings of Rome, it is the Catholic priest who baptizes infants for their justification and spiritual birth, the priest who hears confession and demands penance as the satisfaction for sin, the priest who dispenses Jesus in the Eucharist, the priest who imparts the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation, the priest who gives Last Rites, and the priest who offers the sacrifice of the Mass for souls suffering in purgatory. What a fatal deception!

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There is no longer a need for priests offering sacrifices for sin because by one offering Jesus Christ has perfected for all time those who are sanctified (Heb. 10:14). At the very moment our Lord Jesus gave up His Spirit on Calvary's cross, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom (Mat. 27:51). The veil that separated sinful man from the Holy of Holies was ripped open, and now, anyone washed by the blood of Christ can come boldly into the presence of God. When Jesus, our High Priest, offered Himself once for all sin for all time, he made the sacrificial priesthood obsolete. Every believer in Jesus Christ has been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Heb. 10:10).

The illegitimacy and obsolescence of the Roman Catholic priesthood is also expressly noted by the sovereign and exclusive work of the triune God in saving sinners. It is God the Father who chooses, calls and draws the lost to His Son (John 6:44; Jas. 2:5). The Holy Spirit convicts them of their sin and the coming judgment (John 16:8-11). Jesus Christ is proclaimed through His Word as the only way of salvation (John 14:6). God gives life to those dead in sin and grants the sinner repentance and faith (Rom. 4:17; Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Tim. 2:25). Jesus exchanges His righteousness for the sins of the believer (2 Cor. 5:21). The Holy Spirit seals, indwells and empowers the justified believer (Eph. 1:13-14, Rom. 8). The Father adopts, secures and glorifies His children (John 1:12; Rom. 8:30). Clearly, God alone is deserving of all glory! (Rom. 11:36). He alone is worthy to be praised!

Peter expressed the bondage that enslaves religious leaders who exchange the truth of God for the fatal errors of men. He wrote: "Speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved (2 Pet. 2:18-20).

How Can We Rescue These Precious Souls?

Paul provides the answer! "The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them

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The Ministry of Proclaiming the Gospel

OUR PURPOSE

The ministry was established in 1991 and is incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation for the purposes of: 1) glorifying, honoring and serving the Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming His Gospel of man's redemption with clarity, conviction and consistency; 2) providing evangelistic training and resources with an emphasis on biblical integrity; 3) exposing any doctrines that oppose or nullify the Gospel of grace so that people can discern truth from error, avoid deception and come to the knowledge of truth; 4) contending earnestly for the faith against the agents of compromise who suppress doctrinal truth for the sake of ecumenical unity and 5) encouraging and supporting former Catholics who may be feeling a sense of guilt, ostracism or persecution from their family or friends for leaving the Catholic religion and culture.

OUR METHOD

In a spirit of love and humility, we teach evangelistic seminars, conferences and workshops to train and encourage Christians to be effective witnesses to Roman Catholics and others who may be lost in their religion. We also offer resources designed to teach, equip and encourage others to labor in this huge mission field.

OUR NEWSLETTER

Proclaiming the Gospel's quarterly newsletter is designed to extend the purposes of the ministry throughout the world. The editor is Evangelist Mike Gendron, a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and a former Roman Catholic of over 34 years.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, satisfied the righteous justice of God by paying the complete penalty for sin when He died as man's substitute on Calvary's cross. Any person who repents and receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior by grace through faith in His life, death and resurrection, ceasing to trust in anything else for salvation, becomes a child of God and receives the gift of eternal life, which can never be revoked.

OUR PROVISION

Everything we do is made possible through the prayers and financial support of those who share our burden for the lost. We recognize the sacrifices God's people make to sustain our work and pledge to use these resources effectively and efficiently. Donations (except for products) are tax deductible.

Pope Seeks Unity With Jews and Muslims

Benedict XVI appealed for cooperation among believers of the three monotheist religions when he met with members of the American Jewish Committee. "Judaism, Christianity and Islam believe in the one God, Creator of heaven and earth," the Pope told his guests at an audience in the Vatican. "It follows, therefore, that all three monotheistic religions are called to cooperate with one another for the common good of humanity, serving the cause of justice and peace in the world. This is especially important today when particular attention must be given to teaching respect for God, for religions and their symbols, and for holy sites and places of worship," the Holy Father said. "Religious leaders have a responsibility to work for reconciliation through genuine dialogue and acts of human solidarity," the Pontiff said. (Zenit.org, 3/16/06)

Mel Gibson Invests Profits From The Passion

Devout Roman Catholic Mel Gibson has invested the profits he earned from "*The Passion of the Christ*" in the construction of a religious compound that honors the Council of Trent. Much of the \$400 million Gibson bankrolled on "The Passion" came from evangelicals who were persuaded by their pastors and Christian leaders to see the film. The irony of all this is painfully disturbing - the Council of Trent condemns all the Bible believing Christians who helped fund Gibson's new church. The council, which issued over 100 anathemas against Christians, also sparked the cruel torture and murder of many Reformers who would not bow their knee to the pope.

Gibson's multimillion-dollar religious compound is partly hidden in rural country near Agoura Hills, Calif. The setup now includes a 9,000-square-foot Holy Family Catholic Church and a collection of buildings still under construction. The Church sparked a firestorm three years when Gibson revealed the church was for parishioners who subscribed to 16th century counter-Reformation. Gibson and his followers do not agree with the Second Vatican Council rulings of 1965 that, among other things, absolved Jews of Christ's death. Holy Family Church's neighbors are two biker bars that each serve tasty, popular barbeque.

Steeling the Mind Conference Philadelphia - May 20th

Don't miss the first Steeling the Mind Conference on the east coast. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at Calvary Chapel in Philadelphia, PA. Join us as we fortify our minds with biblical truth! The lineup of speakers and their topics include: Mike Riddle, *Did God Use Evolution?* and *Defending Noah and the Flood*; Chuck Missler, *DaVinci Deception*; Mike Gendron, *Last Days for Catholics*; Gary Frazier, *The Second Coming of Christ*; Gerald Robinson, *The Prophets in 55 Minutes*; Dave Reagan, *Hell: Hot for How Long?* and Kent Hovind, *Intelligent Design: Science or Faith?*

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- Apr. 5-8 **Tulsa Int'l Prophecy Conference**
Tulsa, OK (888) 835-6978
- May 20 **Steeling the Mind Bible Conf.**
Philadelphia, PA (800) 977-2177
- May 21 Victory Bible Church
Hammonton, NJ (609) 567-4466
- July 17-21 **Association of Baptists for World Evangelization**
Harrisburg, PA (717) 703-3497
- Aug. 26 **Steeling the Mind Bible Conf.**
Littleton, CO (800) 977-2177
- Sept. 29-31 **Remember the Reformation**
First Baptist Church
Texico, NM (505) 482-3632
- Oct. 12-14 **Prophecy Conference**
Saskatoon, Canada (306) 270-5817
- Oct. 28 **Steeling the Mind Bible Conf.**
Coeur d'Alene, ID (800) 977-2177
- Nov. 8-11 **The Master's Academy International**
Ministerios Evangelicos
De las Americas
Siguatepecque, Honduras
- Jan. 12-14 **Contending for the Faith Conf.**
Grace Bible Sanctuary
Melbourne, FL (321) 728-4136

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Quick Quotes

"I can continue my conversations with the Holy Father [John Paul II]. This nearness to him isn't limited to words and texts, because behind the texts I hear the Pope himself. A man who goes to the Lord doesn't disappear: I believe that someone who goes to the Lord comes even closer to us and I feel he is close to me and that I am close to the Lord. I am near the Pope and now he helps me to be near the Lord and I try to enter this atmosphere of prayer, of love for our Lord, for Our Lady and I entrust myself to his prayers. So there is a permanent dialogue and we're close to each other in a new way, in a very deep way."

Pope Benedict XVI, Interview, 1/23/2006

"The reading of the Bible is not necessary for all Christians since they are instructed by the (Roman Catholic) Church...We can only know the true meaning of Holy Scripture through the Church's interpretation, because she alone is secure against error in that interpretation. A Christian to whom a Bible has been offered by a Protestant should reject it with disgust...it must be burnt as soon as possible or handed in to the Parish Priest."

Catechism of St. Pious X - Questions On Holy Scripture, 28-32

"The sacrifice of the Mass forms a pivot upon which all else turns. If it is what Catholics believe it is, then here is the greatest external manifestation of the love of God for man and the most magnificent testimonial to the validity of Catholicism; but if it be false, it is the worst farce and blasphemy ever perpetrated upon God or man, and the Catholic faith collapses into nothingness."

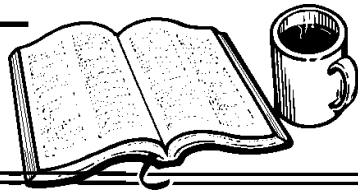
Francis Cardinal Spellman, *What and Why of Catholicism*

Costs For Clergy Abuse Now Exceeds \$1.5 Billion

The cumulative financial cost to the U.S. Catholic Church for clerical sexual abuse of minors is now more than \$1.5 billion and still climbing. A new report released March 30 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said U.S. dioceses and religious orders spent \$467 million last year in settlements, therapy for victims and abusers, attorney fees and other costs related to sexual abuse of minors by priests or deacons. (CNS, 3/31/06)

Seeking His Truth

Letters to the Editor



At the Stealing the Mind Bible Conference you accused the Roman Catholic Church of perpetuating Satan's lie: "You surely shall not die." You said our Catechism teaches "venial" sins do not bring death to the soul. You misled your audience because this is what paragraph 1863 teaches: "Venial sin does not break the covenant with God. Venial sin does not deprive the sinner of sanctifying grace, friendship with God, charity, and consequently eternal happiness." This is a far cry from: "You shall surely not die." Clearly you left a Catholic faith that you really did not know or understand. When I converted to the Catholic faith I found something that was Holy and wholly. I will pray for your reversion to the faith and the fullness of truth found in the only true Church.
Eddie A., Internet

Perhaps if you knew "death" in the Bible means "separation," you would see the Catechism confirms my statement. Spiritual death is the separation of man from God (Isa. 59:1-2). Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body (Eccl. 12:7). Being "dead to sin" is to be reckoned separate from sin (Rom. 6:2,11; Heb 7:26). By rejecting God's clear teaching on the consequence of sin, the Catholic Church continues Satan's lie. Scripture reveals sin causes death and separation from God. (Rom. 6:23; Ez. 18:4). However there is good news - once God reconciles believers to Himself through Christ, He no longer counts their trespasses against them (2 Cor. 5: 18-19). May God give you the grace to believe His word.

Thank you for taking precious time from your busy schedule to counsel me. After our conversation, my boys and I read the Bible together and then took down the parts of our "chapel" that are contrary to Scripture. It ended up being a memorable object lesson for them. Obedience brings many blessings. As soon as we destroyed those detestable icons in the fire, I finally saw everything crystal-clear. Lots of our friends are reading Brian McLaren and getting into contemplative prayer, icons, prayer labyrinths and prayer beads. They think these

things are harmless! But I now know these eventually lead one away from the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm finding it takes a bit of courage to stand up for the truth when "Christians" call you intolerant. Your ministry is VITAL! Nobody else has the guts to tell the truth! I'm so thankful I found your ministry. God bless you and protect you!
D.E., Lebec, CA

When you visited our church last year, it was a blessing and I really enjoyed hearing you. However, six years ago my husband became a Catholic. Although he grew up in the Catholic Church, he never showed any interest. I really thought your conference would bring my husband around. Instead, he was offended. I apologized to my husband and we left Tulsa Bible Church. Now we go to a Mennonite church where the pastor does not reject RC teachings. I know most Catholics are not swayed by proof texts from scripture or apologetics. While evangelicals dwell on the ugly truth of the RCC, their scarlet robes look better and better to the typical Catholic. The truth of the Gospel is all that needs to be proclaimed.
C. M., Owasso OK

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. We strive to be obedient to our great God and Savior rather than to be pleasers of men. The Apostles taught antithetically and we should do the same. They not only proclaimed the truth, but also called people to repent of any false teachings they were embracing (Eph. 2:8-9). Have you considered how soundly Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day for shutting the Kingdom of God to those who wanted to enter? (Mat. 23:13-36) We must expose false teachings to show Catholics what they must forsake before they can be saved by grace. God justifies sinners only by His grace, not by merit; by His finished work, not by our works; by the baptism of the Spirit not by water baptism; by His righteousness, not by our righteousness; by the one offering of Jesus, not by daily offerings of Catholic priests; by His shed blood, not by purgatory or indulgences; and by His perfect obedience, not by our obedience. We praise

God for the courage and obedience of the elders of Tulsa Bible Church to expose the lies of the Catholic Church. It is those lies that hold men captive to do the devil's will (2 Tim. 2:24-26). I pray your husband will learn to love God's truth and hate all that opposes it. Please know that truth only angers those whom it does not fully convince.

As a former Catholic, I was deceived into thinking that attending mass and being a moral person, could help me avoid purgatory. Such a place horrified me. I was never certain of going to heaven. But on the blessed day when I believed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that salvation is by grace through faith alone, I was born again. That was 30 years ago and I've never stopped thanking Jesus Christ for dying in my place, so I could live forever with Him. Mike, thank you for your ministry; most Catholics become so angry and defensive when being told the truth of God's Word. So in spite of all the insults hurled at you, and the vicious letters you receive, please continue with the most important work you have been divinely called to do. And you do it so well! Thank you for being obedient to His call and for being "a voice crying in the Wilderness."
L.S. Wellington, NV

We've had the chance to see you in person several times and it is incredibly refreshing to hear truth straight from the Scriptures rather than with the religious "spin" being used today to attract people into the pews. Our Lord was controversial 2000 years ago when He taught the way to heaven is narrow. The Gospel is very narrow, and most will miss it as they embrace another gospel that better meets their personal needs. Why would anyone place trust in a religion where the leader is called "infallible"? What a comfort it is to rest in the simplicity of grace; adding nothing that is man-made to the mix. That is true peace!
J.&D. H. Plano, TX

I went to a funeral the other day and wanted you to know that whenever I go to the Catholic Church, I always have your tracts in my handbag. I prayed throughout the service for a way to get your tracts to the priest. As we left church I gave them to a friend who handed them to the priest. My Catholic sister got very upset with me. She said I used Satan to give the priest those tracts. Please pray that the priest's eyes and heart are opened. When I give your tracts to friends at our church they are so thankful, saying

they help them to witness to their loved ones. Thank you for your wonderful website and all your resources.

L. D., Hammonton, NJ

Your site is great for laughs! How anti-intellectual and exegetically and theologically simple-minded! So how does it feel to have so many bright lights of Protestant Christianity cross the Tiber to Rome? I'm not normally triumphalistic but your site is sickening. Grow up. Really.

B.G., Internet

Our Great God is using you in a very powerful way. Your newsletter has given me new ways to witness to my parents who are lost in Catholicism. I find myself tremendously blessed, encouraged, convicted, taught and burdened when I read your writings. I praise God for your bold, unashamed delivery of truth. You are truly unashamed of the Gospel! I appreciate what you do and give all glory to God for the power of His ministry in you. I plan for everyone in my city to receive your *Greatest News* tract! Lord willing, many hearts will be changed as the Holy Spirit quickens them to believe the Gospel and repent of their sin. May their eyes be opened, the veil lifted and the scales removed, so they may see the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ!

C.H. Liberty, KY

Thank you for your help in understanding the errors of the Catholic Church. I was so lost and confused but you became the great tool God provided to show me the truth. Soon after I left the RCC, I was terrified and haunted with thoughts of: "What if I am wrong? I will be damned to hell!" It is very much a religion of terror and that is why I am sure that many people stay in, out of fear. Thank you also for wanting to remain in contact with me. I was discussing this situation with my mentor, and he said, "You don't need to bring your Catholic issues to me any more. You now have the best resource on that subject."

T.R., Portland, OR

I listened to all 6 of your *Remembering the Reformation* CDs and appreciate the way you refuse to compromise the word of God. I grew up a very dedicated Catholic but have been attending a Baptist church for the past 11 years. Lately our church has taken a bold stand for scriptural truth with an emphasis on church history and reformed theology. As a result, we lost over half our congrega-

tion, many of them having a tough time believing that God chooses whom He will save. So I am learning that it is not only Catholics who need to hear a bold proclamation of the truth. Many Protestants also believe a compromised gospel. Your article on "Does the Christian Church Need to be Evangelized?" was so very well-presented that I shared it with friends and family. Thanks for making your resources so readily available.

D.B., Wheatland, ND

I thank God for your ministry and the information you make available to educate us on the Catholic situation. Roman Catholicism is indeed a complex work of the devil. Your statement that Catholic clergy are the greatest of wolves who try to look like sheep, hits the nail on the head.

M.A., Woody Point, Australia

All this division and confusion in Protestantism is because they do not have an infallible magisterium. A teaching authority is essential in understanding Scripture. When you have every Tom, Dick, and Harry thinking they have a divine right to interpret Scripture, the end result is chaos. Adopting the Bible as the sole rule of faith without a teaching authority is a recipe for disaster. I know this first hand as I attended 10 different non-Catholic denominations over a span of 12 years until I saw the fallacy of putting my trust only in the Bible, without a teaching authority. The fullness of the gospel can only be found in the Catholic Church.

C.S., Australia

Much of the confusion in Protestantism is caused by denominations which have rejected God's word as the supreme authority for faith and practice. The end result is the same for Protestants and Catholics - apostasy - the departure from the faith of the apostles. Your argument for a teaching authority is flawed when you see the apostle Paul commending the Bereans for using the authority of Scripture to test the veracity of his teaching (Acts 17:11). Christian unity can only be found among those who believe and proclaim the true Gospel. It is these people who have been condemned by Roman Catholic councils and anathemas.

I now have all of your tracts on display in my shop's tract rack. May the Holy Spirit use them to reach those reading them. Your message on how the Vatican and Islam might one day merge as part of a one world religion was ground breaking. You are the first

prophesy teacher to mention that. The way you put up PowerPoint bullets with pictures is very effective. I am quite sure God will bring much good out of your seminars in Australia especially when the attendees use your materials and insights.

T.F., Mount Waverley, Australia

I loved your very needful article, *Does the Christian Church need to be Evangelized?* Absolutely wonderful stuff. However, with the strong emphasis on the Emerging Church philosophy, you could also mention the role of "feelings" that is becoming so prominent these days. In every respect this article hits a home run. I'm passing it along to friends and family. Oh brother in the Lord, may God keep you tender and humble, and useful in His hands. He has given you great understanding and insight.

Lynn, Internet

My fiance is Catholic but I cannot join his church. I feel like I'm not holy or worthy because I am forbidden from taking communion at his church. Every time I go to church with him I get an ugly feeling inside. It just feels like a bunch of ritualistic deceitfulness. I think confession with a priest is crap. I have not shared this with my boyfriend because he gets very defensive.

M. M., Sheridan, WY

If you have truly been converted to Christ, you must honor your Savior by breaking off the engagement. You cannot be yoked with an unbeliever (2 Cor. 6:14-18). Call our ministry and we will counsel you with God's word.

Thanks again for coming to Village Bible Church! Man, the insight is so amazing! We met in small groups after you left last night and the discussion was great. Thank you for the edification! As the missions chairman, I can say that because of your presentation many of us now realize that the mission field is next door. We are now equipped in love to realize that our neighbors are just as lost as the people across the ocean.

D.C., Carol Stream, IL

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Judas Makeover by Vatican

Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus with a kiss, is to be given a makeover by Vatican scholars. The proposed "rehabilitation" of the man who was paid 30 pieces of silver to identify Jesus to Roman soldiers in the Garden of Gethsemane, comes on the ground that he was not deliberately evil, but was just "fulfilling his part in God's plan". A campaign led by the head of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Science, is aimed at persuading believers to look kindly at a man reviled for 2,000 years. He told fellow scholars it was time for a "re-reading" of the Judas story. This would "resolve the problem of an apparent lack of mercy by Jesus toward one of his closest collaborators". Father Allen Morris, a secretary for Catholic Bishops, said: "If Christ died for all, is it possible that Judas too was redeemed through the Master he betrayed?" The "rehabilitation" of Judas could help the Pope's drive to improve Christian-Jewish relations, a priority of his pontificate. The move to clear Judas's name coincides with plans to publish the Gospel of Judas. (Times, 1/12/06)

Vatican's Bridge to Islam

A leading cardinal is now allowing Muslim pupils in Italy to study the Quran in state schools. It's the Vatican's latest gesture for good relations with Islam. The Cardinal who directs the Vatican's department on Justice and Peace said: "If a school has 100 children of the Islamic religion, I don't see why they can't be taught their religion." Muslim groups estimate that there are about 1.2 million Muslims out of a population of about 57 million in Italy. Italy dropped Catholicism as state religion in 1984. (ET, 3/9/06)

Pope Drops One of His Titles

Pope Benedict XVI has chosen to drop the traditional papal title, "Patriarch of the West"

in favor of a more universal view of the papacy and in hopes of furthering ecumenical conversations with Christian Orthodox Churches of the east. The other 8 titles contained in the *Annuario* include; "Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman province, Sovereign of the State of the Vatican City, and Servant of the Servants of God." (CNA, 3/2/06)

A New Reason for Ecumenical Unity - Exorcism

Bob Larson, the self-proclaimed Protestant expert on cults, the occult, and supernatural phenomena, was invited to the Vatican to meet with the foremost exorcist in the Catholic church. In a public letter Bob Larson described Father Gabriele Amorth as a fearless man of God who has bravely taken on the forces of darkness. He wrote: "This meeting opened the door to building bridges with the one billion-strong Catholic community. I believe in the Last Days before the return of Jesus Christ that all those who believe in spiritual warfare need to join together as a worldwide spiritual army, regardless of our theological differences. That's why this breakthrough was such an answer to prayer. I have always expressed my appreciation for the way the Catholic Church has maintained the tradition of exorcism. Even the late Pope John Paul II performed at least three known exorcisms, one in St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. (boblarson.org, 12/28/06)

Church Forbids Communion

The Catholic Church has told the parents of a 10 year-old autistic boy that since he cannot consume the host, he is not receiving Communion properly and he can no longer partake of the church's most meaningful sacrament. Because of his condition, Matthew

Moran cannot swallow foods with certain textures. So Matthew, who received his First Communion nearly three years ago in Pennsylvania, participates in Communion in an unusual way. The boy takes the Communion wafer and places it in his mouth. His father then removes it and consumes the host himself. Otherwise, Matthew would spit it out, his father says. (Ariz. Republic, 3/4/06)

Irish Priest Scandal Exposed

The Roman Catholic archdiocese of Dublin published a report this month that says 102 of its priests are suspected of sexually or physically abusing at least 350 children since 1940, the biggest such admission to date in Ireland. This predominantly Catholic nation has been rocked by waves of church sex-abuse scandals since 1994. The revelations have cut deep into the national psyche. Eight of the priests have received criminal convictions, while 32 priests have been sued for damages by 105 victims at a cost to the archdiocese of \$7 million. (AP, 3/8/06)

Gay Ordinations Remain Valid

The head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has said that a priest who publicly announces he is homosexual makes it difficult for people to see the priest as representing Christ. Cardinal Levada explained that a public declaration of homosexuality places a priest "at odds with the spousal character of love as revealed by God and imaged in humanity." He said men with "deep-seated homosexual tendencies" should not be admitted to the seminary or ordained to the priesthood. The instruction, however, was not questioning the validity of the ordinations of gay men who already are priests. (Catholic News Service, 2/27/06)

Jesus Dolls Selling Fast

The Catholic Marketing Network conference now has vendors selling Jesus dolls. One is named "My Loving Jesus Doll." It is about a foot tall, with outstretched arms, dressed in a robe and sells for \$19.95. Another more expensive Jesus doll is made with a molded rubber face and hands and sells for \$98. "We can barely stay ahead of the demand," said Teri O'Toole, founder of Soft Saints. "I looked at the religious gifts available to children," said O'Toole, a former advertising executive. "There wasn't much available. What do you give a kid - a rosary, a statue?" She offers several Jesus dolls, including an infant Jesus. And she sells a Virgin Mary holding a baby Jesus. (Birmingham News, 1/27/06)

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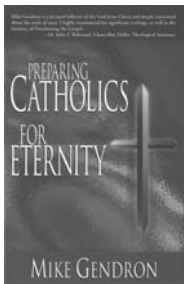
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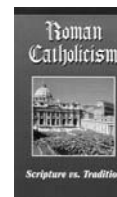


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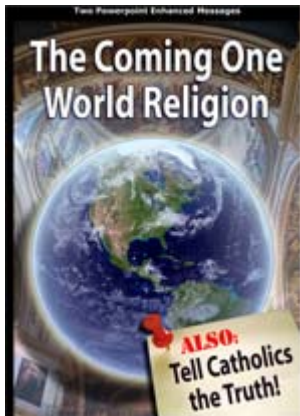
Bible Bookmarks. Twenty-three Roman Catholic Doctrines are listed with the Scriptures that refute them.

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DVDs For Personal Edification or For Sharing God's Word and Inspiration With Others

Each Proclaiming the Gospel DVD contain two of Mike Gendron's video messages enhanced with PowerPoint slides.

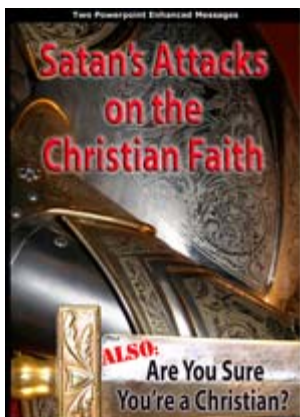
The Coming One-World Religion reveals some of the key prophecies describing the last day's church and how the predicted global religion will be formed. The catalysts for ecumenical unity and the significant role the Vatican may play are examined through the lens of God's prophetic word. The end times will be marked by great deception that will be used by Satan to unite the world in a global religious system.



Tell Catholics the Truth answers the question: "What is the most trustworthy source for discovering the truth about life after death?" There *is* an absolute objective authority that we can trust. We must test every teaching and every tradition with the Word of God. Anything that does not conform to Scripture must be rejected.

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Satan's Attacks on the Christian Faith reveals how his legions of liars are masquerading as messengers of Christ to deceive people with a false hope. The prince of this world must know his days are numbered because he has unleashed an all out assault on the Christian faith. His

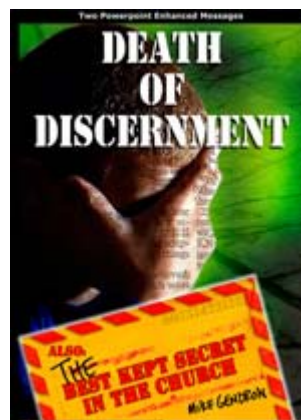


insidious attacks are strategically aimed at six targets: *The Supremacy of God's Word, The Sufficiency of God's Son, The Singularity of God's Gospel, The Sovereignty of God's Grace, The Security of God's Children, and the Sanctity of God's Church.* True followers of Jesus Christ must enlist in the Lord's army and put on the full armor of God to defend the faith against the devil's schemes (Ephesians 6:10).

Are You Sure You Are a Christian? is based on Paul's exhortation to all us. "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! ...Jesus Christ is in you, unless indeed you fail the test?" Have you passed the test? Discover the Bible's objective and subjective tests for genuine faith. Share this message with other professing Christians who may have never experienced the second birth. Tragically, there are many who profess Christ but may one day hear the most terrifying words anyone could ever hear when Jesus says, "I never knew you, depart from me." (Mat. 7:23). We must encourage everyone to take the Apostle Paul's warning seriously.

DSACF **Sug. Donation \$20**

The Death of Discernment - The major cause for the pending death of discernment in these last days is due to a steady decline in biblical preaching. Many pastors are now more interested in entertaining the goats than feeding the sheep. As a result, the critical issue in the church today is defending the purity of the Gospel against compromise and ecumenism. The supreme authority of God's word must be the rudder that guides the Church through the stormy waters that have been stirred up by every wind of doctrine. If the Body of Christ does not start practicing discernment, we are headed for serious trouble, because the enemies of the Gospel are more outspoken than we are. Every Christian is called to discern the truth of God's word from

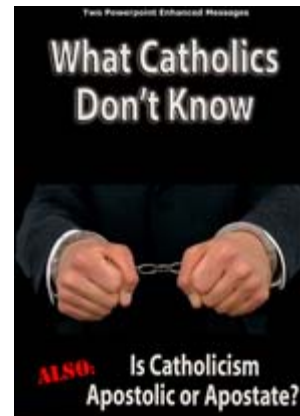


doctrinal error so that the name of Jesus Christ will be fully glorified and honored!

The Best Kept Secret in the Church reveals man's greatest need - the need to be forgiven by a holy and righteous Judge. Many Christians live in a shadow of fear and without peace because they have never heard or understood this key doctrine in John's first epistle.

DDOD **Sug. Donation \$20**

What Catholics Don't Know identifies the ten most important biblical truths Catholics will never hear from their clergy. Without knowledge of these doctrines, over one billion Catholics are being held captive in legalistic bondage and are facing eternal consequences. Our sovereign Lord said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). The apostle Paul prayed for the salvation of the Israelites who were zealous for God but without knowledge (Rom. 10:1-4). The same is true with many Catholics. In obedience to the Great Commission, we must share these Scriptural truths with them for the glory of God and for their salvation.

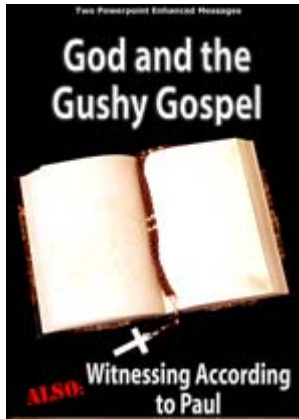


Catholicism: Apostolic or Apostate? The question is a provocative one because the Roman clergy declares its church to be the one true church of the apostles. However, a close examination of its doctrines and dogmas tell another story. Over the last 1600 years the Roman Catholic Church has departed from the faith of the apostles by following the teachings and traditions of men. By denying the supreme authority of God's word they have drifted further and further from the eternal truths of the Gospel. By denying the blood of Jesus Christ as the only cleansing agent for sin, they have created Purgatory for purification. We must love Catholics enough to correct them in hopes that God may grant them repentance leading

to the knowledge of the truth, so they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, who holds them captive to do his will (2 Tim. 2:25-26).

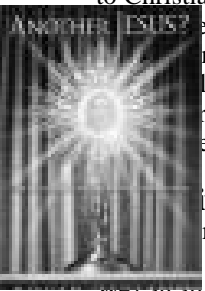
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God and the Gushy Gospel - A growing number of pastors are now offering up a generic god with a gushy gospel that is a watered down, diluted, counterfeit of the true



Gospel. Seeking the approval of men over God, they are taking the offense out of the Gospel and making it more appealing and acceptable to a larger segment of society. Success is now being

measured in numbers instead of faithfulness to God's word. As a result, God's blue print for building His church has been replaced with marketing schemes of church growth experts. This message reveals the tragic consequences of this man-centered approach to Christianity? The gushy gospel has pro-



generation of professing Christians never been truly converted. These live with a false hope because they embraced a gospel that is powerless to

ers. **Witnessing According to Paul** is a practical application for the Body of Christ to see the effects of the gushy Gospel. We can learn from the greatest evangelist of the first century who honored the Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming His complete Gospel with clarity and conviction. This message is an urgent call to restore biblical integrity to evangelism by proclaiming a Christ-centered Gospel that calls sinners to repentance! Be aware of the unbiblical methods of evangelism that have crept into many churches over the last hundred years. Test and examine your methods of evangelism with Paul's outline for witnessing.

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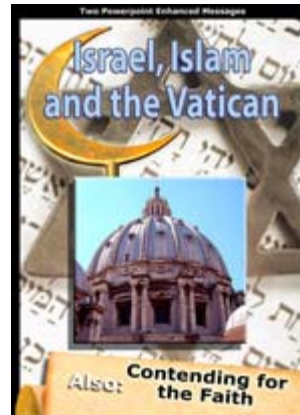
Which Jesus Do You Trust? is a message that contrasts the Jesus of the cults and Roman Catholicism with the Jesus of Scripture. Objective facts from authoritative sources reveal the Jesus whom Roman

Catholics worship and trust is another Jesus whom the apostles did not preach (2 Cor. 11:4). Knowing and believing the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ is of vital importance because He said: "if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." (John 8:24).

Doctrines of Demons is a message that reveals the character and ambition of Satan and his schemes and strategies to deceive the world. Discover all the counterfeits he has created to divert people's attention away from a pure devotion to the Creator. Learn how you can stand firm against his lies and deception.

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Israel, Islam and The Vatican - Examines the influence Roman Catholicism and Islam may have on the events leading up to Armageddon.



These two religions share a common spiritual bond and worship the same god according to the late Pope John Paul II. Both have a strong history of anti-Semitism, both have

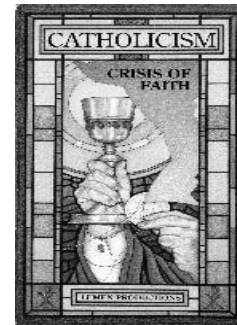
over 1 billion adherents, great wealth, political power and influence. Both esteem the Virgin Mary as the most revered woman who ever lived. Learn more about these three monotheistic religions, the tribulation period and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to rule and reign on the earth.

Contending for the Faith provides a comprehensive look at the epistle of Jude with a 21st century application. Jude's exhortation needs to be heard today because the Gospel has been perverted and distorted like never before. All Christians must fight the good fight of faith for the glory of our Savior, the sanctity of His Church, the purity of the Gospel and the eternal destiny of those who are being deceived.

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The following three DVDs contain one message. They are excellent resources to share with anyone who has been deceived by false teachers or lying signs and wonders.

Catholicism: Crisis of Faith - Follow the spiritual journey of former priests and

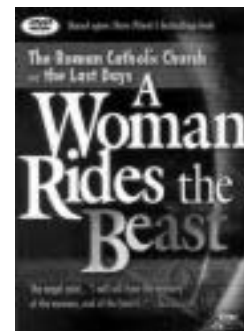


nuns and hear them explain how they found the narrow road that leads to life by turning to Christ and His Word. Discover the cause for the present global Crisis in the Roman Catholic Church. Now in English Spanish, German, Korean,

Portuguese, Polish and Chinese all on the same DVD.

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A Woman Rides the Beast - A revealing look at the history of the Roman Catholic Church and how



it may play a significant role in the Last Days. Whether you believe the woman is the Roman Catholic Church or another false religious system, this DVD will give you a greater urgency to contend for the faith against

the ecumenical movement and all other attempts to unite professing Christianity under the pope. The fatal errors of Catholicism must be made known to those who embrace her gospel.

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Messages From Heaven - Reports of paranormal and supernatural activity are on the rise! Tens of millions of people have been



flocking to apparition sites around the world hoping to encounter the Virgin Mary. This DVD examines some of these messages in light of God's holy word. Good photography and excellent visual and sound effects accompany footage of various apparition sites and interviews

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- ◆ The Gospel promises an eternal inheritance and salvation from the power and punishment of sin to everyone who believes it (Rom. 1:16; Eph. 1:13-14).
- ◆ It is about one person, the eternal God incarnate, Jesus Christ, who did everything necessary to save sinners completely and forever from the eternal punishment and power of sin (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- ◆ All the historical events of the Gospel - His virgin birth, His perfect life, His substitutionary death and His glorious resurrection took place within a 33-year period.
- ◆ Anything added to what Jesus did 2000 years ago is a flagrant and brazen rejection of His perfect, finished and sufficient work of redemption (Heb. 7:25).
- ◆ Anything that anyone has done since, or is doing now, is not the Gospel. This includes priests making offerings for sin, baptism, sacraments, good works, indulgences, going to church, penance, praying and law keeping (Titus 3:5-7).
- ◆ Any human effort added to the completed work of Jesus nullifies divine grace which is the only means by which God saves sinners (Rom. 11:6).
- ◆ The spiritual blessings available to those who believe the Gospel can only be received by God's grace apart from works (Eph. 2:8-9).
- ◆ The Gospel is eternal - it is the same message for every generation (Rev. 14:6).
- ◆ The Gospel is exclusive - it is the only message of redemption - all other faiths and all other religions are false (John 14:6; Mat. 7:13-14).
- ◆ The Gospel is unchanging - anyone who preaches a perversion of the Gospel stands condemned (Gal. 1:6-9).
- ◆ Anyone who rejects the Gospel will suffer the vengeance of the Lord Jesus and be punished with everlasting destruction (2 Thes. 1:7-9).

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repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will" (2 Tim. 2:24-26). We must take note of the correct way to approach those who are being deceived by the clever, scheming, and subtle lies of the devil. We must lovingly confront them with gentleness, patience and humility and avoid being quarrelsome or argumentative. As we correct them, we must use the Scriptures and avoid giving our own opinions, experiences or philosophy. Saving faith comes from hearing the Word (Rom. 10:17).

Liberty from the bondage of sin and deception is found only in Christ. The Father sent Him to preach the Gospel to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and to set free those who are downtrodden (Luke 4:18). Jesus also came to give sight to the blind because a veil of spiritual blindness covers every man's heart. However there is one condition that must be met: Paul declares: "when ever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away" (2 Cor. 3:16). This means *turning from* fallible men and their traditions and *turning to* Christ and His infallible word!