



# Proclaiming the Gospel

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." - [Romans 1:16](#)

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"Lord, I believe,  
help my unbelief."  
([Mark 9:24](#))

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## God's Perfect Man and Man's Perfect God

**O**ur primary mission field today is within the church. The latest survey reveals that 86% of Americans say they believe in Jesus. Yet, a much smaller percentage of people say they are born-again Christians. How can so many people be deceived or deluded? Many of them have been told by misguided pastors or evangelists that repeating a prayer, signing a card, being baptized, joining a church or coming forward in an altar call has made them a Christian. Others have been asked to "accept" a Jesus they don't even know. It is no wonder the Apostle Paul exhorted his readers to "examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith" ([2 Cor. 13:5](#)). We are to test ourselves and encourage others to do the same. The test: Have we believed the true Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures or a "Jesus" who has been created by the imagination of men?

### Jesus is the Eternal God

Throughout the Bible, the divine nature of Jesus and His eternal existence is proclaimed. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father" ([John 1:1, 14](#)). We see from these verses that He is distinct from God and at the same time, God. He is the eternal Son of God, the second person of the triune God. John later affirmed that Jesus Christ "is the true God" ([1 John 5:20](#)). Even the doubting apostle Thomas addressed the resurrected Jesus as "my Lord and my God" ([John 20:28](#)). Paul said of Jesus, "In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form" ([Col. 2:9](#)). Those who believe Jesus is one of many gods or that He was a man who became God have been woefully

deceived and must repent of this fatal lie.

### Jesus is Our Creator

Paul wrote, "By Him all things were created...all things have been created through Him and for Him" ([Col. 1:15-16](#)). "All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being" ([John 1:3](#)). Since mankind is the Lord's crowning work of creation, his only rightful attitude toward Jesus, should be one of complete dependence, worship and submission. Those who recognize their accountability to their Creator and trust Him become a new creation ([2 Cor. 5:17](#)). They are re-created "according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" ([Eph. 4:24](#)).

### Jesus is Sovereign Lord

All authority has been given to the Lord Jesus, and He rules over His entire creation ([Psalm 103:19; Mat. 28:18](#)). The sovereign authority given to Jesus by His Father is absolute and universal. During His earthly ministry, He demonstrated His authority over diseases, demons, sin, death and nature. He also has the judicial authority to condemn men to eternal death or give them eternal life. Professing Jesus as sovereign Lord is not an option but an essential confession for salvation. Paul declared: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved...whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" ([Rom. 10:9-13](#)). Confessing Jesus as Lord should result in humble submission to His divine authority (Philippians 2:10-11).

### Jesus is the Way

Those who are lost need to know the way.  
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Jesus is *the* Way and not *a* way. When people follow Jesus Christ they can be certain they are "going right" but if they follow any other way, they may never know they are "going wrong." The Lord Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost" ([Luke 19:10](#)). Lost sheep will listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd and they will follow Him ([John 10:3-9](#)). He is the door the sheep must enter to be saved ([John 10:9](#)).

God's one and only way to eternal life is through His Son ([John 14:6](#)). That is why the most frequent command the Lord gives in the Gospels is "Follow Me!" His mandate is given "because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" ([Mat. 7:14](#)). Oh, there is another way which seems right to men, but it leads to death ([Prov. 14:12](#)). Those who do not follow Jesus spend their lives wandering aimlessly on the broad way which leads to destruction ([Mat 7:13](#)). Following Jesus is the only sure way to keep people from going to hell; however, there is absolutely no way to rescue anyone out of hell ([Heb. 9:27](#)).

### **Jesus Is the Truth**

People need truth because we are easily taken "captive through philosophy and empty deception according to the tradition of men and the elementary principles of the world" ([Col. 2:8](#)). For this reason Jesus came into the world to bear witness to the truth ([John 18:37](#)). Our Lord said, "If you abide in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" ([John 8:31-32](#)). Jesus sets people free from the bondage of religious deception.

Jesus is the personification of truth and His word is truth ([John 14:6; 17:17](#)). He and His Word are so connected that those who reject His word are also rejecting Him ([John 12:48](#)). The personification of truth, can only be known in truth by those who seek the truth from the only infallible source for truth. We need a trustworthy standard for truth because Satan leads the whole astray through his false teachers ([1 John 5:19; Rev. 12:9](#)). The only way to discern God's truth from Satan's lies is to abide in God's Word. To use any other standard is a fatal mistake.

### **Jesus is the Life**

Jesus is the life we need because everyone is born into this world spiritually dead. The spiritual death we inherit from Adam leads to

eternal death unless we are born again ([Rom. 5:12](#)). It is for this reason Jesus announced, "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" ([John 3:3](#)). A description of this second birth is described by Paul: "When you were dead in your transgressions... He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions" ([Col. 2:13](#)). When one is born again he receives the very life of Christ, who can never die again ([Rom. 6:6-9](#)). Jesus declared, "He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life" ([1 John 5:12](#)). The Lord Jesus sovereignly gives life to whom He wishes. At the very moment repentant sinners receive the love of the truth and believe, they pass out of death into life ([John 5:21-24](#)). The life Jesus promises is eternal, everlasting, never-ending life in His presence ([1 John 2:25](#)).

### **Jesus is the Only Mediator**

A mediator is necessary whenever two parties are at enmity with one another. The Lord Jesus is the only one qualified to mediate between His Father and sinful man. He is God's perfect man and man's perfect God. "There is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" ([1 Tim. 2:5](#)). "When we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son" ([Rom. 5:10](#)). He changes the relationship that repentant sinners have with God, from one of hostility to one of peace and harmony. "For He Himself is our peace, who... broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity... through the cross" ([Eph. 2:13-16](#)). Only in Christ Jesus can those who were formerly far off be brought near by the blood of Christ. Only in Christ can the sin that separated us from God be removed ([Isaiah 59:2](#)). Only in Christ can believers be permanently reconciled to God forever ([Rom. 8:31-39](#)).

### **Jesus is the Only Savior**

The Lord said, "Besides me there is no Savior" ([Isaiah 43:11](#)). Peter proclaimed: "There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" ([Acts 4:12](#)). Jesus, the eternal God, is the only Savior because finite man could never pay his eternal debt for sin. The Bible makes this clear. "No man can by any means redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him; the redemption of his soul is costly, and he should cease trying forever" ([Psalm 49:7-8](#)). The redemption of a sinner's soul requires

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## **The Ministry of Proclaiming the Gospel**

### **OUR PURPOSE**

The ministry was established in 1991 and is incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-profit [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) corporation for the purposes of: 1) glorifying, honoring and serving the Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming His Gospel of grace clearly and completely; 2) equipping and encouraging the Body of Christ to be faithful ambassadors to the King of kings; 3) providing resources with biblical integrity; 4) exposing any doctrines that oppose or nullify the Gospel of grace so that people can discern truth from error and avoid being deceived; 5) contending earnestly for the faith against the agents of compromise who suppress doctrinal truth for the sake of ecumenical unity; and 6) supporting former Catholics who may be feeling a sense of guilt, ostracism or persecution from their family for leaving the Catholic religion and culture.

### **OUR MISSION**

In a spirit of love and compassion, we teach evangelistic seminars and conferences to encourage Christians to be effective witnesses to Catholics and others who may be lost in their religion. We offer DVDs, books and Gospel tracts to equip those who labor in this huge mission field. We also extend the ministry through our web site, radio and TV appearances and short-term missions trips.

### **OUR NEWSLETTER**

Proclaiming the Gospel's quarterly newsletter is designed to extend the purposes of the ministry throughout the world. The editor is [evangelist Mike Gendron](#), a graduate of [Dallas Theological Seminary](#) and a former Roman Catholic of over 34 years.

### **OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, satisfied the righteous justice of God by paying the complete penalty for sin when He died as man's substitute on Calvary's cross. Any person who repents and receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior by grace through faith in His life, death and resurrection, ceasing to trust in anything else for salvation, becomes a child of God and receives the gift of eternal life, which can never be revoked.

### **OUR PROVISION**

Everything we do is made possible through the prayers and financial support of those who share our burden for the lost. We recognize the sacrifices God's people make to sustain our work and pledge to use these resources effectively and efficiently. Donations (except for products) are tax deductible.

## Great Lyrics to Share

Steve Camp's powerful presentation of the Gospel is captured clearly in his song *Cornerstone*. If I had heard it as a Catholic, it may have driven me to the Word of God sooner. You may want to share it with your Catholic loved ones. To download the song in MP3 go to [www.alm.org](http://www.alm.org).

You do your best and nothing less to be blessed and try to save your soul from death. It's all works righteousness you know. You cannot manufacture grace by self-denial in a religious place, by weeping hard upon your face or saying prayers to some dead saints you know.

Not through creeds or liturgy, self-flagellation 'til you bleed, or sacred vows that you can't keep. It's a narrow way that you must come, to the Father through the Son, loving Him more than other loves, family, friends, yourself, anything or anyone.

By grace alone, through faith alone, on the Word alone, because of Christ alone. He is our only hope, He is the Cornerstone. You cannot add one thing to Him to save your soul from the curse of sin. Lose your life so you may win salvation, empty-handed, cling to Him, Lamb of God, Prince of Peace, Suffering Servant, Incarnate Deity.

Christ died for God at Calvary. Now once for all we've been redeemed. The Son of Man gave His life for His own, the just for the unjust. No greater love was ever shown. Our Champion forever now reigns from heaven's throne. The true "gift of salvation" is by grace through faith alone.

## Steeling the Mind Bible Conference Feb. 7

The conference will be held all day [Saturday, Feb. 7th](#) at Candlelight Bible Church, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Speakers and their topics include: Mike Gendron - *Who is the Real Jesus?*; Ray Yungen - *Satanic Strategies Targeting Your Church*; Gary Kah - *Global Government Unleashed*; Mike Riddle - *How to Answer Bible Critics*; Gerald Robison - *Proverbs in 55 Minutes*; Daryl Kraft - *The Exchanged Life Doctrine*; Don Perkins - *America In Bible Prophecy* and Chuck Missler - *World On The Brink*. For more details and registration, go to [www.compass.org](http://www.compass.org) or call 800-977-2177.

## Quick Quotes

*"Men tell us that our preaching should be positive and not negative, that we can preach the truth without attacking error. But if we follow that advice we shall have to close our Bible and desert its teachings. The New Testament is a polemic book almost from beginning to end... It is when men have felt compelled to take a stand against error that they have risen to the really great heights in the celebration of the truth."*  
J. Gresham Machen (cited in "Biblical Separation", by Ernest Pickering, p. 97).

*"Mere head knowledge will be as unhelpful to the soul on judgment day, as a painted fire is unhelpful to the frozen body on a cold day. Theoretical knowledge may make the head giddy, but it will never make the heart holy. He who lives in sin, without repentance, shall die in sin, without forgiveness."*  
William Secker, *"The Consistent Christian"*

*"Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right."*  
[C.H. Spurgeon](#)

*"To say that reunion with Rome would be an insult to our martyred Reformers is a very light thing; it is far more than this: it would be sin and an offense against God!"*  
[Bishop J.C. Ryle](#), "Knots Untied"

## Where Mike Is Speaking

- Feb. 7 [Steeling the Mind Conference](#)  
Coeur d'Alene, ID (800) 977-2177
- Mar. 16-25 [Mission Trip and Bible Study](#)  
**Israel and Greece**
- April 1-3 [Tulsa Prophecy Conference](#)  
Tulsa, OK (918) 835-6978
- April 18-19 [Newtown Bible Church](#)  
Newtown, CT (203) 426-6484
- May 1-3 [Immanuel Bible Church](#)  
Sheboygan, WI (920) 458-4979
- May 16-17 [Harvard Bible Church](#)  
Harvard, IL (815) 382-6560
- June 5-7 [Northgate Bible Church](#)  
Pittsburgh, PA
- Sept. 12-13 [Northwest Bible Church](#)  
Ft. Worth, TX (817) 624-2111

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## Have You Considered This?

There is only **one** way of salvation because there is only **one** Savior who has provided only **one** solution to humanity's **one** spiritual problem.

The middle verse in the entire Bible is [Psalm 118:8](#), which reads: "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." If only more people would follow this simple instruction, we wouldn't have so many cults and false religions.

## Israel Tour and Missions Trip March 2009

Mike and Jane Gendron and [Proclaiming the Gospel Ministry](#) will lead another tour and missions trip to the Holy Land, March 16 through the 25th. **The deadline for making your reservations is January 31.** There will also be an optional 5-day extension that includes an incredible Mediterranean cruise from Athens to Corinth, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos and Rhodes. Once you have walked in these places, the imagery and experience will stay with you forever. From the coastal cities along the Mediterranean to Galilee and up to Jerusalem, Israel is not only rich in Biblical history, but it is also the place where all the prophetic events of the future will unfold for the glory of God!

When you see where our Lord Jesus will reign as the King of kings, it will dramatically impact the way you read your Bible. This three-dimensional Bible study will strengthen your faith with a deeper understanding of biblical history. Join other friends of *Proclaiming the Gospel* for a time of sweet fellowship and the opportunity to share the Gospel where it was first proclaimed. For more information go to [www.pro-gospel.org](http://www.pro-gospel.org) or call 972-495-0485.

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# Seeking His Truth

## Letters to the Editor



I stumbled on your booklet [Is A Catholic Christian An Oxymoron?](#) Could you please explain what Jesus is saying in [Mat. 16:18](#)? "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." When I read this it seems pretty clear here that Jesus established a church on Peter. Christ also prayed that we all be one. Given that Christ established a church and wanted all his followers to be one, then there must be one church. I would ask you if it is not the Catholic church, can you please tell me which one it is? Also since there are well over 30,000 different denominations, how do we know which one to believe?

*Rich, Internet*

*The one true church is made up of all converted men and women who have one Head, one Shepherd and one High Priest. They all possess eternal life the moment they repent and believe the one true Gospel. They are all born of one Spirit, placed into one body, built upon one foundation and become pillars of truth. No one can remove them from this church because their names are written in heaven ([Heb. 12:23](#)). They are a royal priesthood, a chosen race, a holy nation, a people owned by the One who called them out of darkness into His marvelous light ([1 Pet. 2:9](#)). They come from every tribe, tongue, people and nation, yet are united in one faith ([Eph. 4:5](#)). They are the light of the world and the salt of the earth and are being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ ([Mat. 5:13-14](#)). No member of this church can ever perish or be cast away because they were chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son and sealed by the Holy Spirit ([John 6:37-39](#); [Eph. 1:13](#)). This is the true church to which you must belong if you are to be saved ([Eph. 5:27](#)). If you leave this earth having never belonged to this church, it will be better if you had never been born ([2 Thes. 1:7b-9](#)).*

We have good news to report from the counsel you gave us last year regarding our niece who left an Evangelical church and joined a Catholic church. At first she became deeply involved in Catholicism and decided to

study to become a nun. Our hearts sank as we had been praying for her for many years. We thought the nuns had finally captured her with their false gospel and idol worship. So we kept on praying and sent her more of your materials to help influence her to change her mind and return to the Lord. The breakthrough came this summer when she completely left the Catholic church and returned to her home town. She is now worshiping at a Bible church and getting her life back to serving the Lord. How can we thank you? Your books and tracts have been used mightily by the Lord, and we are so grateful. We praise Him for His deliverance and His love that never lets us go!

*R. & J. C., Leander, TX*

Mike and Jane, We are not in heaven yet, but I want to express my appreciation for the way you have touched my life. I struggled with the teachings of the Catholic church for many years before your message at the [Understanding the Times Conference](#). That is when I decided to leave Catholicism. Since then my family has watched your message, and I also presented them with information from your book [Preparing Catholics for Eternity](#) and your [Gospel tracts](#). That's all I can do now and hope someday they will see and realize the truth. I am at great peace with my decision to leave the Catholic religion and would never go back. I love Jesus more now than ever. I also have feelings of sadness and helplessness for my family for being trapped in a false and deceptive religion. I also feel anger toward the Catholic religion for what they are teaching and for the power they have over so many people. I feel a sense of guilt for raising my kids in that religion. I know you understand so well the feelings and attitudes I have. I will continue to pray for my family and for the success of your ministry. Thanks for all that you are doing.

*M.S., Belle Plaine, MN*

I am so thankful to you and Jane for your ministry. You have done so much to free many captives from the blasphemous and heretical religion of Catholicism. I still have two daughters who are held captive by their

deceit. I did not know that Roman Catholic indoctrination was still lingering in my mind years after I left. It was not until I watched your eight video messages from the Stealing the Mind conference years ago that I heard the complete truth about the errors of Catholicism. I was so shocked that I wept. No one previous to you had compared Scripture to the teachings of "THE CHURCH." Now I am teaching Jeremiah in a Women's Bible Study. Thank you and bless you. I will know you and Jane forever in heaven with our Lord and Savior.

*E.J., Minneapolis, MN*

Mike, during your message *Which Gospel Do You Believe?* you said, "According to God's eternal purpose, every believer of the eternal Gospel has been saved from eternal punishment by our eternal God who promises eternal life and an eternal redemption through His eternal Spirit who secures their eternal inheritance in His eternal kingdom. If we change the definition of 'eternal' for eternal life, we have to change the definition of 'eternal' everywhere else. Since eternal life is the promise of the Gospel, anyone who rejects the promise has rejected the Gospel itself. They have believed in vain and therefore need to be evangelized." My question is this: with respect to the promise of eternal life, how do Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Church of Christ, etc., reject the Gospel itself? Thanks for taking the time to answer. I have gleaned a number of points from your presentation that have sharpened my understanding of the Gospel. I love the purity of the Gospel and want to present it with greater clarity and boldness.

*Harley, Internet*

*The crystal-clear promise of the Gospel "is salvation to everyone who believes" ([Rom. 1:16](#)). This promise is upheld and protected by the everlasting, effectual and sovereign power of almighty God. The "salvation" that is divinely promised is also crystal-clear. The Lord Jesus Christ saves believers from the penalty and power of sin and ultimately, from the presence of sin in heaven. The Holy Spirit of promise seals everyone who believes the Gospel, thus guaranteeing their eternal inheritance ([Eph. 1:13-14](#)). Every believer is "protected by the power of God through faith" for salvation ([1 Pet. 1:5](#)). The Gospel presents a resurrected Savior who is able to save His people forever because He always lives to make intercession for them ([Heb. 7:25](#)). He gives them eternal, everlasting*

life and He promises they will never perish ([John 10:28](#)). However, Paul described another group of people who had believed in vain because they did not "hold fast the word" he preached ([1 Cor. 15:1-2](#)). Instead, they chose to follow religious traditions that nullified or opposed the promise of the Gospel and the Word of God. Many Catholics, Greek Orthodox and liberal Protestants are examples of people who are believing in vain and thus need to be evangelized with the true Gospel.

I work at the post office, and I can't tell you how many RC newspapers there are! There must be one for every single city in America, and I am not exaggerating. More often than not, the front page covers the story of the recent crop of young men, flat on their faces before their bishop, entering the priesthood. Needless to say, they are giving up their lives for a lie. But the Lord has the power to break through the blindness and has commissioned us to plant seeds. The harvest truly is great and the laborers few. I'm going to start using your tracts.

M. S., Phoenix, AZ

I just read [Preparing Catholics for Eternity](#) and love the Scripture-rich format you use to state your case and reason with Catholics. I also like your advice not to mention Calvinism, but to simply encourage people to believe what the Lord Jesus and the apostles taught on the doctrines of grace. May the Lord fulfill in you all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power and sustain you and your wife by His sovereign grace.

H.E., Ralieg, N.C.

I have listened to your messages on evangelism and can't understand why you're so critical of the sinner's prayer. How can anyone be saved if they don't repeat a prayer?

R.M., Garland, TX

*The practice of leading someone in a sinner's prayer for their salvation has produced many tares or false converts in churches over the last 100 years ([Mat. 13:25-40](#)). This "evangelical tradition" cannot be found anywhere in the New Testament. Those who desire to evangelize God's way will follow the instructions given by the Lord of the Harvest. He commissioned us to go and make disciples, not decisions ([Mat. 28:18](#)). The way we make disciples is by teaching people what God's Word says about us and about Him. We must*

*use the Bible to show guilty and condemned sinners why they need a Savior. When the Holy Spirit has convicted them of their sin and coming judgment, they will probably ask a question similar to the one Philippian jailer asked Paul - "What must I do to be saved?" Please note that Paul did not say, "Repeat this prayer after me." Instead he said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" ([Acts 16:31](#)). I encourage you to keep sowing the imperishable seed of God's Word until it finds fertile soil and begins to grow ([1 Pet. 1:23](#)).*

First, I would like to tell you how grateful I am for your site. It has provided me with excellent resources concerning the deception of the RC church. I am also very thankful for your genuine spirit of love that you show toward Catholics and your earnest desire to see them removed from their deception. I have always been bothered by Christians who use their differences with Catholics as points of contention. God has truly blessed you, and I pray He continues to bless your ministry. With much sadness I have recently watched a friend wander away from the Pentecostal church she was "saved" in and fully embrace the teachings of the Catholic religion. She is currently attending a Catholic college rooted in the charismatic renewal movement coupled with all its heretical teachings. God has opened the door of opportunity to witness and I am excited to take it on. Through this experience I have never been more grounded in my faith and the sufficiency of the Bible. The college director has offered me the opportunity to discuss our differences. Although hesitant, I feel I can't walk away from the opportunity to witness. What is the best way for me to approach this situation? I want my questions and comments to have the most impact on my friend as well as the director and other students at the college.

A. H., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

*May our Sovereign Lord take away the hesitancy you are experiencing and give you confidence in Him and His Word. Knowing how complex the RC religion is, I recommend that you pattern your message after the apostle Paul. He did not come to Corinth with superiority of speech or wisdom, but was determined to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified ([1 Cor. 2:1-2](#)). Stay focused on who Jesus is and all that He accomplished by His finished work on Calvary's cross. The Catholicism of the Catholic Church teaches that*

*Jesus merely opened the gates of heaven by His death and resurrection ([para. 1026](#)). Show them that He did much more for those who repent and believe the Gospel. He died as our substitute satisfying divine justice, reconciled us to God, paid the eternal sin debt, shed His blood as the only purification for sin, redeemed us from the curse of the law, justified us with His righteousness and placed us positionally in heaven with Him ([Eph. 2:1-8](#)).*

I recently attended a *Steeling the Mind Conference* and agreed with most of what you said. But I did kind of wonder who appointed you as the judge or the gospel policeman? After listening to you speak against Benny Hinn and Joel Osteen, I felt that I should tell you that you are in error with your message. I would bet that if someone was to listen to your sermons or preaching long enough, they could put your picture up on a presentation as someone that was distorting the Gospel.

D. C., Kennewick, WA

*I commend you for making judgments about my teaching, even though that is what you are criticizing me for doing of others. Oftentimes before I speak I will ask the audience to be good [Bereans](#) and test the veracity of my message with the Word of God. Yes, I did make judgments about certain teachings of Benny Hinn and Joel Osteen. Each time I showed how they did not conform to Scripture. Only God knows the heart, but we are all called to make judgments, test the spirits and discern truth from error ([2 Thes. 3:6; 1 John 4:1](#)). Both Jesus and Paul warned us "Do not be deceived." How can we heed their warnings if we do not make judgments. Benny Hinn has made numerous false prophecies that are well documented and accessible. Joel Osteen has denied the exclusivity of the Gospel on the Larry King Live Show and consistently gives people what they want (psychology) instead of what they need (sound biblical doctrine). If you ever hear me distort the Gospel or mishandle God's Word, I pray you will correct me and call me to repentance.*

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## Pope Places the World in Mary's Hands

Benedict XVI placed the world in Mary's hands during his one-day visit to the shrine of *Our Lady of the Rosary* in Pompeii, Italy. He prayed to Mary, "We implore you to have pity today on the nations that have gone astray, on all Europe, on the whole world, that they might repent and return to your heart." The Pontiff turned to an image of Mary and said: "If you will not help us because we are ungrateful and unworthy children of your protection, **we will not know to whom to turn.**" In a gesture of filial love, the Pope then offered the Madonna a golden rose. The shrine contains an image of Mary to which hundreds of miracles and healings are attributed. The secret of Pompeii, the Holy Father revealed, is the rosary: "This prayer leads us through Mary to Jesus. The rosary is a contemplative prayer that is accessible to all...and a spiritual weapon in the struggle against evil, against all violence, for peace in hearts, in families, in society and in the world." ([Zenit.org, 10/19/08](#))

## Marian Devotion and Love for the Eucharist

Bishops and other clergy from Central Asia met recently with Pope Benedict at the Vatican. The Holy Father encouraged the prelates to "keep the flame of faith alive" and warned about the dangers of religious fundamentalism. He said, "Continue to educate everyone in listening to the Word of God and arouse Marian devotion and love for the Eucharist. Spread the practice of the Rosary among families." ([CNA, 10/2/08](#))

## The Eucharist Will Help Free Catholics From Idols

On the second day of his visit to France, in front of 300,000 people in the Esplanade des

Invalides, Pope Benedict XVI proposed the Eucharist as the way to attain man's true destiny. He claimed that Christ, the Eucharist and the Mass, all help man to free himself from idols, which, as in ancient paganism, "diverted man from his true destiny." And precisely in order to free man from the prison of the idols, the pope invited the young people to follow the call to the priestly and religious vocation. Beginning with the appeal from the apostle Paul to "Shun the worship of idols" (1 Cor. 10:14), the pontiff explained what idols are: "The word 'idol' comes from the Greek and means 'image', 'figure', 'representation', 'phantom' or 'vain appearance'. An idol is a delusion, for it turns its worshipper away from reality and places him in the kingdom of mere appearances. "Communion with the Body of Christ", the Eucharist, is the means by which we are helped to free ourselves from idols, because we discover the true face of God. "The Mass invites us to discern what, in ourselves, is obedient to the Spirit of God and what, in ourselves, is attuned to the spirit of evil". "He alone [Christ present in the Eucharist] teaches us to shun idols, the illusions of our minds". The urgency of celebrating the Eucharist as an instrument of truth for the faithful and for the world impelled the pope to make an appeal to the young people: "Do not be afraid! Do not be afraid to give your life to Christ! Nothing will ever replace the ministry of priests at the heart of the Church! Nothing will ever replace a Mass for the salvation of the world!" ([AsiaNews.it, 9/13/08](#))

## Iran President Pursues Ties With Rome

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, called for further expansion of Tehran-Rome bilateral relations. He said Tehran and Rome share identical views regarding many international developments. Such identical

views can be used in line with promotion of global peace and security. Stressing that the era of war, conflicts, terrorism, and bloodshed is over, President Ahmadinejad said the world should enter a new era based on friendship, justice and mutual respect. On Tehran-Rome relations, he said the existing cultural relations have resulted in expansion of all-out ties between the two nations. ([Islamic Republic News Agency, 10/19/08](#))

## Evolution Is Compatible with Catholic Faith

A professor at a Vatican-sponsored university expressed dismay that some Christian groups reject the theory of evolution. Further emphasizing the official Catholic position, a Vatican official restated that evolution is not incompatible with faith. The professor said that Popes going back to the mid-20th century have "recognized the scientific value of the theory of biological evolution." A monsignor stated: "Creationism from a strictly theological view makes sense, but when it is used in scientific fields it becomes useless." Pope Benedict XVI warned last week against fundamentalists' literal interpretations of the Bible. The pontiff told a gathering of intellectuals and academics in Paris that the structure of the Bible "excludes by its nature everything that today is known as fundamentalism. In effect, the word of God can never simply be equated with the letter of the text," Benedict said. ([AP, 9/17/08](#))

## The Sale of Catholic Relics Continues Despite Ban

The sale of Catholic holy relics is officially banned by the Vatican, but a loophole allows Catholics to buy them in order to "rescue" them so they won't be abused. In shops such as A.R. Broomer's in Manhattan, you can purchase what are purported to be teeth of saints for \$300, the skull of a martyr for \$4500 or even a splinter from Christ's cross for \$975. Those who flout the Vatican ban even give grades to their relics: "first class" relics include body parts of saints or objects supposed to have been touched by Jesus. "Some first class relics come with a red papal seal, meaning they have been vetted by the Vatican and papers, usually in Latin, describing the item and its history." The selling of relics has been going on for centuries. "Sixteenth-century protestant theologian John Calvin once quipped that there were enough pieces of the True Cross to 'form a whole ship's cargo.'" ([Forbes.com, 5/19/08](#))

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an infinite payment because he has sinned against an infinitely holy God. For this reason the punishment for sin is eternal separation from God in the eternal lake of fire ([Rev. 20:14](#)). Even after a thousand years in the lake of fire, the debt owed for sin remains infinite. A sinner's only hope is to trust Jesus who "canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" ([Col. 2:14](#)).

The Bible declares: "you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" ([Mat. 1:21](#)). The Lord Jesus saves every believer from sin - its punishment when they are justified, its power when they are regenerated and its presence when they are glorified ([Rom. 6:14](#); [1 John 3:14](#)).

### Jesus is Our Substitute

Many believe that Jesus died for the sins of the world - that's history. However, when a sinner believes that He died for him or her - that's salvation. "He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities...He will bear *their* iniquities" ([Isa. 53:5, 11](#)). The wrath of God that was poured out on Jesus was the punishment and death that every sinner deserves. As our willing substitute "He Himself bore *our* sins in His body on the cross" ([1 Pet. 2:24](#)). This is why the Gospel is the greatest news anyone could ever hear. It reveals an unmerited gift that can only be received by grace, through faith, in the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ.

### Jesus is Our Righteousness

Those who seek to gain heaven by their own righteousness are ignorant of God's righteousness which requires perfect righteousness to be in His presence. Jesus declared this clearly: "you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" ([Mat. 5:48](#)). This is why Jesus, the perfect High Priest, had to offer Himself, the perfect sacrifice, to satisfy the perfect justice of a Holy God who demands perfection. The blood sacrifice of the spotless Lamb of God is a sinner's only approach to a holy and righteous God.

Tragically, God's standard of perfection and holiness is rarely taught or explained in our churches. As a result many people establish their own standards and do not submit to God's righteousness. This is why so many people believe they can become good

enough to appease God. The god they appease, however, is a god created in their own minds. They need to know the true God and His righteousness, which is given *only* as a gift to those who trust Him ([Rom. 5:17](#)). God "made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" ([2 Cor. 5:21](#)).

### The Blood of Jesus

Neither silver nor gold, nor all the riches of the world, could redeem sinners from the slave market of sin. Eternal redemption can only be obtained through the precious blood of Jesus ([Eph. 1:7](#); [Heb. 9:12](#)). There is no other cleansing agent, and nothing else is necessary, to purge or cleanse us of our sins. "The blood of Jesus ...cleanses us from *all* sin" ([1 John 1:7](#)). It is for this reason believers no longer fear condemnation - having been "justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" ([Rom. 5:9](#)). Through the blood of the cross, believers have been reconciled to God and now enjoy everlasting peace with Him ([Col. 1:19-20](#)). God's word makes it clear: without the precious blood of Jesus, there is no forgiveness, no redemption, no justification, no cleansing and no peace.

### Jesus is Our Redeemer

To redeem means to buy, to purchase or to pay the ransom price to rescue or deliver someone or something. The redeemer "gave Himself as a ransom for all" ([1 Tim. 2:6](#)). Believers are no longer enslaved to sin because "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us" ([Gal. 3:13](#)). He "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed" ([Titus 2:13](#)). All of God's people "were bought with a price" and should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them ([1 Cor. 6:20](#); [2 Cor. 5:15](#)).

### Jesus is the Light of the World

Light is symbolic of holiness, purity and truth, while darkness is associated with the power of Satan, sin and falsehood. Darkness can never overtake light, but even the smallest candle can dispel or overcome darkness. Accordingly, God sent His light "to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" ([Luke 1:79](#)). Jesus is that light. He declared: "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life" ([John 8:12](#)). Jesus is the Light to which

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## What Do We Owe the Reformation?

We have neither an adequate conception of the evils from which the Reformation freed us, nor of the enormous good which it brought in.

In the days when the Roman Catholic Church ruled England, he who desired to obtain forgiveness of his sins had to seek it through a jungle of priests, saints, Mary-worship, masses, penances, confessions, absolution and the like!

This huge mass of rubbish was shoveled out of the way by the Reformers. They taught that justification was by faith alone, and that every heavy-laden sinner on earth had a right to go straight to the Lord Jesus Christ for remission of sins - without waiting for Pope or priest, confession or absolution, masses or extreme unction. From that time, the backbone of English Popery was broken!

The Reformation found Englishmen steeped in ignorance and left them in possession of knowledge.

- It found them blind - and left them seeing.
  - It found them without Bibles - and left them with a Bible in every parish.
  - It found them priest-ridden - and left them enjoying the liberty which Christ bestows.
  - It found them strangers to saving faith, and grace, and holiness - and left them with the key to those things in their hands.
  - It found them slaves - and left them free.
- (J. C. Ryle, "What Do We Owe to the Reformation?")

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and perfecter of our  
faith, who for the joy  
set before him  
endured the cross,  
scorning its shame,  
and sat down at the  
right hand of the  
throne of God."  
([Hebrews 12:2](#))*

## **Look to Jesus the Author and Perfector of the Christian Faith**

- Look in His Word to learn who He is, what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do.
- Look to the majestic Creator to marvel at the work of His hands.
- Look to the crucified Christ to find pardon, peace, perfection and paradise.
- Look to the resurrected Jesus for the promise of our resurrection and for power over sin.
- Look to the ascended Christ who is now preparing a place for His people to dwell with Him.
- Look to Jesus, our Advocate, who lives to intercede for His people forever.
- Look to the King of kings for the privilege of being His slave and servant.
- Look to the Good Shepherd who promises to feed, protect, guide and discipline His sheep.
- Look to the Lord Jesus in humble submission to His perfect will and authority.
- Look in His Word to learn what He teaches, what He commands, what He promises and what He desires of you.
- Look to the heart of Jesus who demonstrated true love by enduring the wrath of God and dying for His people.
- Look to Jesus, the personification of truth, for protection against the lies and schemes of the devil.
- Look to Jesus, our High Priest, who is able to keep us from stumbling and present us blameless and with great joy.

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every sinner must turn for salvation. This was the ministry our Lord gave to Paul sending him to turn people "from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me" ([Acts 26:18](#)).

Knowing the attributes and claims of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are all faced with this vital decision. What will we do with Him? "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" ([John 3:36](#)). Those who trust and follow Jesus are choosing life over death, justification over condemnation, freedom over bondage, light over darkness, peace over hostility, joy over despair, peace over hostility, sight over blindness and truth over deception. Those who deny that Jesus is who He said He is are making a fatal mistake. Our Lord said, "Unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins" ([John 8:24](#)).

May God help us all to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, not only to glorify Him, but to proclaim Him wholly and clearly to those who are being deluded or deceived.



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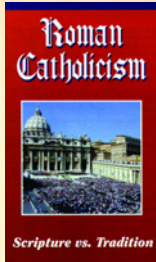
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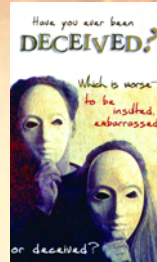
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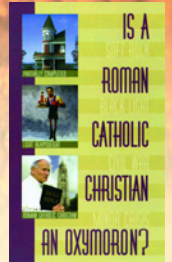
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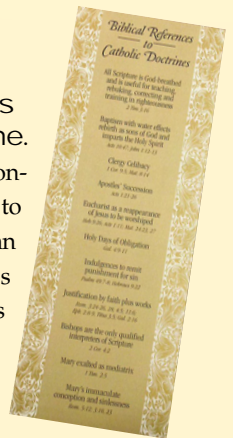
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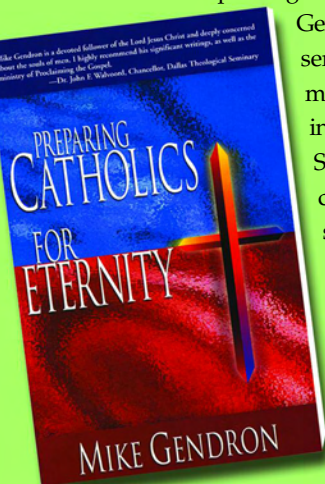


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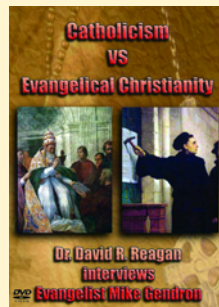
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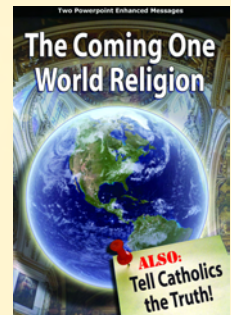


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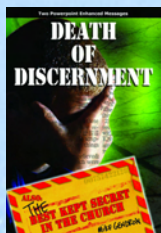


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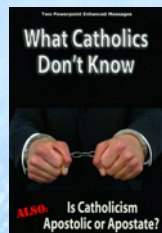
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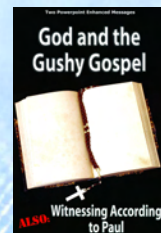
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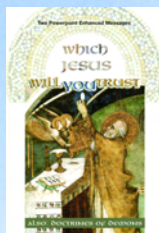
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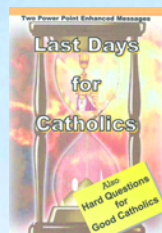


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