

The Roman Church's celibacy is not of God. *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;...Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, I Timothy 4:1, 3 pt.*

The Pope, after claiming to be the "Vicar (substitute) of Christ" on earth, takes a title expressly forbidden by Jesus Christ, namely "Father" or "Holy Father." *And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Matthew 23:9* The Son of God used "Holy Father" only once in prayer to His Heavenly Father, for he said, "my Father is greater than I." John 14:28 pt.

The Pope claims apostolic succession from Peter yet denies Peter's teachings. Peter would not let a man bow down to him (see Henry Kissinger *in picture*). Kissing the Pope's toe is also a Church tradition. *And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. Acts 10:25, 26*

Jesus Christ in the Gospels is not at all like the Pope who is an international politician, and the head of a State (The Vatican State) with a flag. Politicians in Jesus' day hated and crucified Him. Jesus said to His own, which included Peter; *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. John 15:18* *And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together. Luke 23:12 pt.* The Pope wines and dines with politicians of all stripes, and is honored by them. Rome and its popes have more literal Christian blood on their hands than any other city on earth (read Foxe's *Book of Martyrs*). **BABYLON THE**

GREAT...drunken with the blood of the...martyrs of Jesus...is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. Revelation 17:5, 6, 18 pt. vss. ROME!

The Pope and his plenipotentiaries (cardinals, archbishops, bishops, etc.) are incredibly rich, living in luxury totally unlike the Lord Jesus Christ. Avro Manhattan in *The Vatican Billions (1983)* described their income as over \$4 billion/year, equating to \$15+ billion/year in 2015, not including the Church's investments (Italian rate of inflation of 3.77%/year since 1983). *And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. Matthew 8:20.* *For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. II Corinthians 8:9* **WHY IS THIS ALLOWED?**

The One, True, Holy, Apostolic Church's "pastors" (the popes) have allowed and kept the worst of unrepentant sinners in its membership. Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler were confirmed Roman Catholics that were never excommunicated. Neither were Joseph Goebbels, Rudolf Hoess (Auschwitz), Heinrich Himmler (SS), Al Capone, Albert Anastasia (Murder Incorp.), etc. etc. etc. Papal carnal disobedience to New Testament orders given to all Christian ministers is the reason for this gross abuse. *Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I Timothy 5:20* *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort...II Timothy 4:2 pt.*

The Popes preach a false gospel! They substitute works-based sacramental grace in place of the true grace of God that gives assurance of salvation. *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, I John 5:13 pt.* No Catholic, including any pope, is ever sure of going to Heaven because they are working for their salvation through the 7 Church Sacraments (religious works) namely: Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Mass, Marriage, Holy Orders and Last Rites. *And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. Romans 11:6* Sinners remain lost in the Catholic sacramental system and, tragically, are on their way to Hell. **LOST!!!**

2. Consider the Biblical person of Mary.

The historical Mary of the Bible is not the "Mary" of the Catholic Church. They are as different as day and night. The Biblical Mary was a young Jewish maiden who was;

- a) A sinner who needed a Saviour...*And Mary said, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Luke 1:46 pt., 47*
- b) An unclean sinner who needed purification...*And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, Luke 2:22 pt., also see Leviticus 12:1-7*
- c) A wife who gave birth to at least six children after the birth of Christ...*Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? are not his sisters here with us? Mark 6:3; & Psalm 69:8.*

- d) Not exalted by her Son in any way...*Who is my mother? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.* Matthew 12:48/49 pt., 50
- e) Never referred to once by Jesus in the New Testament as His mother ...*Woman, what have I to do with thee? Woman, behold thy son!* John 2:4 and 19:26 pt. vss.
- f) Never mentioned in any New Testament book after Acts, Chapter 1.
- g) Mentioned last in Acts 1:14 with 120 other disciples. None of them honor her or ask her opinion concerning spiritual things here or anywhere else...**WHY?**

Catholicism's "Mary" is given the same attributes as God Himself! They are 1) Sinlessness: The Immaculate Conception; 2) Incorruptibleness of Christ's Resurrection: The Assumption of Mary and 3) Omnipresence: She can hear the prayers of up to 1 billion Catholics at the same time. You can't find this in the Bible!

In *The Glories of Mary* (Ligouri, 1931), an official RC publication, Mary is called the following: The Ladder of Paradise, The one, true Mediator, The Bridge of salvation, The Hope of Christians, The Firstborn of God, The Peace-maker, The City of God, The Redeemer, The Ark of the Covenant, The Fountain of all Grace, The Saviour, The Queen of Mercy, The Ruler of Angels.

Catholicism's "Mary" is the product of Church tradition which completely obscures the historical Mary of the Bible. She has God

subject to her will, Christ serving as her "subdeacon" and millions looking to her for salvation. *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* John 14:6 Jesus warned the Jews that through their Jewish religion they were, *Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition,* Mark 7:13 pt. Roman Catholicism makes exactly the same error, shutting the door for sinners to be saved and enter Heaven. Jesus is the only door... *I am the door:* John 10:9 pt.

3. Consider the New Testament priesthood and sacrifices-so different from the Mass

No pastor in the New Testament ever once offered sacrifices to atone for sin after the Cross. Jesus said, *It is finished: and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.* John 19:30 pt. There is no repeated sacrifice of Jesus' blood and flesh – the Mass. Ye (all Christians) *also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.* 1 Peter 2:5 *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified...there is no more offering for sin.* Hebrews 10:14, 18 pt.

4. Consider the Ten Commandments.

Whenever the Church prints the Ten Commandments in any official publication it leaves out Exodus 20:4: *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.*(pt. vs.) and makes two commandments out of the Tenth so Catholics can keep their idols. *Not handling the word of God deceitfully* || Corinthians 4:2 pt. best describes this dishonest practice. **Consider: Why?** cw

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Many people are born into a religion and never give time to consider what their faith really teaches. Jesus said, *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.* John 5:39 You owe it to yourself to read the Bible and check out whether your church is teaching you the truth. Your never dying soul is at stake, as well as your family's! So,...

1. Consider the Catholic Church's Pastor.

A Christian pastor should have a real family, and not be a celibate bachelor (The Pope), heading a huge retinue of celibates (nuns and priests) who tell married people how to live their lives. Peter was not a bachelor; he was a married bishop (pastor). *And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.* Matthew 8:14 Why are the leaders of the Catholic Church celibate??

A bishop (pastor) then must be blameless, the husband of one wife...having his children in subjection with all gravity. || Timothy 3:3, 4 pt.

Am I (Paul) not an apostle?...Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and as Cephas (Peter) || Corinthians 9:1 pt., 5