

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

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All Christian religious institutions have teachings that either confirm or deny them as a true Christian church. For instance, the Mormons (i.e. the Church of the Latter Day Saints or the LDS) believe that God the Father was once a man (see the King Follett sermon that Joseph Smith preached in 1844), and actually, the Father and the Son are two of *many gods*, but the Bible declares there is no other God than the God of Israel (Isaiah 44:6; John 17:1f.), and the Father was never a man. Mormons are not going to be happy on Judgment Day.

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that Jesus was the angel Michael who came to Earth as a human being to save us. The Scriptures though, teach that Jesus is God the Son from eternity past, not an angel nor any other created being (John 1:1-3, 14, 18; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33). JW's will not be happy on Judgment Day.

Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses are not Christian organizations, but Christian cults masquerading as Christian churches. Even though there are many good people in both cults, and even though they do a lot of good for people with their good works, their church has deceived them about Jesus and salvation, and they will be damned on Judgment Day because it's not how good we are or how many good deeds we do for others or even how many prayers we say. God is very clear—to *enter into the Kingdom of His Son* and to have eternal life—we must be Born Again (biblically). This causes us to become *new creatures* “in Christ” (2nd Corinthians 5:17). This is the only Way we can stand in the holy and *fiery presence of God Almighty*. “Good people” will be toast.

Jesus specifically says, “except you be *Born Again* you shall not *enter* into,” or even *see* the Kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5). Only by being Born Again can we begin to *really know* the true Jesus and become *like Him* (Rom. 8:29; Col. 3:10). It's the Holy Spirit that causes the New Birth, which is the foundation and entry-way into God's Kingdom. The New Birth happens when a person asks Jesus to forgive him for his sins *and* experiences the Holy Spirit entering his soul. A sprinkled baby is not Born Again. A baby is *not* able to ask Jesus to forgive him of his sins, but Catholics have been led to believe that they are in the Kingdom of Jesus because they were sprinkled at birth or conversion. When asked, a priest will tell a Catholic that he was Born Again when he was sprinkled as an infant, and that he will be in Heaven as he continues to be part of the Roman Catholic Church, but nowhere in the New Testament are any infants sprinkled and said to be Born Again. Rome has lied to its people and is leading them into Hell. Yes, it is that serious that Catholics know God's Truth in this vital area of salvation because Catholic “salvation” is no salvation at all, and so Catholicism is the world's largest Christian cult. No amount of good works, Hail Mary's, sacraments or sprinkling causes anyone to be Born Again or to receive “Grace.”

Jesus shed His Blood on Calvary so that you can become a new being or creature like Him. All the work has been done by Him. You don't have to seek Mary for “more grace” to be in Heaven. Salvation is a Gift from Above, but Catholicism puts you in an endless tunnel of seeking more and more Grace, just to get you to Purgatory. Purgatory though, is a pagan, idolatrous concept that is not found in Scripture.

The Roman Church also teaches that Mary was sinless and that she was taken to Heaven (without dying), and that *she is the conduit* the Holy Spirit uses to extend Grace/s to Catholics. Prayers and veneration are due her for she too, along with her Son, saved mankind. *Nowhere in the New Testament* though, does it say that Mary was sinless, or that she was taken to Heaven without dying, or that she is the vehicle through which God's Grace comes to us, or that we should venerate her and pray to her, or that she is the Mediatrix and that she prays for Catholics and will take them out of Purgatory on the first Saturday that they are in there, if they wear the Scapula. These Catholic teachings directly oppose the Scriptures.

In the 13th century, Mary (actually a demon disguised as her) appeared to Simon Stock and said, “Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular¹ shall not suffer eternal fire.” Really? This teaching of the Scapula is not only heresy, but blasphemy. Jesus Christ assured our salvation from eternal Hell Fire by His death on the

Cross. Anything we add to that *nullifies His Finished Work of Salvation* that came to us by the shedding of His divine Blood (Lk. 1:68; Gal. 3:13; 1st Peter 1:18). There is *absolutely nothing in Scripture* that speaks of wearing special clothing or objects that will help us to get to Heaven and again, Purgatory isn't found in God's Word. It's totally pagan, yet a number of "infallible Popes" have confirmed the wearing of the Scapular.²

Devotion, trusting in and praying to Mary, is idolatry. Mary was a human being like us and she died. Yes, she was blessed beyond all women in being the human vessel to conceive and carry the Lord Jesus, but nowhere in Scripture does it say she was sinless or ascended to Heaven. Praying to her is praying to a dead person, which God forbids (Deut. 18:11). The Apostle John speaks of Catholicism when he says that he heard God's voice in Heaven saying: "Come out of Her, My people! *Lest you share in Her sins, and receive of Her plagues*" (Revelation 18:4). John said that the "Her" or the Harlot³ that sits on seven hills (Rev. 17:9). Rome was known in John's day as the city on seven hills.

The Roman Church says their traditions (teachings) are *equal* to the Word of God,⁴ but nowhere does the Bible say that. Rome teaches that the Pope, the Creeds and the Church Fathers can overturn Scripture. This is heresy. God's Word is divine and it's our highest authority for what we are to believe about Jesus, etc. Catholic teachings about salvation and Mary were taken from paganism. They *nullify* God's Word. Rome falls into the same category of the Pharisees. They too taught as the commandments of God their traditions that nullified God's Word, and Jesus was not pleased with them, calling them hypocrites and telling us *not to follow them or their teachings* (Mt. 15:1-9, 14; 16:11-12; 23:1f.). Alexander Hislop writes about the distinct difference between what the Bible teaches and what Catholicism teaches, stating:

"When Linacer, a distinguished physician...(a) Romanist in the reign of Henry VIII" (1509-1547), "first fell in with the New Testament, after reading it for awhile he tossed it from him with impatience...exclaiming, "Either this book is not true or we are not Christians!" He saw at once that the system of Rome and the system of the New Testament were directly opposed to one another."⁵

The theme of Hislop's book compares ancient pagan worship, theology, practice and ceremonies with that of Rome's and finds that Rome's worship and theology, etc., come from paganism—not the Bible. All that Rome has done is taken the names of Jesus, Peter and Mary, and placed them over the names of the pagan gods and goddesses. Hard to believe? Read Hislop's book (note 5) and find out for yourself.

I realize this may be shocking to you, but your eternal destiny depends on you choosing the right person to follow—either the Pope or Jesus Christ. Catholic teachings disqualify Rome from being a Christian church. If you continue as a Catholic it will cost you your eternal life.

Ask Jesus to forgive you of all your sins and to be Born Again (see John 3:1-5f.) and to be filled with His Spirit (Acts 2). Wait upon Jesus until you *encounter Him* by His Spirit and then you'll know you've been Born Again. Then you will *know* that you are part of His Kingdom and you'll be filled with His Joy.

Then tell Jesus that you renounce your allegiance and membership to the Roman Catholic Church (Rev. 17:9; 18:4). Contact me at AvramYeh@Gmail.com if you have any questions about your new life in Christ or just want to share your new found Joy.⁶

¹ The Roman Scapular consists of "two small (usually rectangular) pieces of cloth, wood or laminated paper, a few inches in size, which may bear religious images or text." (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scapular>)

² Dave Hunt, *A Woman Rides the Beast* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1994), p. 359. "Alexander V, Clement VII, Pius V, Gregory XIII and Paul V."

³ "And on Her forehead a name was written: "Mystery! Babylon the Great! The Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth!" I saw the woman, *drunk with the blood of the saints* and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw Her, I marveled with great amazement!" (Revelation 17:5-6)

⁴ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Image, Doubleday Publishing; English version, 1994, p. 31, point 82.

⁵ Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, p. 100. It's a free read.

⁶ Revised on Saturday, January 20, 2024.