



# 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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*"The pride of man will be humbled and the loftiness of men will be abased; And the Lord alone will be exalted in that day."  
(Isaiah 2:17)*

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## The Consequences of Religious and Personal Pride

One of life's greatest mysteries is why most of the world's population choose to believe Satan's lies instead of God's truth. The paradox is heightened when we realize the Lord Jesus came to testify to the truth and bring peace, joy and life, while the devil's mission is to deceive, destroy and kill. For man to follow the seductive schemes of the evil one, rather than the way of his benevolent Creator, is indicative of the devil's supernatural power to blind unbelievers (2 Cor. 4:4). There are many strategies the master deceiver employs to blind the world from God's truth, but none may be as effective as appealing to man's pride. He uses personal pride to blind people from the conviction of sin, and religious pride to blind them from the only cure for sin. It is no wonder God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble (Jas. 4:6).

### Perils of Pride vs. Blessings of Humility

The spiritual peril of pride is contrasted with the divine blessings of humility in Luke 18:9-14. The self-righteous Pharisee was confident of his own righteousness and looked down on others with a prideful heart. The remorseful publican presumed no righteousness of his own and was too ashamed of his sin to even look up to heaven. The Pharisee's pride was so great that it blinded him from the conviction of sin and he saw no need for justification. The humbled publican was under full conviction of sin and recognized his unworthiness before God. He confessed his sin and cried out to God for mercy. The puffed-up Pharisee did religious works to justify himself before men, but he went home condemned before God. The publican beat his breast in remorse and brought nothing before God except his sin. Although he was

condemned and pitied by the Pharisee, he went home justified by God.

### Religious Pride

Satan does a masterful job of using man's religions to conceal God's glorious Gospel of grace. He and his servants deceive the unwary through false religious systems including counterfeit forms of Christianity. To be deceived by counterfeit money is a painful experience but only a temporal problem. To be deceived by a counterfeit faith is an eternal tragedy that will result in the most horrifying existence that man could ever experience.

Religious pride usually takes the form of spiritual arrogance or a fierce, unbending loyalty to an institution. Many Roman Catholics refuse to engage in spiritual conversations with non-Catholics because they are so proud of their religion. They have been indoctrinated into believing they belong to the "one true church." They are convinced that their church is their best hope for making it to heaven. To be deceived about one's relationship with God is the most dangerous and perilous delusion. Those who die in such a state have no recourse and no second chance.

I witnessed this religious pride in my uncle, a Catholic priest of 61 years. He spent 30 years in southeast Asia leading Hindus and Buddhists to his religion, but not to Jesus Christ. After he returned to America, I was delighted to share God's Gospel with him every time we got together. However, each time he rebuked me with a condescending attitude for daring to question his religion or his position of authority. Blinded by (see Pride, page 2)

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religious pride, he belittled my references to the Gospel of grace because of his stubborn confidence in his priestly rituals and sacraments. Clearly, religious pride is one of the greatest obstacles to genuine saving faith. Many Catholics have an unbending loyalty to earthly priests who offer the same daily sacrifices which can never take away sin (Heb. 10:11).

### Personal Pride

The prideful arrogance of self-righteousness and self-sufficiency is a great hindrance to recognizing the need for a Savior. Personal pride also blinds men from their sin. **They think as long as they are better than most, God will grade them on a curve instead of by the cross.** The growing popularity of the gospel of self-esteem is producing a foolish dependence on one's

own righteousness. This counterfeit gospel appeals to man's ego and his desire to

be master of his own destiny. Victims of another gospel do not know about the perfect righteousness that God's righteousness requires for entrance into heaven. Instead, they seek to establish their own righteousness (Rom. 10:3). This is why every ungodly religion teaches that man can gain a right standing before God by his own good works and religious rituals. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Catholic Church where Catholics rely on the sacraments, penance, the Mass and indulgences to merit the graces for eternal life. Ask Catholics how they hope to get to heaven and many will pull out their resume and talk about their good works. If they mention the name of Jesus, it is only because He made their salvation possible.

All religions, apart from Christianity, teach that salvation is dependent upon what man does for God instead of what God has done for man through His only begotten Son. This is why the Gospel is offensive to those who are offensive to God. It strips man of all his "good works" and his feeble efforts to gain salvation, while calling those works filthy rags in the sight of God (Isa. 64:6). Man deceives himself into believing he is good enough when he is not (Gal. 6:3; Rom. 3:23).

We must encourage others to humble themselves under the sovereign hand of almighty God because He hates pride and arrogance (Prov. 8:13). Every proud person must be

brought down. "The proud look of man will be abased, and the loftiness of man will be humbled, and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. For the Lord of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty" (Isaiah 2:11-12). God will not endure anyone "who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart" (Psalm 101:5).

L.R. Shelton gave an appropriate warning concerning pride. He said, "The Scriptures not only abound with references which show the Lord's hatred of this sin, but they also describe a proud, haughty, conceited, vain, boastful man as being a child of the devil. Why? Because when Satan was in heaven as the highest created being, his heart was lifted up in pride and he fell to become the deceiver. Yes, ever since that moment of haughtiness when Satan's heart was lifted

up with pride, he has sought to blight angels and men with the same form of iniquity." Dr. John

Ogilvie said, "Pride demands the false worship of ourself. It is the original sin, wanting to be our own gods and run our own lives."

### The Consequence of Pride

Those who reject the Gospel usually do so because of their pride. **It is interesting that the middle letter in both pride and sin is "I."** Self-centeredness is at the heart of all sin, including the sin of unbelief. For out of the heart of men comes, among other sins, the sin of pride (Mark 7:21-22). We have heard the proclamations of prideful unregenerate men. "I am my own authority. I am in control. I am good enough. I don't need the Bible. I can live independent of God. I am happy just the way I am." Whenever "I" is on the throne, it causes men to reject God's word and His sovereignty.

We know from God's word that pride is followed by shame, debasement, wrath and destruction. It not only produces self-deception, but it also leads to a persecuting and brazenly contentious spirit. It is characterized by the devil, false teachers, the unregenerate and those with unteachable spirits. For many people, the greatest obstacle to learning the truth is their prideful insistence that they already know it. Such were the religious leaders of the first century. The Lord Jesus rebuked them soundly, saying, "They do all their deeds to be noticed by men...they love the place of honor at

"The arrogance of your heart has deceived you." (Obadiah 1:3)

## 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.

## **Steeling the Mind Conference Sept 18 - Denver**

Join us at the annual *Steeling the Mind Bible Conference* at the Denver Marriott South in Littleton, CO, on Saturday, September 18 from 9 am until 10 pm. It will be an incredible day for Christians who love the Lord, love their Bible and want to be used by God in these last days! Between the highly visual power point presentations, great resources and fellowship with other believers, it is a day you do not want to miss. Speakers and their topics include: Wilfred Hahn - *The Jews, Money and Global Government*; Mike Gendron - *Effective Witnessing in the Last Days*; Randall Price - *The Mystique of Mount Moriah*; Dave Reagan - *The Nine Future Wars Of Bible Prophecy*; Tom Cloud - *Christians & Investing During Volatile and Uncertain Times*; Dave Moore - *Christians and the Obama Nation*; Paul Van Noy - *Characteristics of the Tribulation*; and John Loeffler - *The Unseen Hand*. For more information, please visit: [compass.org/](http://compass.org/) or call 800-977-2177.

### **The Son of God and the Word of God Share Common Attributes**

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1,14). In my recent study for an upcoming message, God graciously opened my eyes to discover some wonderful truths. What a blessing it was to discover the close association between the Son of God and the Word of God. The Bible reveals they share these common attributes. Both...

- are eternal (Mat. 24:35; John 1:1).
- are truth (John 14:6; 17:17).
- are authoritative (Mat. 28: 18; 2 Tim. 3:15).
- are living (Rom. 6:9-10; Heb. 4:12).
- are perfect - (Heb. 4:15; Psalm 19:7).
- set people free (John 8:31-32, 36).
- reveal God (Col. 1:15; John 5:39).
- expose what is false (Mat. 22:29).
- must be received for the 2nd birth (John 1:12; 1 Pet. 1:23).
- bring forth eternal life if believed (John 3:36; Acts 13:48).
- bring forth condemnation if rejected (John 8:24; 12:48).

*If you discover any more common attributes, please email us or call us.*

## **Have You Considered This?**

"To all who received Him...He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12). Some would like to receive Jesus Christ only as a Savior, but not as a Lord. They desire Him only as a **Priest** who offered Himself as a sacrifice for their sins, but not as a **Prophet** to instruct them, nor as a **King** to rule over them.

There are some things in the Bible we **cannot understand**, but there are many things in the Bible we must **not misunderstand**.

Muslims have 99 names for God, but not one of them is "Father."

### **Where Mike Is Speaking**

- July 1-3 **Answers in Genesis Outreach**  
New Orleans, LA (859) 727-2222
- July 6-9 **Missions & Church Planting**  
La Paz, Mexico (915) 892-0301
- Aug. 1, 8 **Grace Community Church**  
Plano, TX (972) 562-4253
- Aug. 20-21 **Bible Conference**  
Laredo, TX (361) 586-4633
- Sept. 2 **Evangelism Conference**  
Christchurch, New Zealand
- Sept. 3 **Evangelism Conference**  
Blenheim, New Zealand
- Sept. 5 **Sovereign Grace Church**  
Brisbane, Australia
- Sept. 5-11 **Keeping the Faith Conference**  
Kingscliffe, Australia
- Sept. 12 **Katoomba Baptist Church**  
Katoomba, NSW, Australia
- Sept. 18 **Steeling the Mind Conf.**  
Denver, CO (800) 977-2177
- Oct. 1-3 **First Baptist Church**  
Weymouth, MA (781) 335 6232
- Oct. 9 **Understanding the Times Conf.**  
Eden Prairie, MN (763) 493-3010
- Oct. 10 **Twin City Fellowship**  
St Louis Park, MN (952)935-3100
- Oct. 16 **Steeling the Mind Conf.**  
Calvary Chapel Tri City  
Tempe, AZ (800) 977-2177
- Oct. 29-31 **Flint Hills Christian Church**  
Emporia, KS (620) 342 0081
- Nov. 9, 11 **The Master's Seminary**  
13248 Roscoe Blvd.  
Sun Valley, CA (800) 225-5867

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## **Join Us For a Glorious Trip to Israel in March 2011**

Mike and Jane Gendron will be leading another group to the land of the Bible from March 9 to 17, 2011. Experience a three-dimensional Scripture study as you visit scores of biblical sites in Israel. Your life will be blessed beyond what you could ask or imagine as you walk where Jesus and the apostles walked. You will also gain a deeper understanding of God's Word and enjoy fellowship you will cherish forever. It is easy to hold your space while you make plans. Just ask for a four-color brochure and we will send one to you.

### **The Truth Hurts**

Is it better to continue to believe a lie because the truth hurts? Why are so many people afraid of the truth? Is ignorance of God's Word really bliss? Isn't it better for people to hear the truth now when they can respond to it, rather than at the Great White Throne Judgment when it will be too late? These are questions many of us deal with when we are evangelizing the lost. Often-times the truth hurts because it stirs up pride and anger in people who have been indoctrinated in a religious tradition. They get defensive when they hear that Scripture opposes their belief.

Paul asked, "So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?" (Gal. 4:16). He understood that truth is worth fighting for. He stood for the truth even when it was unpopular to do so. Every Christian must do the same today because Satan's strategy is to corrupt the truth with as much fallacy as possible. Being able to distinguish between sound doctrine and error should be one of the highest priorities for every Christian.

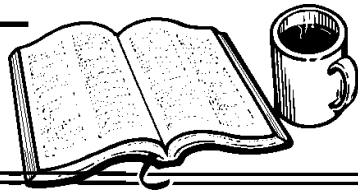
Many believe that arguments over religious beliefs are the most pointless and arrogant of all conflicts. This may be true in cases where human opinions are the only thing at stake. But where God's Word speaks clearly, we have a duty to obey, defend, and proclaim the truth.

### **Quick Quote**

*"We must warn with judicious boldness those who are inclined toward the errors of false religion; we must instruct the young in Gospel truth." C. H. Spurgeon*

# Seeking His Truth

## Letters to the Editor



God is good and executes His plan for our lives in wonderful ways. Several years ago we attended a wedding at Northwest Bible Church and picked up one of your tracts because our son was dating a Catholic girl. After calling you, all of us attended one of your seminars at Bent Tree Bible Church. A seed of doubt was planted in our son's Catholic girlfriend, and she became a true believer after just one of your classes! My husband and I also needed to be re-educated in the truth, having been raised in pre-Vatican II Catholicism. We were captives of that religion until a cult got a hold on us! Our Lord knew what we needed, and you were instrumental in our search for truth. By taking your course, we understood where we had come from and why we needed to be delivered. Now we are happy that your important message is reaching out to the multitudes who are lost in these last days. It is difficult talking to those who think Catholics are Christian. Surely, that's why we need to support you in your calling to boldly proclaim the Gospel.

*S.D., Flower Mound, TX*

Your beliefs and teachings come from your own imperfect, biased, fallible, man-made, non-authoritative interpretations of Scripture. When I came back to the Catholic Church, and I realized that I no longer needed to be my own pope, pastor, and theologian. I realized that the great arguments regarding faith and morals had already been worked out by minds much smarter than mine and by souls much holier than mine. When I realized that I did not have to decide for myself what is truth and what is error, what is right and what is wrong; it was an incredibly freeing moment for me. Coming back to the Catholic Church freed me from the bondage I was in. So, Mr. Gendron, methinks thou knowest not about which thy speak.

*John M., Internet*

*How tragic that you are trusting the teachings of men rather than the Word of God for where you will spend eternity. Billions of people have already been eternally condemned for making the same fatal mistake. He has given you a brain to think and a*

*mind to discern between truth and error. You are right that my interpretations are imperfect, biased, fallible and non-authoritative, but I trust they are far more correct than your bishops and popes. They twist and distort the meanings of Scripture in an attempt to support their ungodly traditions. We must use proper principles of interpretation to test the veracity of every man's teaching. The Holy Spirit and the context of each verse are absolutely critical for properly interpreting Scripture. Apart from the Holy Spirit illuminating and teaching His children God's Word, there would be no hope of understanding what He has revealed (1 Cor. 2:11-16; 1 John 2:27). I thank God that He continues to teach me as I study His Word and work out my salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). If Jesus is truly your Lord, why don't you do what He says. Prove yourself to be His disciple by abiding in His Word. Then you will know truth and be set free from religious deception (John 8:31-32).*

I get very excited when I see your name or hear other people talk about your ministry. I'm a student at the University of Florida, and thanks to the providential grace of God, I stumbled across one of your Gospel tracts for Catholics. Many of my Christian friends refer to their Catholic friends as brothers/sisters in the faith. I have always been suspicious about that because I had never studied the Catholic Church's soteriological beliefs. However, when I read your Gospel tract, it all became very clear! I called you right away and ordered your book *Preparing Catholics for Eternity*, and I'm just extremely thankful for that. It has equipped me so much in my evangelism and taught me to ask questions when speaking to Catholics who defend their religion. Again, I'm so very thankful. Praise God for your ministry and the sweetness of your wife when I spoke to her on the phone.

*G.P., Gainesville, FL*

I have been studying five of your DVDs that I purchased last year and found all the messages close to my heart. You exhort us to discern everything, to be like the Bereans,

to warn others, to preach the truth, to bring correction etc., but as a leader of a women's Bible study, I am constantly having to keep guard and contend for the truth. A lot of errors easily creep in because the study group has a mixture of all denominations (Catholics, Pentecostals and unbelievers). Why am I always being put down by my closest friends when I speak out? They tell me I should not always share truth, but to let people work it out for themselves and that God is more interested in their hearts. According to them, a falsehood doesn't really matter as long as the heart is in the right place. I have studied the Scriptures for 20 years and love God's Word. I always operate in a gentle spirit, with the best intentions to keep anyone from straying. So am I wrong to speak up when there is error, or to warn a sister that the book she is reading is harmful or even heretical?

*The heart can only be in the right place when it serves God in truth. From the wisdom of God's Word we read, "Fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you" (1 Sam. 12:24). You are discovering that standing for the truth is not a popular position in the church. However, be encouraged, everyone who is of the truth hears the voice of Jesus (John 18:37). The people in your Bible study need to be fed a steady diet of truth because they must hear it to be converted and grow in faith (Eph. 1:13). Your closest friends need to understand that God does not promise anyone tomorrow; the error that people are embracing today must be confronted today! Never let a lie of the devil go unabated. Please continue to seek the approval of God over men (Gal. 1:10). Don't let anyone diminish your zeal for speaking the truth in love. We need more Christians like you who are standing on the truth!*

You have an uninformed bias against Catholics. I find your arguments weak because your research is flawed, quotes are taken out of context, and your understanding of Catholicism is incomplete. I hope you will do some honest research on what Catholics actually believe before you publish anymore nonsense.

*J.H., Baldwin, FL*

*What Catholics believe is not the purpose of our ministry because it is hard to find two Catholics who believe the same thing about their complex religion. The issue that*

*we address is how their "infallible" authority opposes the supreme authority of God's Word. We contrast official Catholic error with God's truth in hopes that some will repent and believe the Gospel (Mark 1:15). My knowledge of Catholicism may be incomplete, but it is based on 37 years of experience as an devout Catholic and 25 years of in-depth study.*

I asked a sister the other day who is practicing yoga if she would like some information that may help her understand what she is getting into, but she told me "no thanks." Isn't God exhorting us through His word to warn, to teach, to correct, to rebuke, to encourage? When I lead a Bible study, I take on a responsibility for each lady to come to the fullness of the knowledge of truth.

*J.B., Australind, Australia*

*Your responsibility is to deliver God's truth with clarity and to correct that which opposes His Word. Be encouraged! It sounds like this is what you are doing. You are not responsible for those who refuse to grow into the fullness of truth. Pray that God would grant them repentance and a teachable spirit (2 Tim. 2: 24-26).*

Your love and dedication to our Lord is a great example to the Body of Christ. Recently I shared some of your resources with a pastor who used it to witness to his elderly mother. As a strong devout Catholic, she had rejected the truth for decades. Our Lord used your material to deliver her from bondage. The scales fell off, she is no longer blind, the veil is removed, and she is now boldly sharing the truth with her friends and family. God is well-pleased and received the glory. Please pray for me and my old Marine Corps buddy who is trapped in Catholicism. We go back over 50 years and for about half that time, since my conversion, I've been witnessing to him. He is a tough one, as are most. But our Sovereign God is still on the throne and still answers prayer.

*B.W., Boxborough, MA*

I am 63 years old and have been in prison for 27 years. I truly enjoy your newsletter. It is always a blessing to me to see the truth proclaimed and the false teachers exposed, no matter who they are. I was raised Catholic and was an altar boy for four years. Now that I belong to Christ, I no longer need sacraments, or a handful of beads, or a plaster statue or anything or anyone else. My Mom who is 87 and in bad health, was brain-

washed by nuns as a young girl. The last time I was able to talk to her, I told her how Jesus provided a way for her to get into Heaven. She got upset and said to me: "The heck with Jesus; Mary will get me into Heaven." Please pray for her to come to the truth! I hate the lies that Catholics are taught!

*Paul B., Michigan prisoner*

Your newsletter is always a joy to me. Your passion for the salvation of Catholics is what I most admire. Thank you for being such a loyal defender of the faith and presenting the truth in a fearless manner. There are many Christians who think we should leave Catholics alone because "they believe in Jesus." However, I am working on winning them for Christ. The Lord has given me victory with several of them and many are eager to listen to me when I use their Bible to show them the truth. I don't know of anyone else who presents the truth in such a gentle manner as you do.

*I.F., San Juan, PR*

What was it that happened to you that caused you to hate the Catholic Church so much? Were you abused as an altar boy? Was there a priest who offended you? If someone in the Catholic Church hurt you deeply, I am sorry. I pray that one day there may be healing.

*Glen, Internet*

*Yes, I was abused by Catholic priests – they assaulted me with lies that shut the gates of heaven in my face. Their fatal lies included telling me that my sins would be forgiven if I made satisfaction for my sins through penance. Then they led me into the sin of idolatry by telling me to worship a lifeless wafer as the almighty God and Creator of the universe. Not once did they tell me the punishment for my sins was eternal and spiritual death. Not once did they share God's one and only way of forgiveness - the substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, I was abused big-time, but God has healed me and set me free from the clutches of biblically ignorant men. I praise God for providing a way of escape. Now I want to rescue others who are being spiritually abused by false apostles and deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ (2 Cor. 11:13). They are to be pitied for they know not what they are doing.*

This is classic. Mike, your errors are massive and dishonest. I would have to say that your view of salvation is entirely unbiblical.

Sort of like wishful thinking. Not one person preached anything near what you believe regarding Scripture until the 16th century, and that is a little too late for the "truth" to appear on the scene. No one had to evangelize me to get me to become Catholic. It was a thorough reading of Scripture *in light of the early church writings.*

*David B., Internet*

*The eternal Word of God brought forth the Church through the preaching of the eternal Gospel. The church the Lord Jesus purchased with His blood is not the Roman Catholic Church. Oh, you may trace your roots back to Pentecost, but the winds of apostasy took your religion in a different direction during the 4th century. When you dare to say that the Gospel I believe was not taught until the 16th century, you are calling God a liar. His Gospel is the eternal Gospel - the same message of salvation for every generation - salvation by grace through faith in the Messiah and Lord Jesus Christ (Rev. 14:6). The Catholic gospel of salvation by faith plus works and law keeping was condemned by God's Word in the first century (Gal. 1:6-9). If righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly (Gal. 2:21). If you don't believe your religion teaches good works and law keeping are necessary for your salvation, look at paragraphs 1032, 2010 and 2068 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

I too have a tennis ministry and while playing at a tournament, a lady saw my cross ring and asked me about my church affiliation. When I asked her about hers, her response was, "I am a Catholic, but I am open-minded." I told her I had been studying the Catholic religion and found some of its teachings conflict with Scripture. She had a quizzical expression, so before leaving the resort, I left an envelope with a note and two of your tracts for her. I asked her to prayerfully consider God's Word. I am convinced the whole tennis weekend with four other ladies was all for her. God is awesome! Thank you for your ministry.

*M.H., Shannon, MS*

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## **"No Pentecost Without Mary" According to Pope**

Following the Eucharistic celebration for the Solemnity of Pentecost, Pope Benedict XVI appeared at his window to pray with faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square below. The Pope explained that "the mystery of Pentecost, which we identify with the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the Cenacle, is the true Baptism of the Church. Thus, there is no Church without Pentecost. And, I would like to add, there is no Pentecost without the Virgin Mary. So it is always, in all places and times. I myself witnessed as much a few days ago in Fatima, Portugal. What did that immense multitude experience on the esplanade of the shrine, if not a renewed Pentecost? Wherever Christians come together in prayer with Mary, the Lord gives His Spirit." (VIS, 5/23/10)

## **Lutherans and Catholics to Seek Unity in the Eucharist**

A German Protestant bishop has urged Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches to draw up a joint declaration on their shared beliefs about the Eucharist, one of the key issues that has divided them for hundreds of years since the Reformation. "Our understandings of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper are no longer that far apart," said Lutheran Bishop Friedrich Weber. This follows a separate initiative of a group set up by Lutheran and Catholic churches in Sweden and Finland that has been discussing ways in which the two church traditions might advance the results of a 1999 joint Lutheran-Catholic *Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*. Bishop Weber asserted that this would make possible a declaration which states there are now no differences of a church-dividing nature between the Catholics and Lutherans on the doctrine of the Eucharist. (Ecumenical News Int'l, 4/30/10).

## **Anglicans Continue to Rome**

Thousands of Anglican parishioners could convert to Catholicism after three leading bishops told the Vatican they were ready to cross over to Rome. Churchgoers in almost 300 parishes that disapprove of women priests may take advantage of Pope Benedict XVI's offer to change denominations if their bishops lead the way. The bishops held a secret meeting with papal advisers to discuss plans for Anglicans to convert to Roman Catholicism en masse. There are 268 parishes under the care of the three bishops with hundreds of priests. (London Daily Telegraph, 5/3/10)

## **Interfaith Movement Grows**

At FaithHouse Manhattan, an Islamic Sufi greets you at the door, an Episcopalian makes the announcements and a rabbi, a female Muslim and a Seventh-day Adventist share leadership of each meeting. FaithHouse's jumble of faiths and practices is becoming less unusual as the interfaith movement emerges as a force in American religion. It involves unlikely allies, such as emerging church leader Brian McLaren, who fasted an entire month for Ramadan out of solidarity with Muslims. Some of the biggest movers and shakers in the interfaith movement are governments in Muslim states such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Kazakhstan. Not since 1950, when the National Council of Churches was founded, has this much energy been aimed toward alliances across religious barriers. Some say the election of the first U.S. president whose father was a Muslim has spurred interest, where others point to Sept. 11, 2001 as a catalyst. (The Washington Times, 4/5/10)

## **Catholicism Grows in U.S.**

Roman Catholics, the nation's largest denomination, grew 1.49 percent to 68 million members. The Southern Baptists registered

their second straight year of losses, being down .24 percent to 16.2 million. They are doing well compared to others, such as the Presbyterian Church USA, which is down 3.28 percent to 2.9 million members; the American Baptists are down 2 percent to 1.3 million. Total church membership reported is 147,384,631 members, up 0.49 percent over 2009. (Washington Times, 2/10/10)

## **Statue of Mary to Tour Chile**

Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone officially presented a statue of Our Lady of Carmel as a gift from Pope Benedict XVI to Chile. The pilgrim statue will travel to the various cities in the country that were affected by the February earthquake. The Vicar General for Ministry in Santiago remarked that the "statue is here to renew us in our faith." The statue was created by Ecuadoran artist Ricardo Villalba and depicts Our Lady of Carmel standing upon the Shrine of Maipu, with the Cross of Chile at her back and the Child Jesus in her left arm. (CNA, 4/12/10)

## **Reason for Church is to Extend Jesus in the Eucharist**

Benedict XVI exhorted the bishops of Brazil to promote the worship of the Eucharist. He said, "Being alive and risen, Christ can become 'living bread' for humanity. Today Jesus Christ is alive and really present in the consecrated host and chalice." The pontiff stressed, "The Church lives from this presence, and her reason for being and existing is the fact of extending this presence to the whole world." (Zenit 4/15/10)

## **Pope Gives Rose to a Statue of Mary**

Benedict XVI gave a Golden Rose to Our Lady of Ta' Pinu, and invited the Maltese to pray to her as the Queen of the Family. The Pope affirmed the "particular devotion of the Maltese people to the Mother of God, expressed with great fervour...and so I am pleased to have the opportunity to pray before her image." The Golden Rose is a papal decoration conferred on prominent Catholic personalities; it has gone through a significant evolution. Initially, kings and dignitaries received it, later it was conferred almost exclusively on queens and, more recently, on Our Lady. The distinction was created by Pope Leo IX in 1049. In more recent times, after the Second Vatican Council, the papal decoration has become almost exclusively a gift from popes to Our Lady. (Zenit, 4/18/10)

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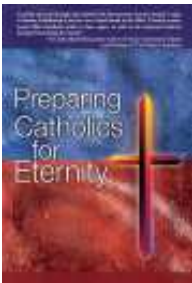
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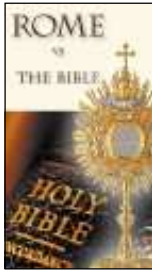
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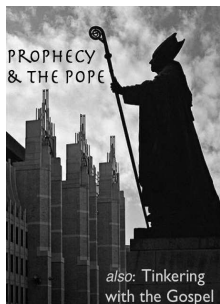
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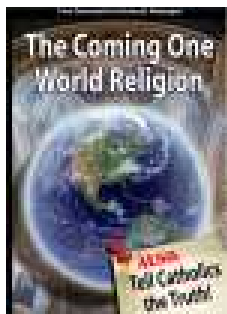


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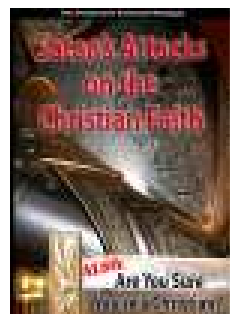
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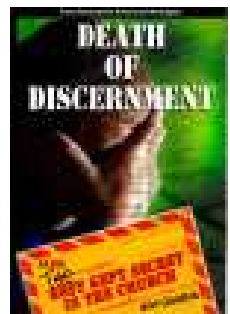
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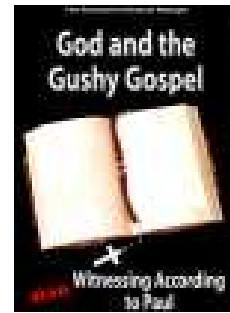
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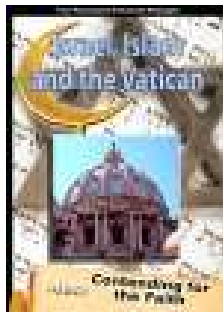
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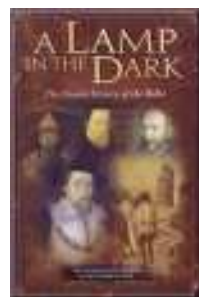
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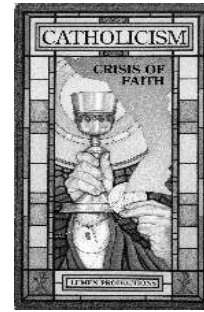
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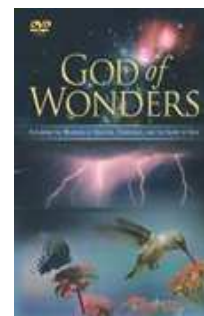
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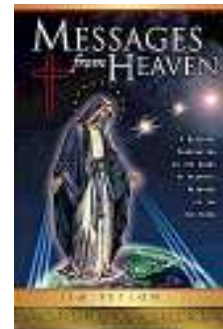
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*"Everyone who is  
proud in heart is  
an abomination to  
the Lord;  
assuredly, he will  
not be  
unpunished."  
(Proverbs 16:5)*

## Contrast Between the Proud and the Humble

- The proud has difficulty admitting weaknesses. The humble delights in weakness. (2 Cor. 12:10)
- The proud demands his rights. The humble yields his rights to others. (Philippians 2:5-8)
- The proud exalts himself. The humble waits on God's exaltation. (1 Peter 5:6)
- The proud seek recognition and praise for self. The humble lets praise and recognition come from others. (Proverbs 27:2)
- The proud seeks revenge when offended. The humble is quick to overlook offenses. (Proverbs 19:11)
- The proud finds greatness through power and authority over others. The humble finds greatness through serving others. (Matthew 20:25-26)

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banquets, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and respectful greetings in the market places" (Mat. 23:5-7). They sought the approval of men over the favor of God. In doing so, they "shut off the kingdom of heaven from men" (Mat. 23:13).

Another consequence of pride is evident in godless people today - they forget about God. The Word of the Lord says: "They became satisfied, and being satisfied, their heart became proud; therefore, they forgot Me" (Hosea 13:6). Those who are blissfully content rarely recognize the divine source of their blessings or their spiritual needs. For what on earth do we have that did not come from His hands? So often the satisfaction of one's physical needs blinds a person from the more important spiritual need - the need to be forgiven and reconciled to God. The heart attitude of one who is aware of his spiritual need is humility and meekness coupled with a sense of sinfulness and a deep longing for righteousness (Mat. 5:3-12). The humble are those who are driven to their knees under the weight of their sin. They will cry out for God's mercy (which keeps them from getting what they deserve

- hell), and receive His grace (which gives them what they do not deserve - heaven). God extends grace to the humble.

We should not be surprised that God's adversary uses pride as a means to keep sinners ignorant of the Gospel. The deceiver gives man something to do to appease God so he can boast. The spiritually blind sinner does not know that any attempt to merit salvation actually nullifies God's grace - the only means by which God saves sinners (Rom. 11:6). **The only thing a repentant sinner can bring to the cross is his sins.** He must leave everything else behind (Eph. 2:8-9).

Those who have truly been saved by the precious blood of Jesus will boast in the Lord (1 Cor. 1:31). "Let him who boasts boast of this: that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises loving kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth" declares the Lord (Jeremiah 9:24).

It is time for the proud to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God and seek His forgiveness. For God will look favorably upon "him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word" (Isaiah 66:2).