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"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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*"They were judged, every one of them according to their deeds...and if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."
(Rev. 20:13-15)*

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"I Never Knew You Depart From Me"

The most terrifying words any professing Christian could ever hear would be the Lord Jesus declaring: "I never knew you, depart from me" (Mat. 7:23). On judgment day those words will be heard by many who once made professions of faith and claimed to be followers of Jesus. Yet very few evangelical leaders appear to be concerned. Our churches are filled with people who are headed to hell and don't even know it. Who are these false converts and how were they deceived? What lulls so many people into this cruel deception?

Two Kinds of Deception

Scripture describes these false converts as victims of deception. They are either deceived by false teachers or they deceive themselves. Some are victims of a false gospel or an unbiblical method of evangelism (Gal. 1:6-7). A false gospel offers the natural man what he wants: good feelings, healings, riches and success. The true Gospel offers him what he needs: forgiveness of sin, redemption, perfect righteousness, reconciliation with God and the power to live a victorious life.

Those who deceive themselves are people who hear the Word of God but do not do what it says (Jas. 1:22). Since obedience to the Word is a divine requirement of every believer, the disobedience of those who deceive themselves is marked by a lack of concern for God's will and His commands. They have little desire for God's people, His Word or His glory. They are self-absorbed and self-centered and love themselves more than they love God (2 Tim. 3:2-3). Paul gave a stern warning for the self-deceived who reject what the Word says: "The wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience"

(Eph. 5:6). They perish because they failed to love the truth (2 Thes. 2:10).

Ignorance and Pride Can Be Fatal

Tragically, the many warnings given in the New Testament about spiritual deception are not taken seriously. People are so comfortable in their church or religion that they have no hunger for spiritual truth. Deluded by arrogance, they deny their ignorance of God's Word. Many Christians have only a superficial knowledge of the Gospel. They know Jesus died for the sins of the world, but they don't know why He had to, or why it pleased the Father to crush Him (Isa. 53:10). They don't know the divine punishment for sin is death (Ezek. 18:4). They don't know the only way God will forgive sin (Luke 24:47; Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:7). They don't know God opposes the proud and justifies only those who know they are ungodly (Rom. 4:5; Luke 18:9-14; James 4:6). Religious pride keeps people in spiritual darkness. Many hold to a form of godliness but deny the power (or the necessity) of the Gospel (2 Tim. 3:5). Their self-conceit leads to self-deceit and their self-righteousness damns them to everlasting shame.

Failure of Self-Examination

A major cause of self-deception is the failure of self-examination. Some professing Christians go through life without ever examining their faith through the lens of Scripture. Paul exhorts us, "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you, unless indeed you fail the test?" (2 Cor. 13:5). Probably the best way to guard against self-deception is to abide in God's Word, be

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passionate for truth and invite the Holy Spirit to bring conviction and illumination.

Man-centered Evangelism

What happened to the God-centered method of evangelism that calls sinners to repent and believe the Gospel? For the last 100 years people have been told to repeat a prayer, come forward, sign a card or get baptized to be saved. Many of them have lived with a false hope because none of these methods are found in God's Word. The deadliest deception of Satan is to convince a person he is saved when he is not. The devil's ongoing strategy is to corrupt the church by planting tares or false converts where God has planted wheat. He knows he can be more effective in attacking the church from the inside than from the outside. Jesus described tares as "sons of the wicked one." The one who sowed them is the devil (Mat. 13:38-39).

Well-meaning Christians who use a man-centered approach to evangelism by manipulating people to make a decision are helping the devil plant tares. They promote easy believism with no call to repentance or discipleship because it produces quick results that people can see and measure. The unanticipated results of their actions are devastating: God is not glorified, the sinner is not saved, the church is not sanctified and the devil is thrilled and delighted. The best way to produce true converts and reduce the number of tares coming into the church is to follow a biblical, God-centered method of evangelism. We must quit seeking quick results and instead glorify God by make disciples and faithfully proclaiming His Word until the sinner asks, "What must I do to be saved?"

Strong and Weak Foundations

According to Jesus, true Christians build their houses (which represents their lives) on the solid rock of Christ and His Word (Mat. 7:24-27). False Christians build their house on shifting sand which is made up of traditions, opinions and teachings of men. When the storms and trials of life come, a true Christian continues to trust and act on God's Word while a false Christian gives up and suffers shipwreck of his faith. When his faith is tested, it is exposed as shallow, spurious and short-lived. He is the man who hears the Word and immediately receives it with joy; yet when affliction or persecution arises, he falls away (Mat. 13:20).

Narrow and Broad Roads

Jesus said there are only two paths to eternity (Mat. 7:13-14). There is a narrow road which is hard to find because false teachers are blocking the entrance and pointing people to the broad road. This is why Jesus said, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able" (Luke 13:24). People must strive to enter because of Satan's fierce opposition to the Gospel. The only way to determine which door is the true door is to search the Scriptures. The narrow door is difficult to enter because unconverted sinners must be set free from the snare of the devil and repent (2 Tim. 2:25). They must have a heartfelt sorrow for sinning against their God and Creator (2 Cor. 7:9-10). The narrow road is by grace alone through faith in Christ alone which means no one can enter in their own righteousness or by their works or merit (Eph. 2:8-9). They must leave everything behind and enter with empty hands of faith. The other path to eternity is the broad road. It is marked "heaven", but it leads people to hell. It is easy to find - just follow the crowd because many are on it. They are the ones who are trusting their own righteousness and good works and see no need to repent.

Living and Dead Faith

Anyone can profess to be a Christian but genuine faith will be evidenced by how a person lives. Likewise, people are known more by what they do than what they say. James asks the probing question: "What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works?" (Jas. 2:14). He concludes that a faith which does not produce any evidence of a changed life is a dead, spurious, worthless faith. Those with empty confessions profess to know God, but they deny Him by their works, being abominable and disobedient (Titus 1:16). "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness" (2 Tim. 2:19). In other words, it doesn't matter what you profess to be, what really matters is how you live. Those who have living faith are born of God. They are new creatures created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand for them to do (Eph. 2:10).

Right and Wrong Motives

Both true and false Christians follow Jesus, but for different reasons. Unconverted people seek Jesus for selfish motives or wrong reasons, usually for material blessings. Jesus said, "You seek Me, not because

you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled" (John 6:26). These false disciples withhold true allegiance and submission to Jesus and retain control of their own lives. They allow their own opinions rather than Scripture to control what they do and how they do it. True converts respond to the Lord Jesus in adoration, praise and worship (Mat. 2:11; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17). They submit to Christ as Lord and obey His Word out of love and gratitude for all He has done and is doing. They are known by how they respond to sin - with conviction, sorrow, confession and repentance.

Christ is living water for those who thirst for righteousness (John 7:37). He is living bread for those who hunger for eternal life (John 6:51). He is the only mediator to those who want peace with God (1 Tim. 2:5). Jesus is the only redeemer for those who want to be purchased out of the slave market of sin (Titus 2:14). He is the way for those who are lost, the truth for those who are deceived and the life for those who are dead in sin (John 14:6). He is the only Savior for those who know their hopeless and helpless condition (Eph. 2:12; Rom. 5:6). His blood is the only cure for those who know their sin will end in eternal death (1 John 1:7). His perfect righteousness is the only passport to heaven for those dressed in filthy rags (Isa. 64:6; 1 Cor. 1:30). Jesus is the Sovereign Lord who reigns over His people in love and will rule over unrepented sinners in terror on judgment day (Rev. 20:11-15).

A Christian's Responsibility

How should we counsel those who say they have been sanctified by the truth but cling to false teachers? How can we help professing Christians who are not bearing fruit in keeping with repentance (Mat. 3:8)? We must intervene because a Christian who "turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death" (Jas. 5:19-20). We must lovingly confront them with the truth of God's Word and encourage them to examine their faith. Then we must encourage them to consider the exhortation of James. "*Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you*" (Jas. 4:8-10). Repented sinners, who bear the fruit of the Spirit, can be sure they will never hear terrifying words from Jesus (Gal. 5:23).

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Steeling the Mind Conference Feb. 11-12, Coeur d'Alene, ID

The first *Steeling the Mind Bible Conference* of the new year will be held at Candlelight Christian Fellowship Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Speakers include Josh McDowell, Mike Gendron, Eric Barger, Paul Van Noy, David Moore and John Loeffler. For more information visit compass.org or call (800) 977-2177.

Red River Bible Prophecy Conference March 17-20 Moorhead, MN

The annual *Red River Bible Prophecy Conference* will be held in Moorhead, MN, from Thursday afternoon, March 17 through Saturday evening, March 20. Speakers include: David Hocking, Mike Gendron, Gary Kah, Warren Smith and Carl Teichart. For more information call 218-790-0099 or visit www.titus213hope.com.

Where Mike or Jason is Speaking

- Jan. 12 **Calvary Bible Church** (Jason)
Burbank, CA (818) 556-4840
- Feb. 11-12 **Steeling the Mind Conf.**
Coeur d'Alene, ID (800) 977-2177
- Mar. 9-11 **Shepherd's Conference**
Sun Valley, CA (818) 909-5500
- Mar. 13 **Countryside Bible Church**
Southlake, TX (817) 488-5381
- Mar. 17-20 **Red River Bible Conf.**
Moorhead, MN (218) 790-0099
- Apr. 1-3 **Flint Hills Christian Church**
Emporia, KS (620) 342-0081
- Apr. 4 **Kansas/Nebraska Pastors Conf.**
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Have You Considered This?

Jesus is the **Word** who became **flesh** (John 1:14). He said, "He who **eats my flesh**...has eternal life" (John 6:54). "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every **Word** that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4). Faith comes from hearing the **Word** of Christ (Rom. 10:17). People who humbly "**receive the Word** implanted" will save their souls (Jas. 1:21). They are born again "through the living and enduring **Word of God**" (1 Pet. 1:23). He brought them forth by the **Word** of truth (Jas. 1:18).

Nobody Ceases to Exist

Life is very short compared to eternity. James said, "You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away" (Jas 4:14). Compared to endless eternity, man's time on earth is here today and gone tomorrow. If we live our life with an eternal perspective, we will see the foolishness of those who exchange temporal worldly pleasures for an eternity in the Lake of Fire. Jesus asked the question: "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" (Mat. 16:26).

Jesus describes the horrors of hell in Luke 16:19-31. In verse 23 the rich man was in torment. This reveals the soul remains conscious after death. In verse 24 we see that the lost still have what appears to be all of their senses. They can see, hear, feel, and remember. In verse 25 Jesus explains that a person's earthly life can be recalled. It appears that all memories of our entire earthly life remain. In verse 26 we learn that the lost realize that there is no escape. In verse 27-28 we see that the torments are so great that the occupants do not want anyone else to join them in their suffering. In verse 31, we see there is no second chance.

If more Christians could better understand the horrendous reality of the hell that awaits those who die without Jesus Christ, we would be more faithful in sharing the only message of hope. May the truth and reality of God's Word motivate us to faithfully share the Gospel clearly and completely. Each person we meet is an eternal being who will never cease to exist. They will either enjoy eternal bliss in God's presence or eternal torment in the presence of the devil. May we seek to rescue as many as we can from the broad road that leads to destruction.

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 man's redemption with clarity, conviction and consistency; 2) providing evangelistic training and resources with an emphasis on biblical integrity; 3) exposing any doctrines that oppose or nullify the Gospel of grace so that people can discern truth from error, avoid deception and come to the knowledge of truth; 4) contending earnestly for the faith against the agents of compromise who suppress doctrinal truth for the sake of ecumenical unity; and 5) encouraging and supporting former Catholics who may be feeling a sense of guilt, ostracism or persecution from their family or friends for leaving the Catholic religion and culture.

OUR METHOD

In a spirit of love and humility, we teach evangelistic seminars, conferences and workshops to train and encourage Christians to be effective witnesses to Roman Catholics and others who may be lost in their religion. We also offer resources designed to teach, equip and encourage others to labor in this huge mission field.

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 for over 34 years.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

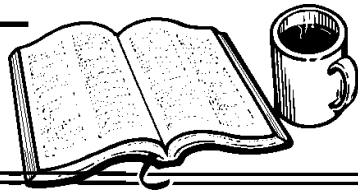
Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, satisfied the righteous justice of God by paying the complete penalty for sin when He died as man's substitute on Calvary's cross. Any person who repents and receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior by grace through faith in His life, death and resurrection, 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.

Seeking His Truth

Letters to the Editor



I am considering writing a booklet regarding your lack of ability to defend your own stated positions. Then I can hand it out at your church to show everyone how much of a fraud you are. Your inability to defend your own statements are sad but true. You have blinders on to the truth and see only what Satan wants you to see because you are sold out to him. Peace and may you repent and come back to Jesus.

David, Internet

I just wanted to let you know that because of Mike's teachings, both my husband and I have left the Catholic Church and are new believers! You referred us to the Omaha Bible Church last December and we started going there in January. In September both of us and Jason, our son, were baptized and it was wonderful. Thank you for your teachings and encouragement. Keep up the good work, bless you!

M.B., Blair, NE

I watched your Youtube series on *Catholicism vs. Evangelical Christianity*. You are very well spoken, yet I feel if you really want to convince Catholics your way is the right way you'll need to go against a renowned Catholic Apologist like Dr. Scott Hahn. You do that debate and perhaps more heads will turn. As a Maronite Catholic I can't bring myself to go evangelical. You gave an impassioned plea but I still believe Apostolic Succession means something. Having a Doctorate of Theology doesn't guaranty anything except that your well educated. Its the laying on of hands that enables the priest to use the claim of apostolic succession and sacred tradition. Good luck in spreading the Word of God. To me, there is a difference between having some of the faith and the fullness of the faith.

A Maronite Catholic, Greg, Internet

It is not my objective to "convince" Catholics "my way" is the right way. Our ministry is to point Roman Catholics and everyone else to the Word of God which is the supreme authority for all matters of faith. Scripture is sufficient to make one wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3:15-16). God has

revealed the only way sinners can be forgiven of their sins and saved from eternal punishment. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can convince or convict those who are deceived (John 16:8-11). He does this by removing their spiritual blindness as they turn to Christ and His Word for truth (2 Cor. 3:16). If you continue to look to your clergy or Scott Hahn for the truth, the spiritual blindness remains. Scott Hahn became an apostate when he left a small Presbyterian Church to follow the deceitful spirits of the Catholic religion (1 Tim. 4:1). According to his testimony, he began praying the rosary and Mary answered his prayers. You may not know that praying to the dead is an ungodly practice that is an abomination to God (Deut. 18:10-12). No God-fearing person in the Bible prayed to anyone except God. Perhaps you will now seek the truth from the only trustworthy source - Christ and His Word (John 14:6, 17:17).

Proclaiming The Gospel has been a blessing to me. Over the years, I have given your book, *Preparing Catholics For Eternity* and Gospel tracts to Catholics. Some repented and turned to Christ alone but one young priest became very angry with me. Lately, I have been talking to several Pastors concerning their admiration of Brennan Manning. I shared some of your statements from the DVD, *God and the Gushy Gospel*, such as, "Manning teaches a Gospel that is full of mysticism but void of the truth." Also, "He preaches a Gospel of works and sacraments. He is an enemy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." The Pastors took issue with me and defended Manning. Can you help me by clarifying his errors? I pastored a church for 50 + years, but these pastors tell me, "you are not relevant with this generation."

I.H., Council Bluffs, IA

Manning is an inactive Catholic priest who left the priesthood to get married, but now has divorced his wife. As a recovering alcoholic, he is heavy into contemplative prayer and Eastern mysticism. His popularity as a writer and speaker in evangelical circles continues to grow despite his proclamation of "another" gospel.

Manning's gospel declares that all people are redeemed. In his book, The Signature of Jesus, he "looks upon human nature as fallen but redeemed, flawed but in essence good" (p. 125). He promotes a contemplative wordless "prayer" that involves breathing exercises and the chanting of a sacred word or phrase. He says, "the first step in faith is to stop thinking about God at the time of prayer" (p. 212). Manning dedicates an entire chapter to Celebrate the Darkness. He must be unaware that God calls His people out of darkness and they should have nothing to do with it (2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:8; 1 Thes. 5:4-5; 1 Pet. 2:9; 1 John 1:5-10). His flawed theology and fatal gospel have a lot to do with his low view of Scripture. He writes: "I am deeply distressed by...the idolatry of the Scriptures. For many Christians, the Bible is not a pointer to God but God himself, in a word-bibliolatry" (pp. 188-89). Manning must not know "the Word was God, became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14). These are just a few of the major problems with Brennan Manning. You are to be commended for warning others of his deceptive teachings.

I literally thank God Most High for placing a calling and mission on your lives that is so solid on His Word. In our day, it is so very rare to have ones like you whom the Lord has enabled to "set your faces like flint" and not back down. Oh, how I need and desire that more in my own life. I pray He continues to strengthen, protect, and preserve you as you Proclaim the Gospel in these last days!

B.K., St. Paul, MN

I have written and spoken with you before and each time I have received wonderful encouragement. I thank you for that and appreciate your ministry. My husband converted to Catholicism 10 years ago and he is now a teacher in the RCIA classes. I am a Bible believing Christian and strongly disagree with my husband's conversion. After being married for 27 years, he has asked me to renew our wedding vows in the Catholic Church. As you can imagine this has caused much strife in our marriage. I want to honor my husband, but do not feel obligated to renew vows in a church that I strongly oppose. What do you think?

Name withheld for privacy.

You have a delicate situation but I think it is clear from Scripture how you need to respond. You are to submit to your husband

as he submits to Christ. Since he is asking you to do something against the Word of God you can decline. If we compromise God's standard for righteousness we weaken our witness and character. Christianity is incompatible with any form of a false religion. Paul makes this clear in 2 Cor. 6:14-18 "what agreement has the temple of God with idols." In other words, it would not be wise to renew vows before God in a church filled with idols. We know throughout Scripture how God hates every false way. I would approach your husband with gentleness and humility and confirm your love and devotion to him. Explain to him that your love and devotion for Jesus will not allow you to participate in a ceremony performed by religious people who send people to hell with a false gospel. Ask him if there is another way you can renew your wedding vows in a way that honors him and your Savior. Please let me know his response.

Can you refer me to info regarding the prophecies from *The Third Secret of Fatima*? I am witnessing to my brother, who claims to have an "in" on this info. I need to help lead him back to Truth.
L.B., Internet

I would encourage you to avoid getting sidetracked on rabbit trails that take you away from Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2). Those who have tested the spirits have found the Fatima apparitions to be ungodly and demonic (1 John 4:1). They bring demonic messages of deception that are opposed to God's Word (2 Cor. 11:14; 1 Pet. 5:8). The best way to lead him back to the truth is establish Christ and His Word as the only infallible source for finding it (John 14:6; 17:17). Talking to him about demonic apparitions may lead him further into spiritual deception.

We cannot stop watching your DVD's. We are learning so much. God is using you beyond our comprehension and we pray that He will continue to work through you as you convey the message of His glorious Gospel without compromise. We are so encouraged every time we watch your messages and the Word is becoming more alive in us. I remember the pastor who told you that you gave the clearest explanation of the errors of Catholicism he had ever heard. We have been giving your DVDs, to other pastors in our area. One day we hope to have the chance of visiting you in the US

and going to one of your conferences. I hope God will use us to share His Word wherever that might be.
R. & M.C., Blacktown, Australia

Thank you Mike for speaking on *Reversing the Reformation* at the *Understanding the Times Conference* this year. I appreciate your stand for the truth! You are such a blessing. I have a question pertaining to the *Manhattan Declaration*. How do you get your name off that list. We signed it but recently tried to have our names removed. Is there any way to find out if they took our names off? After I got more understanding of what it is about, I had no desire to be part of it.
C.G., Hutchinson, MN

If more people could hear that message, (which is now on DVD), they would find out that these unity accords are part of the Vatican's strategy to reverse the Reformation. Their objective is to get all Christians united under the power and influence of the pope. I checked the list of signatures on the *Manhattan Declaration* website and it looks like your names have been removed.

Thank you for your book *Preparing Catholics for Eternity*. What a great ministry you have to Catholics who are so very hard and in great bondage. I am now mentoring a lady I will call a Catholic/Baptist. I know that's an oxymoron, but she is clearly confused. She was brought up as a Baptist and then married a Catholic. She is stuck on several things. Jesus told His disciples that "If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained" (John 20:23). She said this is why Catholic priests are able to forgive sins. Whenever I bring up something she doesn't agree with she says "that's YOUR interpretation, and that's why there are so many denominations." When Jesus said "upon this rock I will build my church," what is the rock? I'm praying that her eyes will be opened.
M.M., Kernersville, NC

If there is one verse on which the Roman Catholic religion stands or falls, it is Matthew 16:18. Rome says the rock upon which Jesus will build His church is Peter however there is a more cogent interpretation. The rock is not Peter but the **content** of his confession: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter declared, from divine revelation, that Jesus is the Messiah/Christ. He is the only foundation that is

immovable, indestructible and infallible. Regarding your question on the forgiveness of sins. Tell your friend that everyone born of the Spirit of God has the power to tell people their sins are forgiven, but only after they have repented and believed the Gospel. The power is in the Gospel (Rom. 1:16). In the 37 years I confessed to a priest, not once did he present the Gospel or ask me if I believed it. (See our web site for more information on "the rock").

I have watched a number of your interviews and read your materials. I'm profoundly saddened by your assumptions and misunderstanding of the Catholic faith. It isn't even close to reality. Why do you not read the Bread of Life (John 6) discourse literally? You seem to pick your scripture verses selectively.
George, Internet

Jesus told the woman drawing water at the well that He could give her living water and she would **never thirst** again (John 4:10). In John 6, He tells those who were following Him for more bread and another free lunch that He is the living bread and those who believe in Him shall **never thirst** (6:35). Anyone should be able to see Jesus was not speaking literally about never thirsting. He said His words were spirit (6:63). They are for spiritual nourishment. Jesus was using the everyday activity of "eating" to communicate how spiritual truths must be received. It is indeed an interesting analogy. Just as food is useless unless eaten, truth does no good unless it is internalized, believed and acted upon. Just as no one eats if they are satisfied and full, no one will receive the truth of God's word if they are satisfied with worldliness or full of religious traditions. Just as no one can eat for someone else, no one can receive and believe the Gospel truth for anyone else. Faith is a personal matter and each sinner must repent and believe the Gospel for salvation. I pray you will take this literally. The sixth chapter of John is all about exchanging religion for an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Vatican Denies God's Promises to Jews

A Catholic synod at the Vatican issued a statement demanding Israel to end its "occupation" of Arab lands. The bulk of the two-week meeting was spent discussing how Israel is the root cause of all the Middle East's woes. It listed the "occupation" of Arab lands, the building of Israel's security barrier, military checkpoints, the jailing of terrorists and the general disruption of Palestinian life as some of the main reasons behind the exodus of Palestinian Christians and Muslim attacks on the Jewish state. One bishop stated "the Holy Scriptures cannot be used to justify the return of Jews to Israel and the displacement of the Palestinians, to justify the occupation by Israel of Palestinian lands." He then escalated the situation by declaring that the original promises made by God to the children of Israel "were nullified by Christ. There is no longer a chosen people." The Catholic Church has for years been trying to repair its image as an institution steeped in anti-Semitism. But the Bishop's remarks make it clear that the Vatican remains as dedicated as ever to replacement theology - the teaching that says God has tossed aside the Jews, despite His irrevocable promises to them, and that the Catholic Church has inherited those promises. (Israel Today Magazine, 10/24/10)

Israel Slams Attacks by Catholic Bishops

Israel slammed critical remarks made by Middle East Catholic bishops after a meeting chaired by Pope Benedict XVI as "political attacks" on the Jewish state. Bishops and patriarchs from across the Middle East called on the international community to end the occupation of Arab lands in an official statement following a two-week synod held at the Vatican. "Recourse to theological and biblical positions which use the Word of God to wrongly justify injustices is not accept-

able," the Catholic synod said. Most religious Jews believe the land of Israel was given to them by God, and Jewish settlers often cite biblical justifications for holding onto the West Bank and East Jerusalem, territories seized in the 1967 Six-Day War. (Breitbart, 10/24/10)

Pope Seeks Global Family

Pope Benedict XVI announced the theme of "One Human Family" for the 97th World Day of Migrants and Refugees to be held in January. Echoed by other Vatican officials, the Pontiff stressed the importance of recognizing the "profound link between all human beings." He said, "The challenge consists in creating areas of tolerance, hope, healing and protection, and in ensuring that these dramas and tragedies - too often experienced in the past and in the present - never happen again." Pope Benedict also emphasized in his message on human unity that "the presence of the Church, as the People of God journeying through history among all the other peoples, is a source of trust and hope." He said, "It is the Holy Eucharist in particular that constitutes an inexhaustible source of communion for the whole of humanity." The pope said, "It is thanks to this that the People of God includes 'every nation, race, people, and tongue,' not with a sort of sacred power but with the superior service of charity." (CNA/EWTN, 10/26/10)

Catholics & Hindus Together

Here are statements from a message sent by the Vatican on the occasion of the Hindu feast of Diwali. We join you in the celebration of Deepavali, sending you our sincere greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. May God, the Supreme Light illumine your minds, enlighten your hearts and strengthen the human bonds! Mutual trust shapes a shared conviction that we can depend on each other to achieve a common purpose. Thus, the greater our engagement

in interreligious dialogue, the fuller our respect and trust become, leading us to an increase in cooperation and common action. (Zenit, 10/28/10)

Anglican Bishops Join Catholic Church

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales reported that "five Anglican bishops have announced their decision to resign from pastoral ministry in the Church of England. They will enter into full communion with the Catholic Church early in January 2011." The statement continued: "Soon afterwards, those non-retired former Anglican bishops whose petitions to be ordained will be ordained to the Catholic diaconate and priesthood for service in the ordinariate." The ordination of former Anglican priests into the Catholic priesthood will take place around Pentecost, with a continuing "formation in Catholic theology and pastoral practice." The bishops' conference stated, "In offering a warm welcome to those seeking full ecclesial communion with the Catholic Church, the bishops know that the clergy and faithful who are on that journey of faith will bring their own spiritual treasures which will further enrich the spiritual life of the Catholic Church in England and Wales." They also affirmed their resolve "to continue their dialogue with other Christian churches and ecclesial communities on that journey towards the communion in faith and the fullness of unity for which Christ prayed." They said, "The prayer for Christian unity is the prayer for full communion with and we must never tire of working for this goal." (CNA/EWTN News, 11/19/10)

Vatican Says Simpsons Are Catholic

The official Vatican newspaper has declared that beer-swilling, doughnut-loving Homer Simpson and son Bart are Catholics, and what's more, it says that parents should not be afraid to let their children watch "the adventures of the little guys in yellow." The Osservatore Romano newspaper said, "Few people know it, and he does everything to hide it. But it's true: Homer Simpson is Catholic." The newspaper cited a study by a Jesuit priest of a 2005 episode of the show called "The Father, the Son and the Holy Guest Star". That study concludes that "The Simpsons" is "among the few TV programs for kids in which Christian faith, religion and questions about God are recurrent themes." (Reuters, 10/18/10)

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without the spirit
is dead, so also
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works is dead."
(James 2:26)*

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