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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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*"How can you escape the condemnation of hell?"
(Matthew 23:32)*

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Many People Never Investigate Life's Most Important Issue

We can be wrong about a lot of things in this life and still survive, but if we are wrong about whom we are trusting for our eternal destiny, we will pay for that fatal mistake forever. At the moment we take our last breath, our eternity is irrevocably sealed. There are no second chances, no excuses and no calls for mercy (Heb. 9:27). For this reason there is not an issue of greater importance than investigating where we will spend eternity. Everyone will live forever either in the glories of heaven or in the torments of hell. Why then do people rarely seek the answers from the Word of our Creator, our most trustworthy authority? The true God who spoke all of creation into existence is the same God who spoke through 40 authors to give us His infallible Word. In the Scriptures God speaks with one voice to reveal one Savior who offers one way to be saved from sin.

Adam was not originally subject to spiritual or physical death, but because of his sin, death became a reality for himself and his posterity.

Nothing has changed in human history. Man is still facing the same decision Eve faced. Should I believe God and His Word or the voice of another? Today there are many voices that people choose to believe instead of God's Word. Many put their faith in the words of religious leaders, scientists, philosophers or their parents. In doing so they ignore the warning of Paul: *"Let God be true, but every man a liar"* (Rom. 3:4). For over 30 years of my life I believed the words of Catholic priests and popes. I was blindly deceived because I did not know the truth. But God in His grace and mercy gave me a desire to read His Word, and I transferred my faith from fallible men to our infallible God.

Whose Word Should We Trust?

In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve lived in perfect union with God. God's voice was the only one they heard until Satan spoke through a serpent. Satan questioned Eve by asking, *"Has God indeed said...?"* (Genesis 3:1). Then the serpent refuted and invalidated God's word with a fatal lie, *"You will not surely die"* (Genesis 3:4). Eve had a critical decision to make: to trust God and His Word or believe the word of someone else? Her fatal decision to trust Satan's word instead of God's word led her and Adam into sin and spiritual death (separation from God). *"Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned"* (Rom. 5:12). All of Adam's descendents inherit his sin nature and are born spiritually dead.

What is the Object of Saving Faith?

What I find fascinating is this: the instrument (faith) that once condemned man is the same instrument (faith) that God uses to justify man. When our first parents shifted their *faith* from God's Word to Satan's lie, the resulting act of disobedience was condemnation (Rom. 5:16). Now when anyone shifts their *faith* from the word of another to the Word of God, the result is justification (John 5:24; Rom. 5:1). The instrument of faith is the same, but the object is obviously different. When man disobeyed God's first command in the garden it brought judgment and condemnation (Gen. 2:17). When man obeys the Lord Jesus Christ's first command *"Repent and believe the Gospel!"* it brings justification and salvation (Mark 1:15). When the object of a man's faith is Jesus Christ and

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His Word, he receives the gift of His righteousness and a permanent right-standing before God (Rom. 5:17; Heb. 10:14).

Whose Righteousness Will We Trust?

The righteousness of Christ is man's only passport to heaven. His righteousness is what every man will need on judgment day (Mat. 5:48). Yet the unbelieving world does not know that God's righteousness requires perfect righteousness (Rom. 10:1-4). All those who suppress God's truth in unrighteousness will stand before the judgment seat in the filthy rags of their own righteousness and then suffer God's wrath forever (Isaiah 64:6; Rom. 1:18).

One of Satan's most popular and fatal lies seduces gullible people who have not spent much time in the Bible. He deceives many with a works-righteousness salvation. They flatter themselves by thinking they can appease God with all they have done. They believe their good works will outweigh their bad deeds on judgment day. Nothing could be further from the truth. Apart from Christ, every man stands condemned to hell by the gavel of divine justice. *"He who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"* (John 3:18). At the judgment seat of Christ, every mouth will be stopped and no one will be justified by the deeds of the law (Rom. 3:19-20).

The Purpose of the Law

The law was not given to justify us but to condemn us by exposing our sins and rebellious acts against God (Rom. 7:8-11). The law was given to stop our boasting and show us how desperately we need God's mercy. Even if we were nearly perfect in obeying the law we would still be cursed. *"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all"* (James 2:10). The law was given to break our stubborn pride and to lead us to Jesus Christ as our only hope of acquittal. *"The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith"* (Gal. 3:24).

God's Judgment of Sin

Tragically, there are many who live with no fear of God. They delight in His love, mercy

and grace while ignoring His justice and righteousness, which are the foundation of His throne (Psalm 89:14). They dismiss the righteous indignation He displayed by judging sin with a global flood. They ignore the many passages in the Bible that speak of God's judgment and fierce anger towards sin. In Isaiah 66:15-16, it is written: *"The Lord will come in fire and His chariots like the whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire, for the Lord will execute judgment by fire and by His sword on all flesh, and those slain by the Lord will be many."* God has no pity on unrepentant sinners. *"I indeed will deal in wrath, My eye will have no pity nor will I spare; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them"* (Ezekiel 8:18). These words should terrify everyone who does not know God's only way of escape.

In hell, there is no mercy and no escape from the terrifying wrath of God. Once people enter, their doom is fixed forever, their an-

guish is never ending and the devil is ready to torment them in the flaming pit that was created

especially for him (Mat. 25:41). They will realize they are there because they believed Satan's lie instead of God's truth. The dreadful consequences of dying under the curse of God with unforgiven sin is too much to fully comprehend. No one should enter into eternity without the Lord Jesus Christ. We must call sinners to repent and believe the Gospel while they still have life. Today is the day of salvation! God does not promise anyone tomorrow.

So Great a Salvation!

God in His mercy and grace demonstrated His love by sending His only Son to the cross to die as a substitute for sinners (Rom. 5:8). Those who come to the cross with empty hands of faith and repentance will be forgiven. Those who come to the cross with good works, sacraments and religious rituals remain unforgiven because they have nullified grace - the only means by which God saves sinners (Rom. 11:6). The offer is given to all, but God's grace is given only to the humble who trust Jesus as their all-sufficient Savior (James 4:6).

Sinners who respond with neglect or

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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 for 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.

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Understanding the Times Conference **Oct. 8-9 Eden Prairie, MN**

Join us at Olive Tree Ministry's annual *Understanding the Times Conference* at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN, Oct. 8-9. Speakers include: Dr. Mark Hitchcock, Dr. David Reagan, Gary Kah, Jan Markel and Mike Gendron. For more information visit olivetreerviews.org or call (952) 942-9000

Steeling the Mind Conference **Oct. 15-16 Tempe, AZ**

The *Steeling the Mind Bible Conference* has decided to go to Arizona this year because the liberals don't want to go there! So join us in support of this great state at Calvary Chapel Tri-Cities in Tempe, on Saturday, October 16, from 9 am until 10 pm. This conference will *steel your mind* with God's truth! Speakers and their topics include: James Walker - *Satan's Top Two Cults*; Mike Gendron - *Why Should Anyone Believe the Bible*; Dave Reagan - *America's Painful Divorce from God*; Russ Miller - *The Evil Fruit of Old Earth Beliefs*; Dave Moore - *Bible Prophecy*; Paul Van Noy - *Forgiven Forever*; John Higgins - *Following Fox Anchors Could be Fatal* and John Loeffler - *What's Going on and Where are We Headed?* For more information, visit: compass.org or call (800) 977-2177.

Faithful Witnesses Were Catalyst for Radio Interview

Ambassadors for Jesus Christ who use our Gospel tracts to reach Catholics often produce a greater outreach than they first thought possible. On August 8th some of them were evangelizing at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Arlington. One of the radio personalities on KRLD Radio was there and thought this would make a good topic for his two hour show. The next day he invited me on his show to discuss what our group was doing at a Catholic Church. I made the most of this divine appointment by communicating the Gospel of grace with clarity and purpose to over 100,000 prime time listeners. The Lord Jesus was glorified on secular radio thanks to His faithful servants who have a deep compassion for those who are perishing! May they be encouraged along with other faithful servants.

Have You Considered This?

The Son of God became the Son of Man because He had the law to fulfill, darkness to dispel, truth to disclose, error to expose, prophecy to accomplish, justice to satisfy, sin to remove, righteousness to impute, sinners to save, a bride to purify, heaven to open, life to give, death to destroy, Satan to conquer and God to reveal!

God's Word must be the final authority on all matters which it addresses not just spiritual and moral truths, but also history, geography, science and creation. To deny any of God's Word is to question His character, authority and purpose.

Why does God allow false teachers in the midst of His sheep? He is testing their love and faithfulness to Him. Will they listen and obey the voice of wolves who try to destroy the flock or heed the Word of the Good Shepherd who promises to guide, protect, feed and nourish all His sheep who are prone to wander? (Deut. 13:3).

Where Mike Is Speaking

- Oct. 2-3 **First Baptist Church**
Weymouth, MA (781) 335 6232
- Oct. 9 **Understanding the Times Conf.**
Eden Prairie, MN (763) 493-3010
- Oct. 10 **Twin City Fellowship**
St. Louis Park, MN (952) 935-3100
- Oct. 16 **Steeling the Mind Conf.**
Calvary Chapel Tri-City
Tempe, AZ (800) 977-2177
- Oct. 29-31 **Flint Hills Christian Church**
Emporia, KS (620) 342 0081
- Nov. 9, 11 **The Master's Seminary**
13248 Roscoe Blvd.
Sun Valley, CA (800) 225-5867
- Dec. 6-8 **Pre-Trib Study Group**
Irving, TX (800) 962-1022
- Feb. 12 **Steeling the Mind Conf.**
Coeur d'Alene, ID (800) 977-2177
- Mar. 9-17 **Israel Tour and Missions Trip**
Jerusalem, Israel (972) 495-0485
- Mar. 17-20 **Red River Prophecy Conf.**
Moorhead, MN (218) 790-0099

To schedule Mike Gendron or Jason Hauser to speak, contact them:
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Three Dimensional Bible Study in Israel March 9-17

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to experience the Holy Land with Mike and Jane Gendron. They will be leading another group to the land of the Bible March 9 - 17. Jerusalem has been named one of the world's top-10 travel destinations for culture and sight-seeing. Trip Advisor reports a 26 per cent increase in visitors to Israel in April over the past year.

Pray about joining us for this three-dimensional Scripture study with visits to scores of biblical sites in Israel. Your life will be blessed beyond what you could ask or imagine as you walk where Jesus and the apostles walked. You will also gain a deeper understanding of God's Word and enjoy fellowship you will cherish forever. It is easy to hold your space while you make plans. Call us at (972) 495-0485 for a four-color brochure or visit our website (www.pro-gospel.org).

Visit Us on Facebook

Proclaiming the Gospel and Mike Gendron now have two different FaceBook pages you can visit to keep up with the ministry.

Gospel Cards Are Great For Discipleship

Some people who ordered our Gospel Cards are excited to report they are great for discipleship as well as evangelism. They have used them with their children and grandchildren to teach them the glorious plan of salvation. To order some today, see page 7.

Quick Quote

"To invent our own forms of worship is to insult God; and every mass that is ever offered upon the Romish altar is an insult to heaven, and a blasphemy to God who is a Spirit. Every time any form of worship by procession, celebration, or ceremonial of man's invention is offered to God, it is offered in defiance of this Word of Christ, and cannot and will not be received; however earnest people may be they have violated the imperative canon of God's Word; and in fighting for rubrics they have gone against the eternal rubric that God as a Spirit must be worshipped in spirit and in truth."

C. H. Spurgeon

Seeking His Truth

Letters to the Editor



I heard about your ministry listening to you on Jan Markel's radio show. I loved what you were teaching and have always had an interest in the heretical teachings of Catholicism since I was a kid. You were brought out of that darkness into the light of truth into the true church bought by the blood of the Lamb. I was so elated when I began to read and study your material. Your newsletter is such an inspiration to me, and I appreciate the fact that you allow others to spout off their disbelief without intimidating you. I am aware that God's power preserves you and your ministry because of His faithfulness to you and yours to Him. I know that you and your wife are being persecuted for your stance on the truth. You are in my prayers, that our Lord will continue to give you His wisdom in rightly dividing the Word of Truth to a dying, hell-bound world. I do have a concern for the book, *Bible For Dummies*, because the young adults at my church chose it for their Bible study with the pastor's approval. When I investigated the book, I found it upholds the Apocrypha and wreaks with Catholicism. Its author is a professor of theology at Boston College, a very devout Catholic institution. The young people at my church, most of whom are probably not born-again (PC-USA worldlings), are being hoodwinked with the young pastor. Please share more insight behind this devilish scheme hatched by the Roman Church to bring more converts back home.

J.M., Memphis, TN

I just offered a bead on my Rosary for your conversion to the true church. Did you know that nothing in the Catholic Church contradicts Scripture and nothing in Scripture contradicts the Catholic Church? That would be impossible since the Catholic Church gave us the Bible! Could it be possible that your private, fallible interpretation of Scripture is wrong? Why is your interpretation better than mine? What guarantee do you have that yours is correct and mine wrong? There can't be two truths. How can the Spirit tell you one truth and me another? Are you saying the Spirit is to blame in dividing us? The interpretation of sacred Scripture must always be compared with, inserted into and

authenticated by the living Tradition of the church.

Anonymous Catholic, Internet

Offering a bead on your Rosary to Mary for my conversion is just one of many examples of how the Catholic Church does indeed contradict the Bible. No God-fearing man in the Bible ever prays to anyone other than God. The Catholic Church was not even in existence when God inspired the books which make up the Bible. According to your religion, you are not allowed to have your own interpretation. You must submit to your Bishops' interpretations which are not according to the normal, literal, customary, grammatical use of the language or according to the historical setting of the passages. Instead, as you have stated correctly, they force hundreds of years of religious traditions on their interpretations. It is not the Spirit who is leading you; you are being led down the wide road to destruction by your bishops. Yes, the Spirit does divide for the purpose of making evident those approved by God (1 Cor. 11:18).

Mike, if you could only share five things with a staunch Roman Catholic friend, what would they be?

Stephen F., Facebook

I would proclaim: 1) God's Word is the supreme and infallible authority in all matters of faith, 2) the Lord Jesus Christ is the all-sufficient Savior who saves sinners completely and forever, 3) the only way God saves is by grace which must be exclusive of all human effort or merit, 4) sin can only be forgiven by repentance and faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus and 5) the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ is given as a gift to believers and it is the only passport to heaven.

Thank you for recommending Providence Church in Plano. I am ready to fall in love with all that it offers. During the interactive teaching in Sunday School, I felt like a child in an adult conversation! I love it. My prayer to God is not merely to have more head knowledge ... that in itself is great, but I want my whole self, thoughts, reactions, every-

thing of me to be saturated by Him such that being a doer of the Word would be second nature. My prayer is to be a faithful ambassador for our Lord. Head knowledge is dead if I'm not a doer of His Word.

D. F., Rowlett, TX

As I read through so many negative letters in your newsletter, I know that discouragement can overtake us in times of attack, so I want you to know that I am praying for you. The depth of the devil's deception is greater each day. Thank you for upholding the truth. May God strengthen you by His Spirit and His Word!

Pastor Paul T., Plymouth, WI

Don't know if you're aware of Michael Barber, a Catholic who earned a doctorate degree at Fuller Theological Seminary, a highly esteemed Protestant institution. Dr. Barber's 800-page doctoral dissertation passed "with distinction," the highest honor a thesis can receive at Fuller. In it, Dr. Barber defended the priesthood of the Apostles and the centrality of the Eucharist. How tragic that his thesis could be approved by a committee of Protestant scholars! Now he has published a CD on "How to Bring Back Fallen Away Catholics."

Rob, Internet

I hope anyone who may have been intimidated by you and your materials will realize that you are nothing more than a paper tiger. You look good on paper at first glance, but after closer scrutiny, there is really nothing of substance there. You have shown either a complete and total ignorance of the Catholic teaching on purgatory or have deliberately and willfully distorted it. When a person dies, they are headed to heaven or to hell. Purgatory has absolutely nothing to do with judgment. Purgatory has to do with the final purification of a soul after it has been judged as being just. There is punishment for sin even after one has received forgiveness. There is a place besides heaven or hell where you can be forgiven of sins from a previous age and where you will not get out until you have paid your entire debt. Your use of Scripture to deny purgatory is ignorant at best, malicious at worst.

John, Internet

Why would you believe your religious teachings when they oppose and contradict the divinely inspired writings of the Apostle Paul? Calling me malicious and ignorant does not change the truth - every

born-again Christian has been forgiven of all transgressions and the eternal sin debt has been canceled. God has "taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" (Col. 2:13-14). The debt was cancelled because the Lord Jesus paid it in full and no more debt remains to be paid. He also obtained purification for sins through His shed blood (Heb. 1:3; 1 John 1:7). No more purification is necessary or possible.

Thank you so much for your encouraging, informative letters! It was a tremendous joy to meet you and Jane at the Lakewood Bible Church Conference in Mesquite. Sharing the Good News has been an exceptional challenge as of late. Too many people seem enchanted with the prosperity theology/positive confession stuff that they rush to defend these false doctrines even when contrasted clearly with the words of Scripture. It was indeed uplifting to hear of your work in Spain and elsewhere in the world where people truly desire a personal relationship with our precious Savior! Thank you for your faithful, wholehearted devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ, the deep compassion you show to the lost as well as the tireless patience and encouragement you have for us young believers still learning the art of wearing the whole armor of God. Truly, you shine like a glorious light in the darkness of this pagan world. We will continue to bring you and your ministry before the Lord in our prayers of effectiveness, traveling mercies, spiritual protection, divine appointments, steadfastness and abundant joy.
J.&A.T., Greenwood, LA

I shared the DVD *Catholicism vs. Evangelical Christianity* that you did with Dr. David Reagan with my Catholic dad. He actually sat through it all and agreed with what you had to say. God bless you and this wonderful ministry! I have connected with distant relatives who are Catholic and am anxious to send them more of your resources. I have already sent articles from your website. May the Lord give me boldness and teach me His ways that I may share the Truth with others. You are the only person I know who is such a gift that the Lord is using to share the truth with those stuck in Catholicism.
R.C., Cypress, TX

Recently I was sent a letter from a Catholic couple encouraging me to turn to the Catholic faith, especially Mary. I thank God for this opportunity to witness to them, and I thank God for using you to provide such

helpful information in your DVDs, books and articles. After absorbing so much information about Catholics, I ended up on my knees in praise and thankfulness for the precious blood of Jesus and His grace. I pray that God will bless you on your visit to my country next month. New Zealand gets too many visits from false prophets and not enough from evangelists who expose them.
V.H., Hamilton, New Zealand

What did Christians do before the Bible was written? If all teaching and doctrine come from the Bible alone, how did they practice their faith? Christ was not joking when he called on us to eat his flesh. Faith without works is dead. Isn't the act of believing a work? If works don't count, then neither does faith. Finally, read the Catechism to find out what the church officially teaches instead of some misinformed ex-Catholic or some dopey priest who knows little about his own faith. My evangelical friend revised his thinking about the RC Church after reading my Catechism. While he is still evangelical, he no longer spreads misinformation about Catholicism.
Keith, Internet

Christians have always had Scripture to instruct them and test every man's teaching (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 3:14-17). The Old Testament was finished 400 years before Christ began to build His church. Instead of reading what all your Catholic apologists are writing, you should study the Bible and its history. Why do Catholics take Christ literally in John 6 when He said "eat my flesh" and not take Him literally when He said "you will not hunger and never thirst" (John 6:35)? Clearly, Jesus is using figurative language (John 16:25) to describe the spiritual union and nourishment that takes place when His people behold and believe Him (John 6:40). For Catholics to use this passage to defend their bizarre dogma of transubstantiation is misguided since the events of John 6 took place three years before Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. Your second point is partially true. The act of believing is indeed a work, but it is a work of God to believe on the One he sent (John 6:29). Faith without works is dead as James writes in his epistle. He is concerned about people who have a counterfeit faith so he gives three tests: how one responds to trials (1:12), how one responds to the Word of God (1:22) and the evidence of one's faith (2:14). His argument is that genuine saving faith will inevitably pro-

*duce good works. A profession of faith that produces no good works is a dead, spurious faith. Saving faith is evidenced more by what a person does than what he professes. In other words, when God's grace has regenerated and transformed a sinner into a saint, the new creature in Christ will begin doing the works God has prepared for him (Eph. 2:10). If you were to see this in a math formula it would look like this: faith = justification + works, **not** faith + works = justification.*

I saw a clip of you on YouTube, talking about your successful career in sales. You look like a nice guy, however, I realized that you are still in sales, only you sell a different product. It made me think, how successful would you be if you represented your competition's position fairly. If you didn't misrepresent authentic Catholic teaching, could you still make the sale? Lucky for you, your customers are ignorant of authentic Catholic teaching, so you have found a niche to peddle your wares. I am honored that you have to use such tactics to make your pitch more acceptable. I guess that is why I am not buying what you are selling. I know we have a difference in interpretation of Scripture. Unless you have the gift of infallibility, you could be wrong. What authority do we seek to know what is true? How can we objectively know the truth, so that we can both accept God's Truth?
Glenn, Internet

Your bishops, who claim to have the gift of infallibility, are obviously wrong and cannot be trusted because there is only one infallible teacher - the Lord Jesus. God chose 40 fallible men to pen His inspired, infallible Word which should be everyone's supreme authority in matters of faith. Unlike the Catholic religion that sells indulgences as a means to gain God's favor, eternal life cannot be sold; it is given as a gift to those who repent and believe the Gospel. God's mercy and grace are not for sale, and there are no competitors to His truth, only adversaries that twist and distort it.

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Pope Urges Silence to Hear the Voice of God

Pope Benedict XVI is encouraging people to seek interior and exterior silence to be able to hear God's voice, and the voices of our neighbors. His message marked the 800th anniversary of the birth of Celestine V, the only pope in history to abdicate the throne of the papacy. Benedict said, "Celestine V went in search of truth and happiness, he went in search of God and to hear his voice and decided to separate himself from the world and to live as a hermit." Silence thus became the element that characterized his daily life and he succeeded in perceiving God's voice, a voice that was able to guide his life. Pope Benedict further urged his audience, "Let us not be afraid to be silent outside and inside ourselves, so that we are able not only to perceive God's voice, but also the voice of the person next to us, the voices of others." (Zenit.org, 7/4/10)

Pope Says Investigations of Priestly Abuse Deplorable

The pope called the raids carried out by Belgian police investigating priestly sex abuse "deplorable" and asserted the right of the Catholic Church to investigate abuse alongside civil law enforcement authorities. The June 24 raids targeted the home and office of a retired archbishop and also the graves of two prelates. Benedict issued a message of support to the Belgian bishops for the "deplorable way" in which the raids were carried out. Separately, police seized the records of an independent panel investigating sexual abuse by priests, some 500 cases in all. The head of the panel called the raid a huge violation of the privacy of the victims now in their 60s and 70s, who have lived with the shame of abuse. In his message to the bishops, Benedict stressed that justice must take its course. (MyWay.com, 6/27/10)

Catholics Venerate Heart of Dead Priest

Catholics in the East Bay are flocking to get a glimpse of a disembodied heart on a golden plate. The heart once beat inside a 19th century French priest by the name of John Vianney. The heart is on tour around the world, leaving the rest of its body behind in the Ars Basilica in France, encased in a glass tomb above the altar. The adoration of a dead tissue sounds so ghoulish in an enlightened age that makes mutilation of a corpse a felony, yet, this heart is considered a relic. The dead priest has been canonized, and miracles have been attributed to the heart, that, along with the entire body, is said to be incorrupt. That means it supposedly did not fully decompose. When it was exhumed (a weird church custom for those being considered for beatification), it was discovered to still be intact, although dry and darkened. In an attempt to justify an obvious pagan practice, the Catholic Encyclopedia prefaces its entry on the veneration of relics by showing how the tradition is customary in other religions. (Examiner.com, 7/17/10)

Author of "The Shack" Calls Evangelical God a Monster

Author and researcher Ray Yungen attended a lecture at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon to hear William Paul Young, author of *The Shack*. He reported that Young said he believes his book, which has sold 14 million copies, has been a "god thing" to heal people's souls. He said many people have been "tainted" by the evangelical God. During his talk, *Can God Really Be That Good?*, Young told the audience that "the God of evangelical Christianity is a monster." He was referring to the evangelical belief that God is a God of judgment who will judge the unbelieving. Young rejects the biblical view of atonement wherein Jesus died as a substitute for sinners to pay the punishment for

sin. Young echoes the sentiments of William Shannon and Brennan Manning, who both say that the God who punishes His own Son to pay for the sins of others does not exist. They all deny the God who exacts the last drop of blood from His Son, so that His just anger, evoked by sin, may be appeased. "This God whose moods alternate between graciousness and fierce anger - a God who is still all too familiar to many Christians - is a caricature of the true God. This God does not exist," writes Shannon in his book, *Silence on Fire*, page 110. Manning states the very same thing in *Above All*, pages 58-59. (Lighthouse Trails, 6/28/10).

Pope to Speak at Both Houses of Parliament

Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the invitation of Queen Elizabeth II to visit in September. Some 477 years after Henry VIII declared independence from papal authority, the current pope, who is head of the Vatican sovereign state, will address both houses of Parliament. During his visit he will also be joined by a delegation of Catholic bishops in a meeting with an Anglican delegation led by the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. An ecumenical celebration will be held at the nearby Westminster Abbey. On the final day of his visit to the U.K., Pope Benedict XVI will preside over the celebration for the beatification rite of Venerable Cardinal John Henry Newman in Cofton Park. (CatholicNewsAgency, 7/22/10)

Vatican Investigates Another Scandal

The Holy See, with scapel in hand, is ready to carry out urgent and comprehensive surgery with its investigation of the Legionaries of Christ. The order was founded in 1941 by the late Fr. Maciel Degollado, a Mexican priest who is accused of sexually abusing young seminarians and who fathered a daughter. The order grew rapidly and became a source of scandal and embarrassment. Maciel wooed cardinals and bishops with money, fine wines, \$1,000 hams and new cars, and in so doing, secured support for his religious order inside the Roman Curia. The issue facing Pope Benedict has no precedent in modern church history: whether to dismantle a movement with a \$650 million budget, 700 priests and 2,500 seminarians, or to keep the brand name and try to reform an organization still run as a personality cult of its founder. (Global Post, 7/19/10)

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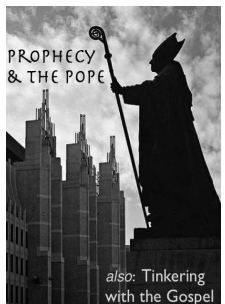
skeptics why the Bible stands alone as the most trustworthy source for truth?

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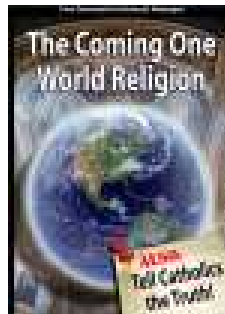
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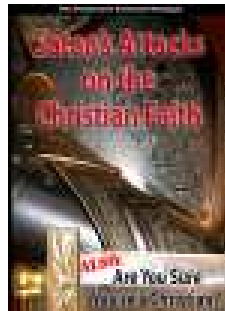
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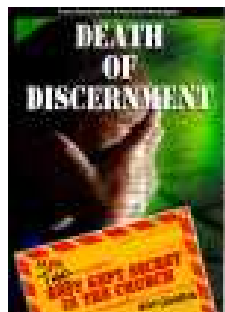
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Are a Christian? Paul gives an exhortation to "test yourselves to see if you are in the faith." Share this message with professing Christians who have been evangelized by man's methods instead of God's. Tragically, there are many who profess Christ who have never been born again.

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reveals God's faithful promise - the forgiveness of past and future sins at the moment of conversion. 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.

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Which Jesus Do You Trust? Message that contrasts the Jesus of Roman Catholicism and the cults with the Jesus of Scripture. Objective facts from authoritative sources reveal the Jesus whom Catholics worship and trust is another Jesus whom the apostles never preached (2 Cor. 11:4). The Eucharist is a false Christ that leads a billion souls into the sin of idolatry.

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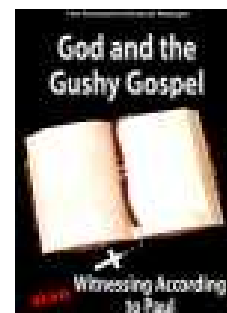
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Witnessing According to Paul

is a practical exhortation for overcoming the effects of a gushy Gospel. Learn from the Apostle Paul who evangelized with clarity and conviction along with biblical integrity. Be aware of unbiblical methods of evangelism. Test and examine your methods with Paul's.

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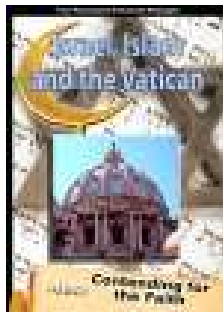
Which Gospel? - God's redemptive message is currently under attack in three critical areas: 1) the Christ of the Gospel, 2) the Promises of the Gospel and 3) the Response to the Gospel. Those who have been misled need to hear the true Gospel.



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Why Evangelize if God Has Already Chosen? A biblical look at the one of Christianity's most controversial issues- the doctrine of election. Learn how it upholds the responsibility of every believer to sow the seeds of God's imperishable word. See how divine sovereignty and human responsibility work together in God's perfect plan of redemption. This will encourage you in your faithfulness to the Great Commission.

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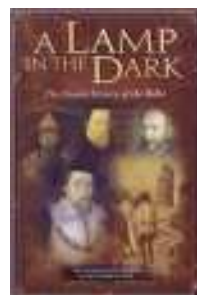
Roman Catholicism vs. Evangelical Christianity - Dr. David Reagan interviews Mike Gendron on a subject with eternal consequences. With sensitivity and compassion, they explore how Catholics have been led to trust a different authority, believe another gospel and worship another Christ who returns every day to be offered on an altar.



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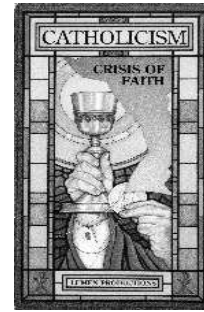
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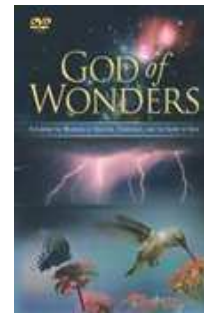
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- The law instructs what man must do for God. Grace reveals what God does in man (Mat. 19:18; 2 Cor. 9:8).
- The law testifies of God's righteousness and man's unrighteousness. Grace exchanges Christ's righteousness for man's unrighteousness (2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 5:17; 10:2-4).
- The law judges man to the sentence of death. Grace brings dead man to life (Eph. 2:5; Rom. 7:10).
- The law exposes man's unrighteousness. Grace instructs man to live righteously (Rom. 7:7; Titus 2:11-12).

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indifference to the offer of "so great a salvation" will have no escape on the day of judgment (Heb. 2:3). God's Word explains why: *"Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention. They will seek me diligently but they will not find me, because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord. They would not accept my counsel, they spurned all my reproof."* (Prov. 1:24, 28-30). How utterly sobering are these words of almighty God! Yet, He is glorified before angels and men not only in His infinite mercy and grace, but also in the unrestrained fury of His justice.

How precarious is the state of ignorant people who live in the constant danger of this eternal misery. No matter how pious or religious or devout or moral they may be, if they have not been born of God, they will experience God's revenging judgment. They will be given immortal bodies capable of enduring suffering and torment that would surely cause instant death in a mortal body (Rev. 20:14). They will be thrown into a furnace of fire where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mat. 13:50). They will

quickly discover the eternal fire of hell is kindled with the anger of almighty God (Deut. 32:22). There will be no intermission or relief for they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Rev. 20:10). How terrifying it will be to be judged by a sin-avenging God!

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Let us ask God to give us a growing compassion for those who are perishing. Can there be any higher calling than warning people of the fatal sin disease they inherited? Can there be any greater act of love than offering them the only cure that will save their soul? I know of none! We should grieve for the unconverted as if we see them suspended over hell and one after another falling in. We who have been graciously entrusted with the glorious Gospel of God's saving grace should shout it from the roof-tops. Let us not make the Lord's great commission our great omission! Let us engage people with the Gospel throughout the day. If they only have a few minutes to spend with us, offer them a Gospel tract which reveals the greatest news they will ever hear about the greatest gift they could ever receive from the greatest Man who ever lived. Sow the imperishable seed of God's Gospel in the fertile soil He prepares!