

ARE ROMAN CATHOLICS CHRISTIANS?

Ever asked yourself these questions:

- * How good do I have to be to get into heaven?
- * What standard does God use to let people into heaven?
- * Is it just a matter of crossing your fingers & hoping you'll get there?

These questions plague the Roman Catholic to the point of despair.
Martin Luther almost went insane!

Bible believing Christians have the certainty of heaven but close to one billion church adhering Roman Catholics will scream forever in the Lake of Fire. WHY?

Let's look into the KJV for answers.

"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Romans 4:4-5)

We CAN be sure of our eternity before we die - safely resting in what
JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US!

The artery of Rome was severed once and for all by the Reformation cry of `sola gratia, solo Christo, sola fide, sola Scriptura`

-GRACE ALONE! CHRIST ALONE! FAITH ALONE! SCRIPTURES ALONE!

IS THIS YOU?

- *I go to church. I believe in God and pray to Him. I believe in Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- *I know that God's grace saved me by having faith in Jesus Christ.
- *I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins, was buried & rose again the third day.
- *To the best of my ability I try to keep the Ten Commandments.
- *I came from a Christian family and went to church every Sunday and Sunday School.
- *I currently go to church was confirmed into the church through confirmation classes.
- *I've asked Jesus to forgive my sins and come into my heart and be Lord of my life.
- *I take Holy Communion.
- *I love God. I love other people and help not just Christians but non-Christians as well.
- *I support overseas missionaries.
- *I believe the Apostles creed & I can recite it.
- *I ask God daily to help me by the Holy Spirit.
- *I ask Jesus to help me every day.
- *I sometimes fast but not as often as I should. *I've been to a Billy Graham crusade, went out the front and asked Jesus to come into my heart.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE PROBABLY A ROMAN CATHOLIC!

This may shock you and then again ...not! The above sentiments are being echoed by countless Protestant millions as we are living at a time when the difference between Christianity and Roman Catholicism seems negligible in the minds of most.

IS THE CHRISTIAN & ROMAN CATHOLIC RELATIONSHIP TO GOD THE SAME?

Are those differences worth fighting for today? Can you tell the difference between Christianity and Roman Catholicism? Is it possible to compromise and negotiate a reasonable and sensible outcome between the two faiths? Did the countless Protestant martyrs who died cruel and horrible deaths get it all wrong? Can you give the reasons why Rome has killed, conservatively estimated, 70-90 millions people since 1200AD?

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WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

One who goes to church? No. One who believes in God? No. One who loves his fellowman as Himself? No. One who tries to keep the Ten Commandments? No. One who does his best? No. You can do good works for ten trillion years and you still won't be able to buy a doorknob in heaven! Many Roman Catholics are dedicated, religious and sincere - but sincerely wrong & that's the very thing that'll see them in hell.

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Now that's interesting! **GOD JUSTIFIES THE UNGODLY** - not God justifies the godly! You see my friend, Catholics believe that you can't have right standing with God unless you are pure within. This causes no end of heartache and trauma for the poor Catholic as he tries to remain pure within in order to be accepted by God. Most of them are falling in and out of heaven at least ten thousand times a day. 100% of Catholics (especially the Pope) aren't sure that if they died right now, where they would end up. It's very sad that Catholics are hoping to impress God with their 'curriculum vitae' (resume, job application, qualifications) to enter heaven. In 100% of cases, God will say not good enough - "Depart from me I never knew you." Imagine that! Fancy grinding away down here for most of your life to get the "brownie points" to get into heaven only to find yourself in the Lake of Fire for all eternity with no hope of pardon!

How horrible to hear God Himself say, "You were working from the wrong rule book. Who told you that you could get into heaven by your own righteousness. Sorry!"

A CONVERSATION:

This might take place between Jesus at the White Throne of Judgment & the Catholic after he has found that his name isn't in the Book of Life:

JC: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: Matt 25:41

RC: "But I spent all my whole life doing good works. Doesn't that count for something?"

JC: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast" Eph 2:8-9

RC: "But I prayed to Mary just like the Pope does!"

JC: "That's idolatry and no idolater shall enter heaven." 1 Cor 6:9

RC: "I was an altar boy and went to mass every week!"

JC: "Mass isn't found in the Scripture."

RC: "But Mass is the unbloody ongoing sacrifice at Calvary!"

JC: "That's a lie! The sacrifice was completed on the cross when I cried ...It is finished!"

John 19:30, Hebrews 10.

RC: "But being baptized as a baby cleansed me from original sin and made me a Christian, right?" JC: "Wrong! Only the blood I shed on Calvary can cleanse sin." 1 John 1:7; Romans 5:9

RC: "But I confessed my sins to Father Vincent and he forgave me."

JC: "Wrong again! I paid the price for sins and only I can forgive sins. The Catholic church lied to you." John 10:33; Matthew 11:28; Mark 2:5,7

RC: "Don't you love the Roman Catholic Church? JC: "How can I, they have murdered 70 million souls for believing you are saved by trusting in my work on the cross." Romans 4:5; Eph 2:8-9

RC: "But I don't want to burn in hell forever. Can't I get saved now?"

JC: "It's too late! Only the living can do that! Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt 25:41

THIS WILL BE THE ULTIMATE IN TERROR!

WHERE'S MOTHER TERESA?

Isn't she in heaven now? Not from what she said! Mother Teresa believed that Mary was her Co-Redeemer and relied on her to get her into heaven. She further believed that her good works were alone sufficient to get her into heaven.

(Note: Teresa had millions in the bank but wouldn't buy any medicine for the suffering people in her care as they lay dying. Why? Good ol' Catholic theology says their suffering here on earth would help purge their sins and make it easier for them to enter heaven.)

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Martin Luther almost went insane with his own sinfulness as he tried to get rid of it. Until God graciously opened his eyes to the fact that man is saved by faith alone by the work of Christ alone on the cross.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

“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)

So a Christian according to Scripture is one who trusts solely that the shed blood of Jesus Christ was total payment for sin.

WHAT ABOUT OUR TRADITION?

“It’s as important as the Bible!” says Rome. How could wearing a scapular when you die guarantee you entry into heaven? This and hundreds of other traditions for salvation will see Catholics go to hell for trusting in the tradition of man. Hear what the Bible says about man and his traditions:

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men... and not after Christ.” Colossians 2:8 “Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition...” Mark 7:13

Quite clearly the tradition of man is a very poor one. Why would God in heaven need the self-righteous work of a man assisting in the work of salvation? He doesn’t.

It’s like the carpenter with coarse sandpaper giving the once over to the already gleaming and perfectly French-polished table. Absolute folly!

It has also been said that trying to get into heaven on anything other than the righteousness of Christ is like trying to climb to the moon on a rope of sand! Mission Impossible!

“WHAT ARE YOU COUNTING ON TO GET YOU INTO HEAVEN?”

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY –

God’s standards are too high for anyone to keep. That’s why the Ten Commandments will keep you out of heaven. They show that we’re all sinners. God is waiting for you to come to him as a poor wretched sinner with nothing to offer and say:

“DEAR GOD I’m a sinner and deserve your eternal wrath in the fires of hell. The Roman Catholic religion can’t save me - only the shed blood of Jesus paid the penalty for my sins. Please forgive all my sins of attempts of good works and right living to get right standing with you. Save me now. AMEN.”

QUESTION: Why will a billion Roman Catholics go to hell when they die?

ANSWER: They don’t believe Jesus Christ when He said on the cross – “It is finished.” - no more to pay, no religious organization to join, no ‘entry fees’, no more good works, no trying to keep the Ten Commandments. This is why Catholics can’t call themselves Christians.

DEAR READER, What are you trusting in? Do you have the assurance that when you die that you’ll go to heaven. “..that ye may know that ye have eternal life...” 1John 5:13

**MAKE THE DECISION TODAY!
ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN OR A ROMAN CATHOLIC.**

Will you become a Christian and have eternal life in heaven or will you remain a Catholic and burn in hell forever?

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