
TRANSUBSTANTIATION (pp. 70-73)

Catholics feel that the bread and the fruit of the vine become the literal body and blood of Jesus and that we must partake of the Lord's Supper at least once each year. Jesus said he was a door (John 10:9) but does he become a literal door? Notice also (I Corinthians 10:4; John 15:1). What we eat merely represents the Lord's body and blood. As to how often we are to partake of the Lord's supper Paul says "*as often*" (I Corinthians 11:26), but Acts 20:7 tells us how often — one is to partake. On the first day of the (KATA, Greek word meaning every, and so translated in Acts 14:23) week. Anything less than every week is short of God's will (cf. Revelation 22:18-19).

DRINKING (p. 120)

Catholic doctrine says moderate use of alcoholic beverages is not sin. Becoming tipsy is a venial sin. Drunkenness is a mortal sin. If it were not so serious it would be funny. However, your Bible gives but one use of wine, for medicinal purposes (I Timothy 5:23), some appear to have a lot of stomach problems lately. Any argument you have to the contrary is with heaven. But before you make such argument read (Proverbs 23:29-35; 20:1; I Corinthians 6:9-11). Did God learn better? Can one go contrary to God's law and be saved? If so, why not all?

CONCLUSION

I would ask that you read two passages very carefully. II John 9; James 2:10. If you are apart of this religious please prayerfully consider its teaching in light of the Bible the word of God and not traditions of men.

"And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Matthew 15:9

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In this article we would like to examine seven errors of the Catholic Church. The purpose of such a study is not to offend but to enlighten, teach the truth, and draw men from men (Matthew 15:9) to God (Acts 26:18). All quotes are from "The Parish Catechism by Father Farrell."

WORD/TRADITION (pp. 14-17)

The Catholic Church believes God gave his word to *her only*, and that the written *word* and *tradition* (word passed down) are inseparable, "that one cannot stand without the others." They are most certainly wrong for the following reasons. The Bible says the Spirit moved men to speak (II Peter 1:20-21). Their message was written down (Revelation 14:13). All scripture is given by God and is complete thoroughly furnishing one unto all good works (II Timothy 3:16-17). Any man adding to the revealed gospel will be accursed (Gal. 1:6-8). The Catholic Church needs tradition to "prove" what they cannot find in the scriptures.

SIN (pp. 27-29, 105, 110-111)

Another error of the Catholic Church is its teaching about sin. They say there are *mortal sins* ("BIG...deadly sin — a serious

violation of the law of God" p.27), and *venial sins* ("a small sin — a small violation of the law of God"). Mortal sins will send one to hell; while venial sins will not, *they say*. An example of mortal sin is illicit sex, while lying is a venial sin. Are they in error on this point? **YES**. Read Revelation 21:8; 22:15. "All unrighteousness is sin" (I John 5:17), and "a transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). Any sin of which we do not repent will damn our souls in hell (Luke 13:3).

PRAYERS TO MARY (pp. 44-45)

Catholic doctrines regarding Mary are numerous. We consider only one here. They say we should "Go to her in prayer every day." Neither the statement nor any idea similar to it can be found in the word of God. If so, where??? Book, Chapter and Verse please! We do read of our praying to God through the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 6:9; 23:39-46 and Mark 14:32-42; Colossians 3:17; I Timothy 2:5). Our prayers are to be directed to *deity*, not to frail human beings like Mary. Pray to Mary would make her worthy of worship, but read Revelation 19:10, "*worship God,*" not even an angel. Jesus told Satan in Matthew 4:10 "*Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.*"

THE POPE (pp. 50-53)

"The Pope under Christ is the visible head of the Catholic Church." "St. Peter was the first Pope." He is *the* head or representative of Jesus on earth, being incapable of making a mistake when teaching religion or acting as the head of the church. He rules the whole world, they say. Would you read II Thessalonians 2:1-12. Jesus is the head of his church (Ephesians 5:23) and all we are brethren (Matthew 23:8) that are members of it. For those who desire to be exalted by titles, read Matthew 23:1-12. Some who call themselves gospel preachers could well profit from the same reading. Jesus lived without sin (I Peter 2:22), but the Pope is not perfect (I John 1:8-10; Romans 3:23). Our example of his error in teaching is seen in I Timothy 4:1-5. The Pope forbids what Paul (inspired of God) approved as good.

BAPTIZE BABIES (pp. 66-67)

They say all should be baptized, including babies, who should be baptized shortly after birth. both parent and baby will be lost if the parents don't have the baby baptized. If you can believe that you can believe anything. The Bible teaches the necessity of baptism to be saved (Acts 2:38), and confession (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:36-39). What baby can believe, repent, and/or confess? Actually the need is not there for sin is not inherited (Ezekiel 18:1-32; Matthew 18:1-6).
