

Introduction

What Saith The Scripture

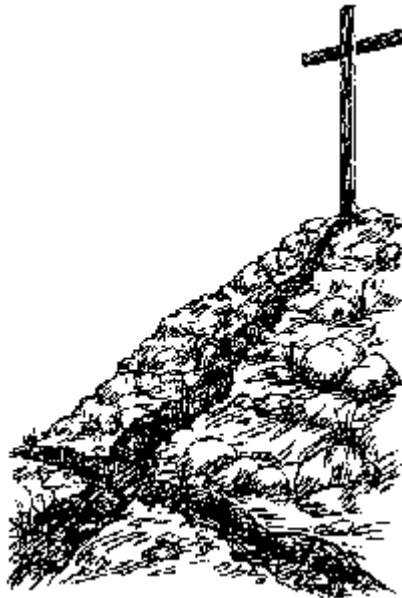
**Introduction To The
Series; What
Defines A “Cult”;
What About
Catholicism?**

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I first became acquainted with the *cultic*, that is, those groups of religious thought that fall outside of Orthodox Christianity, when I was 18 years old. I came to Christ when I was seventeen, just one year earlier. I enlisted in the Air Force shortly before I was saved, and was stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Georgia ... about ten hours from my home Church.

Here is the key to the cultic: I was a young man, on my own, newly relocated and terribly confused. I was vulnerable because of my poor Biblical knowledge. Ignorance, displacement, and a desire to belong would all work together to draw me toward a cult.

Shortly after moving into Village Apartments in downtown Valdosta I was approached by two young women who professed to be “missionaries”. These women invited me to a Bible study to be held at their house. When I went I discovered that these “missionaries” lived with two other young men in the same apartment. They declared that they lived together in celibacy as working missionaries, and that they were members of a Christian denomination called **the Way International**. Led and inspired by the teachings of Victor Paul Wierville these “missionaries” sought out others who were interested in learning the great truths of this Great

Prophet. For a price (just a few hundred dollars) I could learn what they knew, and grow as a Christian ought to grow.

Praise God, I never joined this cult, though many have chased after Dr. Victor for many years now. The cost, which was well beyond what I could afford as a young Airman Basic, did more to dissuade me from joining than anything else. But if it had been free, who knows? I probably would have joined. They seemed to offer everything I wanted and needed.

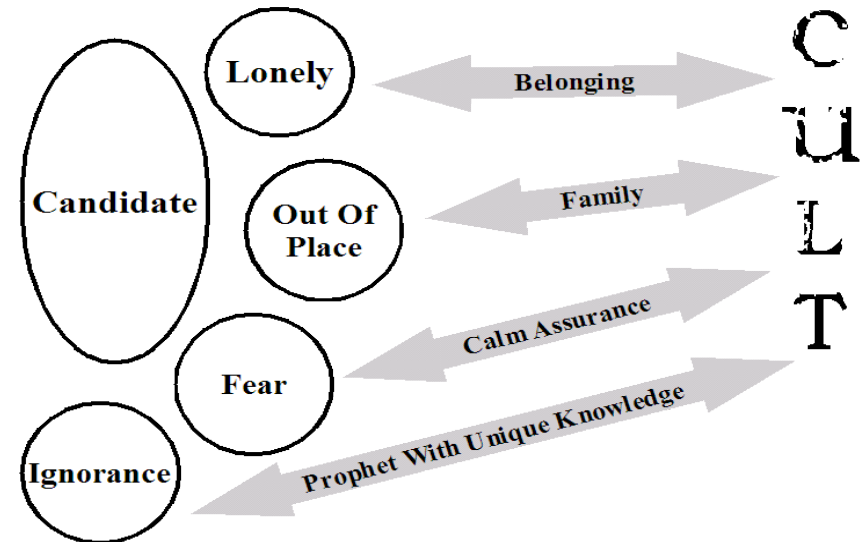
What Is A "Cult"?

A cult is "Any organization that primarily rejects the Biblical person of Jesus Christ as the only Savior, that rejects or modifies the Biblical person of God, that develops other texts and calls them Scriptural outside of the only Word of God, or that uses mind or emotional control to achieve a hidden agenda from it's converts". As we study the various cults that are found in America today you will discover that all cults *look for weaknesses* in the prospective candidate, then *exploit those weaknesses*, usually for profit, or for the monetary benefit of its *prophet*.

There are many cults in America today, cults that exist only to blur the message of the Gospel. There are also organizations and traditions that, though *not specifically* cultic, offer cultic *perspectives* and

heretical doctrines that negatively impact the preaching of the Gospel of Christ. Some cults offer *false Jesus' or false Christs*, instead of pointing to Jesus as the only **Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:6)**.

Matthew 24:23-24 "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."



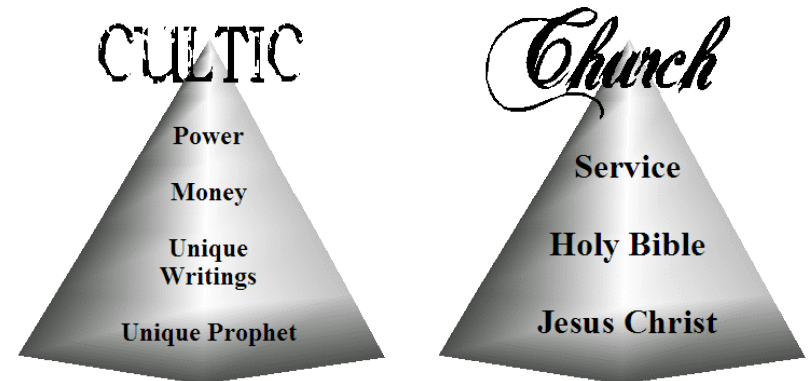
Sadly, cults are most prolific in these United States of America. Our innate desire for wealth and materialism has taught many Christians to believe that - if it's *freely offered* - then there must be something wrong with it. When salvation is offered

freely by Grace, or when an institution offers booklets or teachings *by Grace*, many Americans assume that there is little value attached to the offer. Though the Church of Christ does depend on the *donations* of its members, and though the pastor *should be* financially supported by the flock. When Paul was attacked by those who refused to support his ministry, he wrote under the inspiration of God:

1 Corinthians 9:3 through 1 Corinthians 9:15 (KJV) ³Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, ⁴Have we not power to eat and to drink? ⁵Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and *as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?* ⁶Or **I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?** ⁷Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who **planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?** ⁸Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? ⁹For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? ¹⁰Or saith he *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, **this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.** ¹¹**If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?** ¹²If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless

we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. ¹³**Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?** ¹⁴**Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**

The pastor of the local Church *does depend* on the donations of its members ... but whether you donate or not, your minister will still serve. Payment is *never a necessity* for pastoral care. This is the direction the cults take, but never the direction of God's Church. Cults usually demand payment for their services - the God called minister never does!



Cults can usually be distinguished from Christian organizations from their *aberrations* from Orthodox Christianity. Money - or a desire for money - is usually prominent. They usually have some *unique prophet* as their leader instead of Jesus Christ. They

usually turn away from or supplement the Word of God, our Holy Bible, with the writings of the unique prophet. Most cults are *separatist*: unless you follow their unique prophet, then you are considered lost or cast away. Cults usually emphasize *power or money* rather than *grace and service*. Cults substitute the energizing effect of God the Holy Spirit with some unidentified *spirit* or *thing*.

Are Other Religions “Cults”?

Absolutely! I know that this is not *politically correct*, but anything apart from Orthodox Biblical Christianity is *cultic*. The Bible says of those who say that Jesus is *not the Christ*, the only Messiah from God:

(1 John 2:22 KJV) "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

that these people are *liars* and *antichrists*. The Bible is *very unkind* toward those who promote many ways to God. Jesus Christ said:

(John 14:6 KJV) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

No other way was offered to God, nor will any other way be offered to God, outside of faith in Jesus

Christ. The Bible - and especially Jesus Christ - divided people into two categories: those who are *saved*, and those who are *lost*. Jesus said:

(Matthew 25:32-46 KJV) "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: {33} And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. {34} Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: {35} For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: {36} Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. {37} Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? {38} When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? {39} Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? {40} And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. {41} Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: {42} For I was an hungered, and ye gave

me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: {43} I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. {44} Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? {45} Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. {46} And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

The sheep, believers in Christ, go away unto eternal life, whereas the goats go away unto eternal damnation. What about that old familiar doctrine, "The Universal Brotherhood of Man"? Are we all truly brothers? No, for Jesus said:

(John 8:42-44 KJV) "Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. {43} Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word. {44} Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

Again, we see two groups: those who are the children of God, and those who are the children of Satan. What is the dividing point between these two groups? One group, the saved believing children of God, believed in and heard Jesus - the other group did not. The group that accepted Jesus Christ as Savior went to Heaven, the group that rejected Him went to hell.

The Purpose of This Study

How many cults are presently in America? Presently the *Watchman Organization* lists _____ organizations that depart from Biblical Orthodox Christianity. And, according to these cults, *we* who follow the Bible and who ask "What Saith The Scripture" are *cultic ourselves*. In fact, in the first century following Christ the Roman Empire recognized Christianity as a *heretical cult* because it rejected the Pantheon of gods that Caesar endorsed. What is our response to the charge that we who are at Rock Hill and at any Orthodox Christian Church are *cultic*? Our response must be:

Romans 4:3 ³For what saith the scripture?

The Holy Bible, the only Word of God given to us, is that which will guide us through this study. We will follow the following method, which is - **When the plain sense of Scripture makes sense, we will seek no other sense.** Further, we will point out the areas

where the cult we are studying departs from the teaching of Scripture, but we will at no point vilify or attack those exposed to the cult. The purpose of this study is not to *attack* those within the cult, but to *equip* the members of this Church so they can witness to and avoid attachment to these groups. The Bible warns us to:

(2 John 1:9-11 KJV) "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. {10} If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed: {11} For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

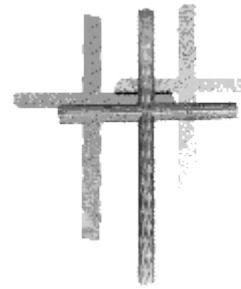
avoid allowing those who are *deceivers*, like the cultic, even from coming into your house. This is good advice. Why? Because these people follow a *false god*, and, sadly, are often *better equipped in their false faith* than the average Christian is in his own faith. Further, God wants us to avoid playing with fire. These people *can* and *will* deceive you. Prepare yourself, witness to them in the workplace or on your front doorsteps, but do not allow them into your houses.

The Goodness of Man

I have heard many people despise and refute anyone

who holds to the *exclusivity of Christianity* based on the alleged *goodness of man*. All of us have met people who are seemingly *good*, moral beings, full of hospitality and kindness, who are members of various cults. How can we respond to this? We can recognize that, in our eyes, these people are good, are moral, are upright. But we also have to recognize the Biblical truth:

(Romans 3:10-12 KJV) "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."



What is God's response to the human idea of *goodness*? The Cross of Calvary, my Friend, the Cross! If man could have been *good enough* to get to Heaven on his own why would God have put His Son through such *extreme torture*?

None are righteous in God's eyes, and all must come to know Christ as Savior. Man is not inherently good! When Jesus Himself was recognized - not as God in the flesh but as a *mere teacher* - Jesus responded:

(Matthew 19:17 KJV) "And he said unto him,
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Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God ...*."

Again, only God is pure, righteous, holy, undefiled. Jesus Christ our Savior, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world (**John 1:29, 36**), was is and will always be without sin (**Hebrews 4:15; 9:28**), for He was, is, and will always be God (**John 1:1**). Man may appear good to us, and may even be socially moral - but as Jesus told Nicodemus, **you must be born again.**

(John 3:3 KJV) "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."

(1 Peter 1:22-23 KJV) "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: {23}* Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

If you are not born again by faith in the Biblical Jesus, you may be a nice person, but you are lost and undone. You must be born again.

What About Catholicism?

I cannot teach you what I know and only present half truths. So I have to answer these questions honestly: "What about Catholicism and other Protestant denominations that depart from *sola Scriptura*, pure Scriptural doctrine? Are these groups cultic?" In my opinion, yes, they are - at least in some degree. You may not agree with this, and you are free to disagree. But the Catholics, for example, have *never* believed that those who followed Protestant Christianity were saved. The following is an exact quote from *Religion Today, September 6, 2000*:

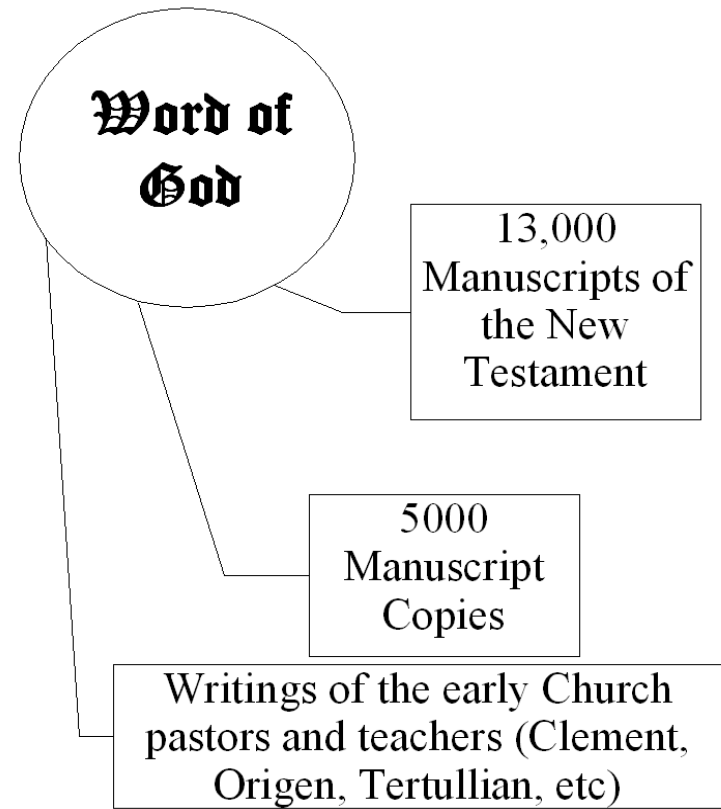
The Vatican has rejected the idea that all religions are equal. In a 36-page theological document, the Roman Catholic Church took issue with the idea that non-Christian religions could be equal to Roman Catholicism or that Protestant churches could be considered "sister churches". Non-Christians are in a "gravely deficient situation" regarding salvation, the document said. The Church reiterated its official positions, ordering its theologians not to manipulate what it called the truth of the faith and to counteract "relativistic theories" of religious pluralism, according to the document. The document said that other Christian churches had "defects," in part because they did not recognize the primacy of the pope. It dismissed all post-Reformation churches, saying those "that have not preserved the valid Episcopate and the genuine and integral

substance of the eucharistic mystery are not churches in the proper sense." Other Christian churches "suffer from defects" but have not been deprived of "significance and importance in the mystery of salvation," it said.

Catholicism relies on the Pope to *interpret and define* Scripture. Catholicism believes in the infallibility of their religious leader, the Pope, and accept his words when he is acting in his official papal capacity as *ex cathedra, equal to Scripture*. I cannot regard the various cults found in America as cultic for promoting *another Scripture*, and yet ignore Catholicism's excesses or errors. To do so would be hypocrisy on my part. Few modern day Christians realize that for many years this group of people refused to allow the *common man* - that's YOU, by the way - to even read a Bible. Were it not for the work and suffering of the Reformers, so called *Protestant Christianity*, not even the modern day Catholic would have been allowed access to the Scripture.

Men like William Tyndale were killed by the Catholic Church for giving the people a Bible they could read. William Tyndale was caught, imprisoned for 500 days, then was strangled and burned at the stake in 1536. His last words were, "Lord, open the eyes of the King of England". John Wycliffe, who made the first English translation of the Bible, spent many of years arguing against the teachings of

Roman Catholicism. Though he died a nonviolent death, the Pope was so infuriated by his teachings that 44 years after his death, he ordered the man's bones to be dug-up, crushed, and scattered in the river! The Wycliffe Bible translation could not be used without special permission from the priests (per the Synod of Oxford of 1407).



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On the other hand, we do not want to vilify ALL that came out of Catholicism. The Protestant Church separated from the Catholic Church, but many of our Reformers were Catholic before God led them to *sola Scriptura*. Many of those we recognize as *Church Fathers* or *Pillars* of the early Church were Catholic. I cannot believe any institution that produced believers like Augustine, Origen, Luther, and Tertullian could be wholly rotten. They and others preached great truths from the Scripture, and believed in the Trinity of God, the purity of Christ, and the atonement of the Cross. These Church Fathers quoted extensively from the Scripture in their writings, and their writings are a major source that we Protestants use when translating the Holy Scripture from the ancient languages.

I have heard fundamental ministers accuse the Catholic Church of being the prophesied "Babylon" of the Book of Revelation, the one world religion sent by Satan to deceive the nations. Others accuse all Catholics of being anti-Christian, pagan, and inherently evil. Some have even went so far as to say that you could not belong to the Catholic Church and be saved. I believe that Catholicism has retained some Biblical truth, while it has introduced a great deal of error through its Papal Rule. The main error of the Catholic Church has **always** been their erroneous doctrine of the Papacy. This doctrine teaches that the Head of the Church, the Pope, is infallible in wisdom and knowledge. Such a view

fuels many of the false doctrines evident in Catholicism today. What are some of these false doctrines?

The Pope Is The "Holy Father"

Jesus said:

Matthew 23:9 "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

Jesus very specifically ordered His disciples to refuse to call any man father. His reasoning was clear: we have only one Father, our Heavenly Father. Our Father must share this title with no fallible human. Yet the Catholic Papacy demands that their local and regional priests be addressed by the title of "Father", with the Pope earning the right to be called "Holy Father". The *only time* Jesus used the phrase "Holy Father",

John 17:11 "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."

He was addressing our Heavenly Father - not some human.

Catholicism Is Political

Luke 13:31-32 "The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected."

Jesus never catered to the whims of the political leaders of His day. He realized that His Kingdom was spiritual, not dependent upon the good will of the politician. Contrary to the the methods Jesus used, Rome has a entire political staff that interacts with other national bodies on a daily basis. The Papacy is even represented at the United Nations, and has ambassadors stationed in every politically powerful nation in the world. Catholicism does not recognize a local Church, but runs the entire organization from its Roman Headquarters through the Pope and the College of Cardinals.

“Mother Mary” Recognized As The “Mother of God” and the “Queen of Heaven”

Mark 3:31-35 "There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?"

And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother."

John 2:3-4 "And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."

John 19:26 "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!"

The Papacy has long taught that Mary, the earthly mother of the *humanity* of Jesus, has special privileges in Heaven. Catholicism encourages prayer to Mary believing that she, in turn, will convince her Son to bestow special blessing on the one prayed for. I find it odd that Jesus never addressed Mary as "mother" throughout His entire earthly ministry. He called her "woman", and even made the shocking statement that His real mother and brothers were those who do the will of God. This hardly sounds like a doting son who would, without reservation, do whatever His mother told Him in Heaven. In fact, none of the Lord's disciples ever prayed to Mary while she was on earth, though she was a member of

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their local Church (Acts 1:14).

Roman Catholics routinely pray to Mary, and to various recognized “Saints”. Jesus ordered us to pray to Our Father in Heaven only:

(Matthew 6:9 KJV) "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

You will find no instance in Scripture where a person legitimately prays to either a Pope or to a dead saint, even Mary. This false doctrine was placed into Catholicism by an earlier Pope. Further, Catholics are taught to use vain, repetitive prayers when addressing God, contrary to Jesus' admonition:

(Matthew 6:7 KJV) "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

Only Jesus Is Our Bishop

1 Peter 2:24-25 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

If Jesus is the Bishop of our souls, how can the

Papacy make mortal men "Archbishops"? This title would make the mere mortals who walk this poor earth higher in rank than the Lord of All, Jesus Christ. This is the inherent problem of introducing non-Biblical terms and definitions as “inerrant”. We would be better to stick with Jesus, and forsake human doctrines!

Peter the First Pope?

1 Peter 1:1 "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,"

1 Peter 5:13 "The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son. "

Peter ministered to the Jews and Gentiles of the dispersion in Babylon and Asia Minor. He never went to Rome, never sat on the Papal Throne. There is absolutely no Biblical nor historic evidence that Peter was ever regarded as a “Pope” by the early Church. Though the Pope in Rome is considered the “Holy Father” who must be knelt to:

Acts 10:25-26 "And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshiped him. But Peter took him up, saying,
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Stand up; I myself also am a man."

neither Peter nor any of the Apostles ever allowed any man to kneel in worship to them. When Cornelius knelt before Peter the Apostle literally took him up, that is, lifted Cornelius to his feet.

Is Mary Sinless?

Luke 1:47-49 "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name."

The Papacy teaches that Mary, in order to be the Holy Mother of God, had to be *sinless herself*. This is not true per the Scripture. In the Bible neither Mary nor any of the followers of Jesus claimed sinlessness. Mary recognized her sinful state when she recognizes the need for a Savior ("**God my Savior**"). Mary recognized her low estate, realizing that it was only by God's grace that she is to soon bear the Savior of the world.

Exaltation of The Priests

Matthew 20:25-28 "But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they

that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

1 Peter 5:2-4 "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Luke 16:15 "And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

Matthew 23:2-8 "Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they

do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

Jesus lived the life that He demanded all of His ministers to live, a life of service. He never dressed in the finest robes, never was pampered and catered to, and though Lord of All, He always served those who followed Him. I cannot imagine the Pope (who proffers his ring for others to kiss) or the other Roman leaders washing the feet of the common man, yet Jesus did. I cannot imagine the Papacy giving up all but his last suit of clothes to give to the poor and needy. Those who have followed the Catholic Church's Pope know whereof I speak.

Doctrine of Purgatory

Though the Bible contains no teaching on Purgatory, a place of *intermediate suffering between Heaven and Hell*, Catholicism teaches such a doctrine. The Bible says:

(Hebrews 9:27 KJV) "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

that Judgment comes immediately following your passing from this life. Jesus never taught of a *second chance* following this life, but said:

(Matthew 16:24-26 KJV) "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. {25} For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. {26} For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

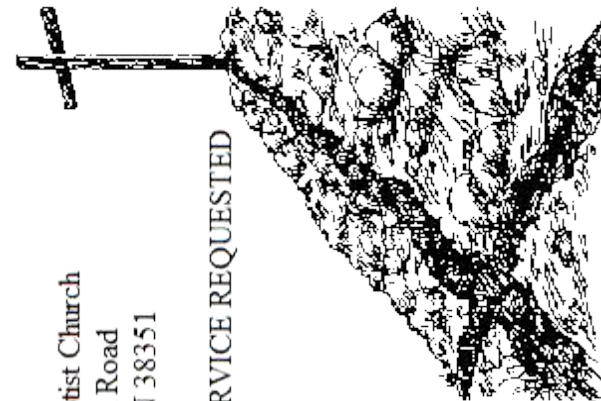
Our Lord emphasized that all had to make a decision for or against Him prior to death, for following death Eternal Punishment comes. The Doctrine of Purgatory, and of those loved ones who are left on earth *lighting candles to get them out of some illusioned purgatory*, is absolutely foreign to the Scripture. This heretical doctrine, along with the idea of *indulgences* (the priest forgiving your sins) is attractive to those who want to live their life on earth unincumbered by any obedience to Jesus. These twin doctrinal lies are attractive to those who had little regard for Jesus while they were alive. But these doctrines are NOT supported by Scripture. As a matter of fact, the Scripture says that those who reject Jesus Christ as Savior are *condemned already*:

(John 3:18 KJV) "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

(2 Corinthians 6:2 KJV) "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)"

When should you be saved? Now, right now, before you find yourself condemned forever. Do not believe like the rich man of Luke chapter 16. God will hold you accountable for rejecting Jesus Christ as Savior. Now is the accepted time: Now is the day of salvation!

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