

STRANGE CATHOLIC DOCTRINES

Friend, there is a vast difference between what the Bible teaches and what is taught by the Roman Catholic Church. When you see the difference by a dilligent comparison of the two (I Jn. 4:1), take the Bible as your only religious standard (II Tim. 3:16,17), be simply a Christian (I Pet. 4:16), a member of the Church of Christ (Rom. 16:16) by obedience to the gospel (II Thess. 1:8, Mk. 16:16, Acts 2:38).

(1) Christ's Sacrifice: "The Priest reaches up into the Heavens, brings Christ down from His throne, and places him upon our altar to be offered up again as the victim for the sins of man. The Priest brings Christ down from Heaven, and renders Him present on our altar as the eternal victim for the sins of man, not once but a thousand times! The Priest speaks and Lo! Christ, the eternal and emnipotent God, bows his head in humble obedience to the Priest's command." (The Faith Of Millions, Edition V, p. 270) Now please read Heb. 9:24-28.

(2) Adultry: "And one who takes the vow of Celibacy does not break it by sinning against the 6th Commandment, he is true to it until he weds." (Explanation Of Catholic Morals, p. 149)

"Permanent concubinage...had in it no element of immorality." (Cath. Ency. Vol. IV, p. 207)

"And so if a man was determined to commit adultery I do nothing morally wrong, but rather to the contrary, by persuading him to commit fornication instead." (Manual Of Moral Theology, Vol. I, p. 201-202) Now we turn to the Word of God and read: I Cor. 6:18, Eph. 5:3, II Cor. 12:21, Prov. 6:32 etc.

(3) Lying: "So that a false statement knowingly made to one who does not have a right to the truth will not be a lie." (Cath. Ency. Vol. IX, p. 471) It is impossible to make any statement more contrary to the will of Christ than the one you have just read! Who, pray tell, is the one "who does not have the right to the truth"? Again, note the Word of the Lord: Ps. 163:1, Rev. 21:8, Col. 3:9

(4) Murder Approved: "If, however, the thief threatens property of considerable value, say, twenty pounds, (about \$60.00) or so, and the only way of saving the money is by taking the life of the thief, this would be lawful." (Manual Of Moral Theology, Vol. I, p. 309)

How different this is from the teaching of the N.T. See Matt. 5:39-41 and Rom. 12:19-21.

(5) Drunkeness: "A child that has not yet attained the full use of reason, a person half asleep, or half drunk, or half witted, cannot know and appreciate sufficiently the malice of mortal sin, and so cannot commit it." (Manual of Moral Theology, Vol. I, p. 157)

Catholics tell us that it is only a mortal sin that sends people to hell, so if a person gets, drunk, and stays drunk, he could not commit such a sin and thus go to hell! Now read Gal. 5:21.

(6) Profanity Approved: "There may be unconscious, involuntary lapses under the constant pressure of a strong inclination, as in the vice of cursing, and it remains innocent as long as it is not wilfully yielded to and indulged." (Explanation Of Catholic Morals, p. 27) However, when one reads the Bible we see a vast difference Matt. 12:46, Jas. 1:26.

(7) Adam's Skull: Catholics teach that when Christ was crucified Adam's skull was discovered near by, and that they took this skull and caught some of the blood of Christ in it. (A Catholic Commentry On The Bible, p. 1013) Now this is just simply absurd! This Bible, which is all truth, fails to mention this event. Besides, if a skull were then found, how could you tell it was Adam's?

- (8) Lord's Supper At Home: "It would be a mortal sin to have communion in your own home with ordinary cups, table etc." (The Eucharist Law And Practice, p. 214) Now read: Rom. 16:5, and Col. 4:15
- (9) Authority Of Pope: "We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." (Great Encyclical Letters, p. 304) see II Thess. 2:1-10
- (10) No Comment: I have no comment for what you are about to read.

"Indulgences are the most precious and noble of God's gifts. This cross has as much efficacy as the very cross of Jesus Christ. Come and I will give you letters, all properly sealed, by which even the sins you intend to commit may be pardoned. I would not change my privileges for those of St. Peter in Heaven; for I have saved more souls by my indulgences than the Apostle by his sermons. There is no sin so great that an indulgence cannot remit; and even if one had offered violence to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, let him pay--only let him pay well, and all will be forgiven him--but more than this, indulgences avail not only for the living, but for the dead. For that repentance is not even necessary. Priests! Nobles! Merchant! Wife! Youth! Maiden! do you not hear your parents and your other friends who are dead, and who cry from the bottom of the abyss: 'we are suffering horrible torments!' A trifling alms would deliver us; you can give it and you will not! At the very instant that the money rattles in the bottom of the chest, the soul escapes from purgatory, and flies liberated to Heaven. Oh, stupid and brutish people, who do not understand the grace so richly offered! Now Heaven is everywhere opened! Do you refuse to enter now? When, then will you enter? Now you can ransom so many souls! Stiff-necked and thoughtless man! With 12 goats you can deliver your father from purgatory and you are ungrateful enough not to save him! I shall be justified in the day of judgment; but--you will be punished so much the more severely for having neglected so great salvation. I declare to you, though you should have but a single coat, you should strip it off and sell it, in order to obtain this grace. The Lord our God no longer reigns, He has resigned all power to the Pope." (Statement by John Tetzel, a Dominican monk, recorded on pp. 69-70 of The Church The Falling Away And The Restoration by J.W. Shepherd)

SEEING BUT NOT OBEYING

Baptism: "Baptism took place by immersion in ancient times." (New Interpretation Of The Mass p. 120) see Rom. 6:4, Col. 2:12

Infant Baptism: "There is no express mention of infant baptism in the N.T." (Question Box, p. 243) see Acts 8:12

Bible Authority: "In the first period (lasting perhaps until about the 4th century) there were no books except the Bible from which lessons were read and psalms were sung." (Cath. Ency. IX, p. 296) see II Tim. 3:16-17

Idolatry: "To avoid even the appearance of idolatry no statues were placed in the early churches." (Short History Of The Catholic Church p. 65) see II Cor. 6:16, I Cor. 10:14 I Jn. 5:21, Gal. 5:20

"It is not so much of the doctrine as of the morals of the Catholic church that men are afraid." (Devotion of the Holy Rpsery, p. 61)

* ORDER OF SERVICES *
* Lord's Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship *
* 7:00 p.m. Worship *
* Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study *

NEWS & NOTES: Word has been received that bro. Bolton and McCallister have arrived safely in India. We pray for the work there and their safe return!

Our newspaper article is being read! I have been asked by the W. Portsmouth Church to preach for them the 24th of next month. The brethren here have given me their permission to go, and as that church is not involved in any unscriptural works, I am happy to go and help further teach them. I am thankful for the invitation.

Lord willing, I am to be preaching a meeting for the Baden Church of Christ April 2-8, 1973 and am looking forward to being with these brethren!

"For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

--Jn. 5:3--