

GOD'S WORD  
**HOW ROMAN CATHOLICISM IS A  
 NONCHRISTIAN RELIGION**

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*There Is ONE Church, and ONE Church, alone!*

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**There is One Single Church;  
 Who JESUS Says Is That Church:**

**J**ESUS AND HIS WRITERS of Scripture tell us that there is only ONE, SINGLE, "Gospel" ("Good News;" or, 'Means of Salvation'): John 14:6; Philippians 1:27; I Timothy 2:5, and therefore only ONE, SINGLE Church.

The one, single, universal Church is composed of individuals, all individuals who are **BORN AGAIN**. All Christian groups, Denominations, etc., are part of that single Church, the Body of Christ.

However, with the many millions of Christians in the world, everyone cannot fit as a group under a single roof on Sunday morning; there must necessarily be many such buildings to accommodate us all. And it is of course natural that each individual Christian will tend to gravitate toward, and fellowship and worship in, whichever of these buildings has a group of Believers similar to himself in personality, background, friendship group, etc. And it is natural that these groups will develop names for themselves that identify more closely what are their groups' distinctives, compared to other groups, to help new adherents of similar preferences when seeking a church group to worship with. It is tragic, however, when these groups develop names for themselves *to separate themselves* from all other groups.

9 God Is faithful, by Whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

**I Corinthians 1:9-13 The BIBLE**

**Salvation according to JESUS:**

**"YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN,"  
I MUST SUPERNATURALLY TRANSFORM YOU!**

*- The One, Great Doctrine, that Separates, "Church," from, "False Religion"*

**J**ESUS AND HIS WRITERS OF SCRIPTURE tell us that there is only ONE, SINGLE Church, composed of all persons who are **BORN AGAIN**, as Jesus and the Disciples preached. Various groups of Christians, if composed of **BORN AGAIN** believers, can therefore be more correctly referred to as, "Denominations," "Fellowships," etc., or by some other accurate man-made word or description.

In common parlance the greater, universal Church, composed of all **BORN AGAIN** individuals on earth, is generally written, "Church," with a capital, "C," whereas, "church," with a small, "c," is used to describe the sanctified building in which the various denominations, fellowships, etc., meet for worship, or often also the group of **BORN AGAIN** believers which gathers in it. Or, in a title of one of these groups, it will be capitalized.

If a religious group is not composed of **BORN AGAIN** Christians, but claims salvation by any other means, it can therefore be more accurately described as being, "apostate," "a cult," "a false religion," etc. These semantic distinctions are extremely important as they emphasize the distinct identity of the true Church of Christ and His truth, and its unity as One Body (and also the Church's separation and distinction from nonChristian groups and therefore their heresies - II Corinthians 6:14-18).

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

**Romans 12:5 The BIBLE**

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?  
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

**I Corinthians 10:16-17 The BIBLE**

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also Is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

**I Corinthians 12:12-14 The BIBLE**

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, Who Is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**Ephesians 4:4-6 The BIBLE**

The one Body of Christ, the universal Church, is composed of all persons who are **BORN AGAIN**. It is NOT defined and determined by man, nor by one of man's ORGANIZATIONS; man and his ORGANIZATIONS CAN-NOT claim the right to say who may or may not be admitted to the Kingdom of God!

Referring to this, the Apostle John quotes:

Jesus:

**3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be BORN AGAIN.**

**John 3:3-7 The BIBLE**

The Apostle Peter says the same thing:

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Which according to His abundant mercy hath BEGOTTEN Us AGAIN unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**I Peter 1:3-5 The BIBLE**

**23 Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, Which liveth and abideth for ever.**

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.

**I Peter 1:23-25 The BIBLE**

This experience of being **BORN AGAIN** is a one-time, supernatural experience of transformation into a new person. The **BORN AGAIN** person then *automatically* evidences his experience by his transformed nature, character, and changed lifestyle; his new *nature* is created in him by the Holy Spirit, Who now indwells him. This transformation happens almost without his realizing it, and comes from his 'heart,' not only from his conscious efforts. God subtly changes our very desires, so that our pleasures now align with His holiness, and therefore automatically change our actions!

13 For it is God Which worketh in you **both to will and to do** of His good pleasure.

**Philippians 2:13 The BIBLE**

It is this personal transformation that is the visible evidence to others, of the Spiritual salvation that God has given us! Such inherent transformation of the inner man cannot be accomplished by merely trying to align ourself with ‘church’-mandated ceremonies and practices! This automatic transformation of the convert’s very being is not seen in those who rely for their, “salvation,” merely on mandated ceremonies and practices of the ROMAN CATHOLICS or other groups, rather than on being **BORN AGAIN** by the Spirit of God, as Jesus preached! It is for this very reason that the new Christian is referred to as a, “convert:” he is **converted** from **his old** nature, to **God’s** nature!

Any group, therefore, which claims salvation by any means other than by Jesus’ **BORN AGAIN** experience is a false religion and a cult; one need go no further than this, Jesus’ description of salvation, to recognize whether an individual or a group is part of Jesus’ single, universal Church.

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

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9 I Am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

### **John 10:1, 9 The BIBLE**

This is why ROMAN CATHOLICISM, which preaches salvation, not as being **BORN AGAIN**, but as membership in their ORGANIZATION, with its long and detailed list of required initiation rites and repeated practices, cannot be referred to as, “a Church or church:” it is anything but. It is indeed an ORGANIZATION, a group, a belief, etc., but it is definitely not, “a Church or church,” and therefore cannot be referred to as such. Because ROMAN CATHOLICISM claims to provide its people salvation, but not through **Jesus’ BORN AGAIN** experience, which Jesus described, they are stealing from their people the salvation that **Jesus** accomplished for them! Trying to provide salvation by, “... some other way, the same is a thief and a robber!”

13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

### **Matthew 23:13 The BIBLE**

6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;

7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

### **I Timothy 1:6-7 The BIBLE**

The following pages will demonstrate how the ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION teaches a different, so-called, “salvation,” one based, not upon the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus’ **BORN AGAIN** experience (“The Gospel”), but upon the ROMAN CATHOLIC POPE’s heresy, and upon good works. These pages will show how that many ROMAN CATHOLIC heresies are not merely wrong, but are outright heresies, preaching heresies directly contrary to the Word of God.

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him That called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gos-

pel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

### **Galatians 1:6-9 The BIBLE**

In addition to this one heresy, that of salvation, there are various other ROMAN CATHOLIC heresies and practices that further establish/evidence the fact that, while there are indeed some individual ROMAN CATHOLICS who are **BORN AGAIN**, ROMAN CATHOLICISM itself is not part of Jesus' Church. These doctrines of ROMAN CATHOLICISM are in fact antiChristian heresies and practices; they are outright heresy:

#### **Salvation,**

#### **According to ROMAN CATHOLIC Heresy:**

Regarding Salvation, ROMAN CATHOLICS have gone to both extremes:

- 1) **THE ROMAN CATHOLIC Heresy:**  
**"SALVATION IS ONLY FOR ROMAN CATHOLICS"**

ROMAN CATHOLICISM officially teaches that Christ, having purchased redemption by His blood and death, delivered it to the CATHOLIC Church (*sic*) to be distributed to men through her sacraments.<sup>1</sup> Salvation in ROMAN CATHOLICISM is a process. It is necessary to believe in ROMAN CATHOLICISM. After belief, the person must be baptized, which is necessary for salvation. After baptism, he must participate in the sacraments which provide the grace that is "proper to each sacrament". He must also perform various PENANCES (punishments, or ROMAN CATHOLIC practices, or good works) which must be done in concert with perfect contrition. But sins require punishment. Even though sins are absolved by a priest the punishment due to a person because of his sin can remain.<sup>2</sup>

IN BRIEF: A person must become a ROMAN CATHOLIC to hope to be able to go to heaven. The ROMAN CATHOLIC must have faith, participate in the sacraments (take the Eucharist - eat a wafer and drink wine, keep the commandments, and perform PENANCE and INDULGENCES, etc.) in order to attain, maintain, and regain his salvation, "if he has lost it," as well as to reduce the punishments due to him now and after death for the sins of which he has already been forgiven by the ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION. They have always claimed that, "*Extra ecclesiam nulla salus*," or, "There's no salvation outside of ROMAN CATHOLICISM!" They've always claimed that Protestants and all others must become ROMAN CATHOLICS to attain salvation and go to heaven!

- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS** that we are saved by faith alone, by the grace of Jesus, and thus become **BORN AGAIN**, children of God!

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

### **Ephesians 2:8-9 The BIBLE**

Our Heavenly Father tells us that if we merely display to Christ sincere repentance from our sins **HE** will:  
 a) forgive us *and* b) cleanse us from all sin!

9 If we confess our sins, He Is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**I John 1:9 The BIBLE**

And our Lord tells us that, having been saved by the Spirit of God, we are not then made perfect by good works:

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

**Galatians 3:2-3 The BIBLE**

6 Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

**Philippians 1:6 The BIBLE**

Good works are a **mere indication** of salvation, **not a means of obtaining** it! When we are **BORN AGAIN** we will KNOW it; we don't need any fallible, "church," or group of mere sinful/corruptible man, nor our own corruptible good works, to grant it to us!

3 And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

**I John 2:3 The BIBLE**

16 The Spirit Itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**Romans 8:16 The BIBLE**

23 Being **BORN AGAIN**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, Which liveth and abideth for ever.

**I Peter 1:23 The BIBLE**

Jesus granted salvation to the thief dying on the cross next to Him (Luke 23:39-43), without baptism, communion, or good works (a few moments before, he had been *mocking Jesus!* – Matthew 27:38-44), and certainly without ROMAN CATHOLIC, "PENANCE!" What IS required by God is genuine repentance, from the heart, and making Jesus one's Lord and Saviour, rather than relying on one's own, corruptible, "good," works for salvation! In other words, becoming '**BORN AGAIN**'

**2) THE ROMAN CATHOLIC POPE FRANCIS' Heresy:**

**"EVERYONE WILL GO TO HEAVEN"**

But POPE Francis has repeatedly said differently<sup>3,4</sup> from the official ROMAN CATHOLIC heresy. He has expressed, on a number of occasions, that, "everyone," is welcome in his ORGANIZATION and heaven! Atheists, "... those who have denied the faith, who are apostates, who are the persecutors of the Church, who have denied their baptism: Are these also at home? Yes, these too. All of them. The blasphemers, all of them. We are brothers."

As ROMAN CATHOLIC heresy claims that a Protestant must become a ROMAN CATHOLIC to go to heaven, does this mean, then, that, according to that ROMAN CATHOLIC POPE, an atheist can go to heaven, but a Protestant can't? Does this mean that ROMAN CATHOLICS (or at least their POPE) are saying that being a Protestant is even worse than being an atheist?

Francis has also rejected the Bible's consistent denial of salvation to all who haven't repented and turned from their sin:

"In the documentary *Francesco*, which was released in October 2020, POPE Francis expressed support for same-sex civil unions. The POPE said that 'homosexuals have a right to be a part of the family. ... They're children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out, or be made miserable because of it.'<sup>5</sup>

And ROMAN CATHOLICISM declares that, when speaking, "*ex cathedra*" ("officially"), their POPE speaks as the very Person and spokesman of God Himself, and, "***is therefore infallible in what he says!***" So, what degree of truth and infallibility do they claim for their POPE when he makes such claims as we have just read in points **1)** and **2)** (*above*)?!

- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:**

- 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

**Romans 1:29-32 The BIBLE**

We have thus established that ROMAN CATHOLICISM teaches salvation by means other than that given to us by Jesus. Jesus tells us that we must be **BORN AGAIN**. We see this experience in: a) Jesus' Words to us, and in the Words of His writers of Holy Scripture, and in: b) the resulting supernatural experience of transformation, after being **BORN AGAIN**, evidenced by the new Christian's transformed character, nature, and lifestyle. We have recognized that this transformed character and lifestyle is not typically seen in those who rely merely on ROMAN CATHOLIC-mandated ceremonies and practices for their salvation. We therefore don't need to progress any further, in order to recognize the fact that ROMAN CATHOLICISM is not a part of God's Church as described by **Jesus**; it is a **POPE**'s cult/false religion.

However, to further evidence the antiChristian nature of that group, we will discuss a few more of the ROMAN CATHOLIC heresies. While there are many, we will discuss a few of the most egregious:

**SOME ROMAN CATHOLIC HERESIES****- AntiChristian Heresy****1) The ROMAN CATHOLIC heresy of:****Their "POPE"**

pope (n.)

"the Bishop of Rome as head of the ROMAN CATHOLIC Church," c. 1200, from Old English papa (9c.), from Church Latin papa "bishop, POPE" (in classical Latin, "tutor"), from Greek papas "patriarch, bishop," originally "father" (see papa).<sup>6</sup>

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**BUT THE BIBLE SAYS** that religious leaders are not allowed to exalt themselves, dress in fancy religious clothes, or be called, "Father," or other religious titles!<sup>6b</sup> Jesus said:

**5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,**

**6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,**

**7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi (*religious leader*).**

8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for One Is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

**9 And call no man your, "father," upon the earth: for One Is your Father, which is in heaven.**

**Matthew 23:5-9 The BIBLE**

**ROMAN CATHOLICISM claims that their, "POPE," is God-on-earth, and Infallible:**

"POPE," Francis' shocking statements were indeed made by a ROMAN CATHOLIC, "POPE," an office described variously by, "POPES," themselves:

- POPE Innocent III (1198 – 1216) said, "The POPE holds the place of the true God."
- POPE Nicholas (858-867) boasted, "What can you make me but God?"
- "Saint" Bernard (1090-1153) wrote, "None except God is like the POPE, either in heaven or on earth."
- The Lateran Council (1123) acclaimed the POPE as, "Prince of the Universe."
- POPE Pius IX made the dogma of Papal Infallibility official in 1870. The CATHOLICS have declared that when their POPE speaks, "Ex cathedra," he's infallible, and speaks in the Name of Jesus, with Jesus' perfection!
- "The POPE, is as it were, God on earth." - Ferrar's (ROMAN CATHOLIC) AN ECCLESIASTICAL DICTIONARY.

Could the POPE and ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION indeed be the AntiChrist, as declared by all the Reformers (Protestant Reformation leaders, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Knox, Wesley, etc.)? - II Thess. 2:2-12; Rev. 17:1-9; 13:5-8,18.

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies ... .  
And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God ... ."

**Rev. 13:5-7 The BIBLE**

ROMAN CATHOLICISM claims that their, "POPE," is the latest in a succession of heads of a Roman Church, beginning with the Apostle Peter. But there is nothing in history to support this claim.

"The Papacy is of pagan origin. ...

Nor is there any mention in Scripture, nor in history, that Peter was ever in Rome, much less that he was POPE there for 25 years; Clement, 3rd bishop of Rome, remarks that there is no real 1st century evidence that Peter was ever in Rome."<sup>8</sup>

There is nothing in Scripture to dispute their suggestion that Peter was the first head of the Church of God. Even if it part of it later became the ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION, he may indeed have been its first head. However, there is much in Scripture that instructs us to turn away from anyone, individual, clergy, religious group, or otherwise, who would seek to promulgate any doctrine or practice that is contrary to Scripture - specific clergy or church group not excluded! The ROMAN CATHOLIC, "clergy," and ORGANIZATION does indeed now do that! And our Lord tells us what to do with such teachers:

- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS** that we are to *reject* any teacher of unBiblical doctrines:

1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, Which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;

8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

**Deuteronomy 13:1-11 The BIBLE**

And, while we don't now live in a theocracy, governed by Judaism or the Church, and therefore would not be stoning a heretic, the concept is the same: reject the false teacher and his teachings!

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

### **Romans 16:17-18 The BIBLE**

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

### **II Corinthians 6:14-18 The BIBLE**

The fact that an individual or church group may have begun as zealous and truthful followers of the Lord in no way implies that they will necessarily continue as such, nor that the individual or church group must therefore be perpetually adhered to and followed for that reason, nor that we must therefore continue attending their, "church," services, or identify ourselves by their name! Rather, we are called by God to *come out and be separate from* that group, and to find a church composed of genuine Christians! It might take a little bravery to leave a group that we have grown up with, or where our friends are, but we belong to Christ, and Christ alone, and can therefore boldly align ourselves with, and attend the services of any church group that does that, also! Salvation does not come from nor is granted by any individual or church group; as Jesus tells us, it comes from **JESUS** alone, through faith in **HIM**!

6 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 The BIBLE**

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

### **I Timothy 2:5 The BIBLE**

14 Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, That is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

### **Hebrews 4:14-16 The BIBLE**

For this reason we can approach God directly, ourselves, without needing a mediator, a man, to go to Him for us! We don't need to pray to a dead person, ROMAN CATHOLIC so-called, "Saint," or otherwise (in fact, we are commanded not to – See, also, Micaiah.com's "PRAYING TO THE DEAD," which lists what God says in Scripture about that)! We don't need to have a, "priest," go to God for us, or pray on our behalf (Scripture says that *every* Christian is now a priest, able to go to God *directly* – Hebrews 4:14-16; Revelation 1:6, 5:10)! We can pray to God *ourself*, and receive His salvation and answers to our prayers, without needing a man or an Organization to do it for us, or to grant any of it to us. No person nor ORGANIZATION can hold hostage our salvation, take it away from us, nor keep *any* of God's blessings from us!

It must be recognized that most (all?) Christian Denominations eventually fall into liberalism and even apostasy if not renewed each generation in their original zeal and love for Christ!<sup>Footnote</sup> And if that happens it is incumbent upon that ORGANIZATION's adherents to either successfully restore and reinvigorate that ORGANIZATION from within, or to depart, and find a group that does worship the Lord in sincerity and truth. Or to found such a Church group themselves!

Speaking directly of ROMAN CATHOLICISM:

- 1 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;
- 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
- 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

### **I Timothy 4:1-3 The BIBLE**

#### **2) The ROMAN CATHOLIC Heresies of:**

**"PENANCE" and "INDULGENCES"**

##### **"PENANCE"**

ROMAN CATHOLICISM claims the right, and the sole right, to forgive a person's sins! According to ROMAN CATHOLICISM, "PENANCE," is a punishment assigned to one of their followers by the ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION to *earn* forgiveness or to *pay for* a sin(s) of themself *or of someone else!*

##### **"INDULGENCES"**

In the same vein, ROMAN CATHOLICS assign, "INDULGENCES," whereby their ORGANIZATION agrees to forego a portion or all of a punishment for a sin that the ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION has already forgiven (or arranged for God to forgive!). It may be relief from a specific earthly punishment or relief from punishment in ROMAN CATHOLIC after-death, "PURGATORY." The INDULGENCE may be granted for a living individual or for a dead person that a living person has bought an INDULGENCE for!

In ROMAN CATHOLIC heresy, sin is rarely completely forgiven and forgotten by God or their ORGANIZATION; it must often/usually be somehow punished/paid for! Consequently, PENANCES for the living or the dead are administered to pay for the outstanding punishment still due for the remaining guilt from the sins

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<sup>Footnote</sup> (For more on this tendency, the author encourages the reader to research, "The Phenomenon of the Third Generation.")

already forgiven. PENANCE prayers to obtain such INDULGENCE for the dead who are in, "PURGATORY," a ROMAN CATHOLIC semi-hell, began 300 years after Christ - to get their friends out of this hell. These INDULGENCES draw upon, "the good works of the Blessed VIRGIN MARY," and, "of Christ and the SAINTS," so as to obtain, "the remission of the temporal punishment due for their sins" (1478). Furthermore, INDULGENCES can be applied either to themselves or to the dead who are in, "PURGATORY." However, in the event that the CATHOLIC has committed a mortal sin, all his, "infused grace," is lost. To help regain this grace, he must partake of special PENANCE.

The sale of INDULGENCES,<sup>9</sup> commonly regarded as a purchase of forgiveness and a permit to indulge in sin, began in the year 1190. And on March 15, 1517, POPE Leo X, needing cash to complete the construction of Rome's St. Peter's Basilica, announced a special sale of INDULGENCES, the purchase of salvation from, "PURGATORY." A Dominican monk by the name of John Tetzel, and others, would ride into a village, set up their stage, and perform. Dramatically encouraging people to buy their relatives out of, "PURGATORY," so they wouldn't suffer any longer, Tetzel's quaint saying was, "When a coin in the coffer rings, a soul from PURGATORY springs!" Infuriated especially by this outrage, within the year Martin Luther penned the words of his, '95 THESES,' his arguments against ROMAN CATHOLICISM, and, on October 31, 1517, nailed them to the door of Castle Church in Wittenburg, igniting the PROTESTANT REFORMATION.<sup>10</sup>

- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS** that we can't earn our salvation, nor pay for our sins:

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 The BIBLE**

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

**II Timothy 1:9 The BIBLE**

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

**Titus 3:5 The BIBLE**

**3) The ROMAN CATHOLIC Heresy of:**

**"PURGATORY"**

The word, "PURGATORY," cannot be found anywhere in the Bible; nor can the heresy. The term itself, which literally means 'to purge or cleanse,' didn't come into existence until around 1175 - 1225 A.D.<sup>11</sup> "PURGATORY," is based on the antiChristian ROMAN CATHOLIC (unBiblical) teaching that some who sin and repent in this life may still have to undergo, after death, punishments from God for their transgressions! CATHOLICS believe that some people retain a, "stain," on their souls for sins they have committed even if they repented of them and asked for forgiveness. When they die this stain remains on their immortal souls. Those whose stained souls are not considered worthy of eternal torment in hell fire must still have them "cleaned" before entering God's presence.<sup>12</sup>

The heresy of, "PURGATORY," was first established by POPE Gregory 'the Great,' about the year 593. It was proclaimed as a dogma of faith by the Council of Florence in 1439. There is not one word in the Bible that would teaches, "PURGATORY," nor any inkling of it; ***the blood of Jesus Christ*** cleanses us from ***all*** sins.

- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS**, spoken both by Jesus, and by His writers of Scripture:

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

#### **John 5:24 The BIBLE**

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

#### **Romans 8:1 The BIBLE**

7 But if we walk in the light, as He Is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He Is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### **I John 1:7-9 The BIBLE**

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And He Is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

#### **I John 2:1-2 The BIBLE**

Jesus told the thief on the cross that that very day he would be with Jesus in Paradise – Luke 23:43; Jesus did not say that this sin-cursed (Galatians 3:13) thief would have to undergo a time of punishment in a ROMAN CATHOLIC, "PUGATORY." Jesus told of how, when Lazarus died, he was *immediately* taken up to, "Abraham's bosom" – Luke 16:22. Paul wrote of how he'd rather now die and be with Christ – Philippians 1:23; he didn't say he was wanting to go to some location to be punished, or that he would have to make such a pit stop on the way up to be with Christ!

#### **4) The ROMAN CATHOLIC Heresy of:**

##### **"THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY"**

- claiming that she was born without original sin, was proclaimed by Pius IX, who gave it the status of dogma in the papal bull INEFFABILIS DEUS in the year 1854.
- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS** that Mary offered a sacrifice for sin (Luke 2:24), as was commanded by Scripture for all women who gave birth to a male child (Leviticus 12:6-8).
- **THE BIBLE SAYS** that **ALL** have sinned! Mary, also, needed a Saviour, her Son!

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

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22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

### **Romans 3: 10-12 (13-18), 23 The BIBLE**

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### **Romans 5:12 The BIBLE**

- Psalms 14:1, 3, 51:5, 53:1, 3, 143:2; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Galatians 3:22

### **5) The ROMAN CATHOLIC Heresy of:**

**Exaltation of certain dead people to the status of demiGods,  
referred to as, “SAINTS,” with magical, God-like powers**

- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS** that ALL BORN AGAIN people are, “saints”!

**7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Romans 1:7 The BIBLE**

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to **them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord**, both theirs and ours:

### **I Corinthians 1:2 The BIBLE**

**12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**

### **Revelation 14:12 The BIBLE**

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Itself maketh intercession **for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession **for the saints** according to the will of God.

### **Romans 8:26-27 The BIBLE**

**6) The ROMAN CATHOLIC Heresy of:****"Veneration"/Worship of, and Prayer to Angels and Dead People ("SAINTS"), Including Mary****a) "VENERATION"/WORSHIP OF ANGELS AND DEAD PEOPLE ("SAINTS"), Including Mary**

"VENERATION"/WORSHIP OF ANGELS AND DEAD PEOPLE ("SAINTS"), and the use of images (idols), began about 375. (Realizing the abomination of worshipping man, the ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION refers to their, "SAINT," worship as, "Veneration," rather than, "Worship." But, in so doing, they merely use two different words for the same thing.) The worship of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the use of the term, "MOTHER OF GOD", as applied to her, was made official in the Council of Ephesus in 431 (replacing the worship of Diana, which was central to Ephesus idolatry - Acts 19). The, "AVE MARIA," song of Maria-worship began in 1508, and was completed fifty years later, finally approved by POPE Sixtus V, at the end of the 16th century. Mary was proclaimed, "THE MOTHER OF THE CHURCH," by POPE Paul VI 1965. The worship of Joseph began in 890.

- **THE BIBLE SAYS** that we are to worship **GOD ALONE!**

1 And God spake all these Words, saying,

2 I Am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God Am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;

**Exodus 20:1-5 The BIBLE**

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, Whose Name Is Jealous, Is a jealous God:

**Exodus 34:14 The BIBLE**

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind Me, satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

**Luke 4:8 The BIBLE**

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

**Colossians 2:18 The BIBLE**

- Isaiah 42:8; Matthew 4:8-10; Acts 10:25-26; Revelation 19:10, 22:8-9

**b) Prayer to Angels and Dead People ("SAINTS"), Including Mary**

Began in ROMAN CATHOLICISM about 600; in the primitive church, never were prayers directed to Mary, or to dead people, ("SAINTS") or to angels.

- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS** that we are to pray to God alone!

19 When they say to you, "Consult the spirits of the dead and the spiritists who chirp and mutter," shouldn't a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?

**Isaiah 8:19 HCSB The BIBLE**

16 Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you.

**John 15:16 The BIBLE**

5 For there Is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;  
**I Timothy 2:5 The BIBLE**

We do not pray to, "THE SAINTS;" Scripture tells us that Jesus Himself prays FOR the saints!

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

**Romans 8:26-27 The BIBLE**

Once again, we are called to go directly, ourselves, to God Himself!

6 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 The BIBLE**

14 Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, That Is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

**16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

**Hebrews 4:14-16 The BIBLE**

For this reason we can approach God directly, ourselves, without needing a mediator, a man, to go to Him for us! We don't need to pray to a dead person, ROMAN CATHOLIC so-called, "SAINT," or otherwise (in fact, we are commanded not to – See, also, Micaiah.com's "PRAYING TO THE DEAD," which lists what God says in Scripture about that)! We don't need to have a, "priest," go to God for us, or pray on our behalf (Scripture says that every Christian is now a priest, able to go to God *directly* – Hebrews 4:14-16; Revelation 1:6, 5:10)! We can pray to God *ourself*, and receive His salvation and answers to our prayers, without needing a man or an Organization to do it for us, or to grant any of it to us. No person nor ORGANIZATION can hold hostage our salvation, take it away from us, nor keep *any* of God's blessings from us!

**7) The ROMAN CATHOLIC Heresy that:****Their “TRADITION IS OF EQUAL OR GREATER AUTHORITY THAN THE BIBLE”**

The Council of Trent, held in the year 1545, declared that tradition, man's own ideas, customs, and teachings, is of equal or greater authority with the Bible. Consequently, the Apocryphal (uninspired, ancient) books were added to the Bible, also, by the Council of Trent in 1546.

The ROMAN CATHOLICS typically deride the Christians,' "paper POPE," the Bible, and the Christians' declaration and reliance on the Bible as their final authority in truth, doctrine, and practice.

The ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION claims that their institution never changes; and yet through the centuries it has often invented new doctrines, heresies contrary to the Bible.

Many of ROMAN CATHOLICISM's rites and ceremonies were taken bodily from paganism. One scholar has found that 75% of the rites and ceremonies of the ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION are of pagan origin. The ROMAN CATHOLIC cardinal, John Henry Newman, in his book, "An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine," <sup>13</sup> admits that "... temples, incense, oil lamps, votive offerings, holy water, holidays and seasons of devotion, processions, blessings of fields, sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure (of priests, monks and nuns), images ... are all of pagan origin... ." (page 359).

The Pharisees, also, preached and demanded adherence to their own customs and traditions, as superior to the Bible, and Jesus condemned them, for by human tradition they nullified the commandments of God.

- **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS** that *the Word of God* Is our **only** and **greatest** authority, ***not tradition!***

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

9 And He said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

...

13 Making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

**Mark 7:7-9, 13 The BIBLE**

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in Him, Which Is the head of all principality and power:

**Colossians 2:8-10 The BIBLE**

20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

**Colossians 2:20-23 The BIBLE**

2 Ye shall not add unto the Word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

**Deuteronomy 4:2 The BIBLE**

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## ENDNOTES

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 Baptism, PENANCE, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders

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### <sup>3</sup> POPE SAYS ATHEISTS WILL GO TO HEAVEN:

(April 15th, 2018)

*Pope Francis claimed that atheists get to Heaven,*

#### The Vatican

##### **A child cries for the death of his father. The Pope, "he was a good man, he is with God"**

The boy wants to know about the fate of his atheist father who had his children baptized. Francis consoles him during his visit to San Paolo della Croce Corviale, a neighborhood in the outskirts of Rome  
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His father "did not have the gift of faith but had his children baptized, God likes this very much". Pope Francis is sure of this and reassures Emanuele, who burst into tears as he approached the Pope to ask him a question. It happened during the Pope's visit to the parish of San Paolo della Croce in Corviale, a district on the outskirts of Rome, home of the infamous "Serpentone", an immense building of the Institute of Social Houses home of 1,200 tenants, that has long been in a situation of social degradation.

Upon his arrival, Jorge Mario Bergoglio is greeted by a massive crowd. Monsignor Angelo de Donatis, vicar general of the diocese of Rome, Monsignor Paolo Selvadagi, auxiliary bishop for the western sector, the parish priest Don Roberto Cassano and the priests of the Community of the Incarnation who found its headquarters inside the immense building were awaiting him.

Francis first met the children of the catechism, then the elderly, the sick and the poor. After talking with some detainees on parole and after confessing some parishioners, he presided over Mass.

The Bishop of Rome spoke with some of the children who attend the catechism, answering some of their questions. Francis answered to a little girl, "We are all children of God, all, even the unbaptized ones, yes, even those who believe in other religions, or those who have idols. Those of the mafia are also children of God but prefer to behave like children of the devil". We are all "children of God, God created and loves us all and placed in each of our hearts the consciousness of distinguishing good from evil. With baptism the Holy Spirit entered and strengthened your belonging to God. The "mafiosi" are also "children of God, we must pray for they go back on their ways and recognize God. Who of you – he asks the children - prays for the mafiosi, that they may convert? We must pray".

To Edoardo, who asked him about his first feelings after being elected Pope, he explains that he had felt no fear nor a greater joy: he felt only that God had called him. Francis (*sic*) said that he "felt that God wanted that. I got up and moved forward, I didn't feel anything spectacular".

Then it was Emanuele's turn, who, just as he was asking his question, burst into tears. The Pope invited him to come closer. As soon as the child was near the Pontiff, he fell into his arms. It is obvious from the beginning that Emanuele needed to be embraced, encouraged, reassured, consoled, that he needed to receive human warmth. He received it from the Pope in person. He needed to vent his anguish and pain. Bergoglio gave him a long hug. The pope was in no hurry to let him go. The child whispered in the Pope's ear. Emanuel

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asked him if his father, who was an atheist but had his four children (his two brothers and a sister) baptized, went to heaven after his death. And not to hell (the child's full question included a specific quote regarding the danger for Emanuel's father to end up in Hell). This is what Francis answered (explaining afterwards that he asked Emanuele for permission to publicly report the question the child had whispered to his ear): "If only we could cry like Emanuele when we have pain in our hearts. He cries for his father who died and had the courage to do so before us because there is love in his heart - he points out - his father was an atheist, yet he had his four children baptized, he was a good man. It's nice that a son says that about his father, that he "was good". If that man was able to raise his children like that, then he was a good man. God is proud of your father".

Francis then emphasizes: "God has the heart of a father, your father was a good man, he is in heaven with Him, be sure. God has a father's heart and, would God ever abandon a non-believing father who baptize his children? God was certainly proud of your father, because it is easier to be a believer and have your children baptized than to be a non-believer and have your children baptized. Pray for your father, talk to your father. That is the answer".

Then Francis reminded the elderly, sick and poor that the ones most in need "are at the center of the Gospel". Pope Bergoglio knows "that each of you have their own pain, all of you: but this should not take hope away from you, do not let it take away your joy, because Jesus came to pay for all of us with his pain". So "let us move forward, and let us do good to others, all of us can do it: let us do it with the joy of being Christians".

There is also a monastery, inside the Serpentone of Corviale. A place of prayer for the families who have illegally occupied the building complex over the years. A note of TV2000 reports that since Pope John Paul II's visit in 1992, the Fraternity of the Incarnation has been living in the "Serpentone".

Father Gabriele Petreni, priest of the Fraternity, explains: "They call it "serpentone" (big snake) but it is actually a linear structure that winds straight. It is something singular that both unifies and crushes people's lives, making them all equal. The ugliness of the architectural structure inevitably creates a prejudice on the people who live here". The priests chose to live in the first lot on the fourth floor, among the families who have occupied the apartments illegally, there is a monastery with a chapel. Priests share the life of the families who live in Corviale. "In the early years, the mothers used to patrol all night to defend the place from drug dealing. For years and years, they have been guarding and cleaning the stairs of this neighborhood abandoned to voluntary management. There are miles of stairs, no cleaning company, no doorman. We must thank our mailman for his patience and infinite dedication our mail doesn't get lost.

In his homily the Pope invites us to be joyful and to accept the truth of Christ's Resurrection in our hearts. It is less dangerous "to have a truth in one's mind than to have it in one's heart" and for this reason the disciples, when Jesus arrived, "were frightened and believed that he was a ghost, as they could not believe there was so much joy". This is the "renewed youth that the Lord brings us. We are used to aging with sin. Therefore "we ask for the grace that joy may not prevent us from believing. Let us ask for the grace to be a joyful community".

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#### **<sup>4</sup> THE ROMAN CATHOLIC POPE SAYS THAT ALL WILL GO TO HEAVEN**

*February 2, 2022, Pope Francis said:*

"No one can exclude themselves from the Church, we are all saved sinners," he continued. "Our holiness is the fruit of God's love manifested in Christ, who sanctifies us by loving us in our misery and saving us from it."

We have been bound "and bound in a profound way and this bond is so strong that it cannot be broken even by death," he stated.

"Let us consider, dear brothers and sisters, that in Christ no one can ever truly separate us from those we love because the bond is an existential bond, a strong bond that is in our very nature," Francis asserted, "only the manner of being together with one another them changes, but nothing and no one can break this bond."

What about "those who have denied the faith, who are apostates, who are the persecutors of the Church, who have denied their baptism: Are these also at home?" the pope asked. "Yes, these too. All of them. The blasphemers, all of them. We are brothers."

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“This is the communion of saints. The communion of saints holds together the community of believers on earth and in heaven, and on earth the saints, the sinners, all,” he declared.

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## **<sup>9</sup> VATICAN EXTENDS OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN INDULGENCES FOR THE DEAD**

Due to the ongoing pandemic and related health and safety measures, the Apostolic Penitentiary – in response to requests from bishops around the world – is once again extending opportunities to gain INDULGENCES for the benefit of the faithful departed.

*By Adriana Masotti*

The Vatican’s Apostolic Penitentiary published a **decree** on Thursday providing for the possibility of obtaining plenary INDULGENCES in favour of the faithful departed throughout the entire month of November.

The decree, signed by Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, notes that the decision to once again extend the time period for gaining the INDULGENCES was taken in response to “various pleas recently received from the various Sacred Pastors of the Church, due to the continuing state of the [Covid-19] pandemic.”

### **Decree extends INDULGENCE for the faithful departed throughout November**

By means of the decree, the Apostolic Penitentiary “confirms and extends for the entire month of November 2021 all the spiritual benefits already granted on 22 October 2020.” That is, it allows the faithful to gain plenary INDULGENCES for the souls in PURGATORY by visiting a cemetery on any eight days in November - which need not be consecutive - and praying for those who have died; normally, the INDULGENCE is limited to the first eight days of the month.

A second plenary INDULGENCE is also established for the day of the commemoration of the faithful departed, All Souls’ Day, November 2. The current decree allows the faithful to obtain that INDULGENCE for the benefit of the deceased on any day of November, at their choice.

The Penitentiary notes in the decree that “from the renewed generosity of the Church, the faithful will certainly draw pious intentions and spiritual vigour to guide their lives according to the Gospel law, in filial communion and devotion to the Supreme Pontiff, the visible foundation and Pastor of the CATHOLIC Church.”

The present Decree, like the one issued last year in the midst of the pandemic, is intended to meet the need to avoid gatherings, a potential cause of the spread of Covid-19, which still affects the world’s population to varying degrees.

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