



# 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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"See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name...and will mislead many."  
([Mat. 24:4-5](#))

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## God's Word Exposes Ten Fatal Flaws of Catholicism

During the eighteen years of this ministry, we have received numerous 911 calls from evangelical pastors and parents who want us to counsel someone in their church or family. The urgency of their calls arise from loved ones who have made decisions to depart from the true faith and join the Roman Catholic religion. In most cases, their decisions were based on emotional or romantic ties with a devout Catholic. Unfortunately, by the time we meet with them, the seeds of apostasy have already reached their minds and hearts.

I am deeply troubled when I discover they were never warned of the deadly religious virus coming out of Rome that so easily infects the souls of the undiscerning. Isn't it time that we take this false religion seriously enough to warn people of its life threatening afflictions? Why is it so prudently acceptable to warn people of the clear and present danger of Mormonism, but so politically incorrect to warn them of the equally fatal gospel of Catholicism? It appears that part of the problem is that many evangelicals do not know just how deceptively corrupt and fallacious this counterfeit form of Christianity really is. Tragically, we are seeing more and more broken and bleeding hearts as a result of the prevailing ignorance of false religions. For this reason, it is time we take an objective view of the 10 most serious errors of Catholicism through the lens of Scripture. Although the following facts may seem unkind, insensitive and harsh, we present them out of love to protect those who may be deceived if the truth is not told.

### 1. Rome Preaches a False Gospel

Satan's primary attack on Christianity is on

the Gospel of grace because it alone has the power to save sinners completely and forever. Any religious teaching or tradition that adds to or takes away from God's revealed truth is a distortion of the Gospel and a perversion of the nature and work of Jesus Christ. That is why the apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote: "If we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a Gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!" ([Gal. 1:8](#)). The apostles preached a Gospel of pure grace declaring that Jesus Christ, the perfect High Priest, offered Himself, the perfect sacrifice, once for all sin for all time. The work of redemption was finished, perfect and sufficient to save believers from their sin ([John 19:30; 1 Pet. 3:18](#)). Three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead for the justification of all believers ([Rom. 4:25](#)).

Rome's way of salvation is not only *another gospel*, but the antithesis of the Gospel Paul preached. It focuses not on what Jesus has **done** to save sinners, but what Catholics must **do** to be saved. Their list of requirements include: be baptized ([1256](#)), receive sacraments ([1129](#)), go to purgatory for the purification of sins ([1030](#)), do good works ([2016](#)), keep the law ([2068](#)) and participate in the weekly sacrifice of the Mass ([1405](#)) for salvation. (Numbers in parenthesis are paragraph numbers in the [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)). Rome's false gospel that shuts the gates of heaven to those trying to enter should be enough of a warning but there is much more.

### 2. Rome Corrupts the Word of God

Satanic assaults on the Word of God have been increasing for 6000 years because it is  
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the imperishable seed that brings forth life ([1 Pet. 1:23](#)). For this reason we are exhorted to maintain its purity and warned against adding to God's words, "lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar" ([Prov. 30:5-6](#)). Yet, the Vatican brazenly ignores this warning by corrupting the Word of God with its religious traditions. Rome then foolishly declares that together they "make up a single sacred deposit of the Word of God" ([97](#)). In making this ungodly pronouncement, Rome has established its traditions to be equal in authority to God's infallible and inerrant Word ([95](#)).

### 3. Rome's Bishops are False Apostles

Catholicism teaches that their "bishops have, by divine institution, taken the place of the apostles as pastors of the Church, in such wise that whoever listens to them is listening to Christ and whoever despises them despises Christ" ([862](#)). Yet, according to God's Word, they are not qualified to be successors of the original 12 apostles. They have not met any of the necessary qualifications listed in [Acts 1:21-22](#). Therefore, they must be identified as "false apostles [and] deceitful workers, [who are] transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ" ([2 Cor. 11:13-14](#)). We know there have only been two successors of the apostles; their names are Matthias and Paul.

### 4. Rome's Priests are False Mediators

Every Roman Catholic priest is said to have the task of not only "representing Christ, before the assembly of the faithful, but also of acting in the name of the whole Church when presenting to God the prayer of the Church, and above all when offering the Eucharistic sacrifice" ([1552](#)). In this way, Catholics are totally dependent upon priests for their salvation. It is the priest who is said to cause regeneration and justification in baptism ([1992](#), [1213](#)); absolve mortal sin in the confessional; dispense the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist; impart the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation; and offer the sacrifice of the Mass for souls suffering in purgatory. It is no wonder why Catholics trust their religion and their priests as mediators to usher them into heaven. Yet, the truth must be told: "There is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" ([1 Tim. 2:5](#)). By faith in the shed blood of Jesus, the High Priest, be-

lievers can go boldly into God's presence without an earthly priest ([Heb. 10:19-20](#)). Since the resurrection of the one mediator, there is no need for a mediating priesthood.

### 5. Its Worship is Idolatry

As incredulous as this sounds, Catholicism teaches that the resurrected and glorified Jesus Christ returns daily to Catholic altars to be worshipped as a sin offering in the form of a wafer. Its priests are said to have the power to reach up into the heavens and bring Christ down from His throne to be offered again as the Victim for the sins of man. According to Father John O'Brien, in his popular book, *The Faith of Millions*, "the priest speaks, and Christ, the eternal and omnipotent God, bows his head in humble obedience to the priest's command." This is not only a fatal lie but the most wretched form of blasphemy. The idolatrous worship of a wafer as the true Christ is no different than the idolatrous worship of a golden calf as the true God who delivered the Israelites out of Egypt ([Exodus 32:4](#)). Both are hated by God and are punishable by death. The Eucharist is irrefutably and undeniably a false Christ because Scripture declares Jesus will remain in Heaven until He appears "a second time, not to bear sin" ([Heb. 9:28](#)).

"We have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way" ([Heb. 10:19-20](#)).

### 6. Rome Usurps the Sovereignty of God

Catholic priests are said to be able to do what only God can do, and that is, bring those who are dead in sin to life in Christ. As the priest sprinkles the water of baptism, the baptized is said to be reborn as a new creature, adopted as of son of God, purified of all sin and justified ([1263-66](#)). This false teaching violates the sovereign regenerating work of God. Those who become sons of God are born again, "not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" ([John 1:13](#)). They are saved on the basis of God's purpose and grace ([2 Tim. 1:8-9](#)).

### 7. Rome Offers a Bogus Purification of Sin

Scripture declares clearly, and without a doubt, that there is only one cleansing agent for the sin of believers. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from *all* sin ([1 John 1:7](#)). Yet, Rome diverts its people from the Savior's blood and instead offers a place called purgatory as a dreadfully contrived hoax. Please see [PTG, Vol. 18 No. 2](#), for a complete article on the deceptive doctrine of purgatory.

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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 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 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.

## Glorify Our Lord Jesus Christ by Giving Away Gospel Tracts?

A very effective way to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ and share His gracious gift of eternal life is by giving away Gospel tracts. Yet, it is puzzling why very few Christians actually take part in this God-honoring and Christ-exalting venture. Gospel tracts can go where we may never go and remain where we can never stay. Left in hotel rooms, waiting rooms, hospitals, churches, synagogues, reading rooms and on car windshields, they silently and effectively do their work. They can be given to people throughout each day who may be too busy to be engaged in conversation. Carry them with you to work, school, sporting events, vacations, shopping, funerals and church functions. Mail them with birthday, anniversary and Christmas cards. Send Gospel tracts along with sympathy and get-well cards.

Gospel tracts can make the message of salvation known to a wider audience in a clear, brief and easy-to-read way. They can accomplish their purpose at any time, any season, day or night. Tracts can also communicate the Gospel in languages we don't speak. We can share the message of Christ with the many Hispanic people coming to our country by giving them tracts in Spanish.

Gospel tracts can also be used to initiate conversations about life's most critical issue: "What must I do to be saved?" We can use them as outlines to cover the key elements of the Gospel message. After verbally sharing the Gospel, you can leave behind the written message with Scripture references to reinforce what you shared. This gives them a chance to check the references in their own Bible. The tract may contain portions of God's Word that the recipients have never read or considered. A Gospel tract never argues, gets frustrated or loses its temper. It delivers the Scriptural message in a calm, objective, powerful and divinely inspired way. However, beware of tracts that ask people to recite a prayer for salvation. The only saving response to the Gospel is faith and repentance ([Mark 1:14-15](#)).

We are offering a free package of 50 tracts for every DVD you order during the month of July. You must call us at (972) 495-0485 to take advantage of this offer. Our website is not set up to handle this special offer.

## Quick Quotes

*"Roman Catholicism is the most evil perversion of Christianity Satan could devise. It is pagan, wicked and deceptive. It is a works-oriented system that perverts the work of Christ in many blasphemous ways (the papacy being one) and was the reason the Protestant Reformation was necessary. How sad it is that many "evangelicals" today are trying to undo it."*

Dr. J. Watson, [www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com)

*"Jesus died to institute the priesthood. Had he not died, where should we find the victim that the priests now offer? It was not necessary for the Redeemer to die in order to save the world; a drop of His Blood, a single tear, or prayer, was sufficient to procure salvation for all...But to institute the priesthood, the death of Jesus Christ was necessary."*

Alphonsus Ligouri, A Catholic "saint" from *The Dignity and Duties of the Priest*

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## Where Mike Is Speaking

- July 5, 12 [Believers Chapel](#)  
Dallas, TX (972) 239-5371
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- Aug. 2, 9 [Believers Chapel](#)  
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- Sept. 13 [Northwest Bible Church](#)  
Ft. Worth, TX (817) 624-2111
- Sept. 19 [Steeling the Mind Prophecy](#)  
Denver, CO (800) 977-2177
- Oct. 4-6 [Atlantic Coast Prophecy Conf.](#)  
Myrtle Bch, SC (803) 755-0733
- Oct. 17 [Steeling the Mind Bible Conf.](#)  
Tri-Cities, WA (800) 977-2177
- Nov. 13-15 [Grace Bible Fellowship](#)  
El Paso, TX (915) 833-9753
- Nov. 20-22 [Cornerstone Bible Church](#)  
Xenia, OH (937) 372-4434
- Dec. 7-9 [Pre-Trib Rapture Conference](#)  
Dallas, TX (800) 962-1022

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## Have You Considered This?

The most valuable reality anyone can attain in this life is to order his life by the highest standard for truth.

All who are chosen and justified by God, saved and redeemed by Jesus Christ and sealed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit are promised eternal, everlasting life with our great God and Savior. Yet over 50 percent of professing Christianity denies this glorious promise of the Gospel.

## Proclaiming the Gospel Ministry Welcomes Evangelist Jason Hauser

The ministry of Proclaiming the Gospel is pleased to announce the addition of Jason Hauser as our new associate evangelist. A current student at Dallas Theological Seminary, Jason has a compassionate heart for reaching those who do not know our Lord Jesus Christ, especially those deceived by false religions. Having grown up in the Roman Catholic Church, Jason always believed himself to be a Christian and had much pride in his Catholic faith. In his last year at the University of Florida, while earning a business degree, he had a brief conversation with a roommate that caused him to question his Catholic faith. Over the next year, our Lord drew Jason to Himself through a series of events that ultimately brought him to Calvary's cross with empty hands of faith. Forsaking all that he was doing to save himself, he trusted in the finished and perfect work of Jesus Christ for salvation.

After working in the corporate world for a few years, Jason's zeal for his Lord continued to grow at a rapid pace. With an openness to go anywhere and do anything at any cost for His Savior, Jason left everything to serve Him in the Middle East. His mission was to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Muslims. After a year of successfully sharing the Gospel of grace, Jason returned to the United States to begin seminary in Dallas, where he now lives with his recently wedded wife, Whitney.

As an associate evangelist, Jason will be equipping and encouraging Christians to be faithful witnesses and ambassadors for our Lord Jesus Christ. To schedule a seminar, contact him at [Jason@pro-gospel.org](mailto:Jason@pro-gospel.org).

## Letters to the Editor



I experienced an amazing work of God that I wanted to share to encourage you. A few months ago I was discussing the issue of witnessing to Catholics with a Christian friend of mine. He realized there were errors in the religion but felt it was NOT necessary to witness to them. I provided him some of your material, and he has now realized the deception and is actively witnessing. Recently he challenged a Catholic friend of his through a facebook discussion. She comes from a strong Catholic family with a brother who is entering the priesthood. Through the witnessing of my friend and the light of His word, she has realized the deception in the RCC. Glory be to God, she has also repented and trusted Christ alone for her salvation! When my friend called me to let me know, I broke down in tears praising God! This girl now faces the very difficult task of relating to her family. I would like to provide her your email for further support and encouragement from someone who left the RCC. Thanks again for all the help your ministry have been to me. May God continue to bless you and bring lost souls to the truth of the Gospel.  
*A.H., Saskatoon, Canada*

For many years my husband was a Roman Catholic. Our daily prayer now is for discernment to know the difference between truth and error so that we might be active witnesses to Catholics and others who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We rely heavily on the teachings of men like John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul, Charles Stanley and you. We really appreciate your newsletter. Thank you and God bless you.  
*G.H., Syracuse, NY*

Someone gave me a copy of your *Roman Catholicism: Scripture vs. Tradition* publication, and I found it quite helpful, however, Catholicism is still very deep rooted in me. Nothing seems to be able to jar me away from this religion. Do you have anything that will give me assurance that I am not making a "grave" mistake if I leave? Before my mother died, she urged me never to leave the Catholic Church. What has disturbed me for many years is that when I was 15 years old, I went to confession and could

not remember how many times I ate meat on Friday. The priest gave me 4,000 Hail Mary's and 1,000 Our Fathers as my penance. I was very devastated and never returned to confession. I would appreciate it so much if you could tell me of a book that will help me fully understand what to do.

*Name withheld by request*

Did Catholics canonize the scripture? I believe that the Apostles themselves canonized the scripture. Yet, when talking to some Catholics, they seem to be saying that they alone are the authority on Scripture because they decided on the canon.

*G.M., Baxley, GA*

*Our sovereign Lord is the One who determined and established His canon. God gave us His Word to accomplish His purposes, and they will be fulfilled by the means in which He alone determines. God brought about the collection and recognition of His canon through Christians, not Catholics, whose eyes and hearts were opened to detect it. Whether God's Word is spoken or written, detection is always a function of illumination. His sheep know His voice and they follow Him (John 10:4). The four Gospels and epistles were known as God's Word when they were circulated among the first century churches many years before the canon was established. Long before church councils were ever convened, church elders were constantly evaluating and deciding which of the many writings of their day carried apostolic authority. Furthermore, the councils of Carthage and Hippo name a different list of books than the official canon of Roman Catholicism which was established at Council of Trent, some 1,200 years later.*

After praying at the Living Rosary in Kansas City, I came across your pamphlet on my car and went to your website. I listened to your radio interview on Catholic Radio. Do you realize you can't even see past your nose. The Catholics who interviewed you were holding back and exposed you without you realizing it. I have debated Protestants for years on these very issues. Please

read the church fathers. It will open your eyes to what the church is and how you should interpret the Bible that the Catholic Church gave you. You do not start a church from a book. The Bible comes from a church. The Lord knows we are logical so the Bible cannot confirm itself. The church confirms the Bible. Please do not rewrite a historical fact and tell me that the Bible did not come from Catholics. Any Protestant historian worth his weight will at least allude that it came from the Catholic Church.

*Matt, Internet*

*The Catholics who interviewed me on their radio station exposed me for being a disciple of Christ, who abides in His Word, and by doing so, can discern between truth and error. It would do you well to turn to the Lord and read His Word for yourself (2 Cor. 3:16). Ask God to reveal His truth to you, apart from any preconceived ideas.*

After reading several of your books and tracts, I was blown away how well you proclaim the Gospel. I was a **devout** Catholic before the Lord saved me two years ago. I just got my first newsletter from you today and it is awesome. Can I make copies of this newsletter and give it to my Catholic family and friends? It explains God's Word so completely. I have been putting your Bible tracts all through the Catholic schools during my daughter's games. God bless you for all your hard work. My heart is broken for Catholics who do not understand the truth. I am taking my daughter out of Catholic school when she graduates from eighth grade this year. I am going to make packets with your Gospel tracts on her graduation night and give them to as many parents as I can!

*F. B, Shawnee, KS*

I could not find anywhere in Catholic teaching where transubstantiation is defined as a miracle. When Christians and Catholics argue about this teaching, it is the Christians who keep calling it a miracle. It is not a miracle because there is no visible change. All the miracles in the Bible produce a visible change. The Catholic Church does not officially define transubstantiation as a miracle. If Rome defines it as a miracle then we should see actual flesh and blood before our eyes after the consecration.

*Anonymous, Internet*

*According to your "infallible" Catholic authority, you are wrong. Listen to the words of your "infallible" Pope Leo XIII in*

his encyclical *Mirae Caritatis*: "This miracle is the greatest of its kind...for here all the laws of nature are suspended; the whole substance of the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood; and the species of bread and wine are sustained by the power of God without the support of any underlying substance." It is these types of lying signs and wonders Satan uses to deceive the world ([Mark 13:22](#); [2 Thes. 2:9](#)). Since you have been proven wrong in this matter, will you now consider that you are also wrong in your Catholic understanding of salvation? Believe the Bible as your only infallible source for truth.

Your book, *Preparing Catholics for Eternity* is such a blessing. Mike, by God's grace and leading, you articulated the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ so well. Please pray that He will use me in witnessing to my Catholic friends and family members. May our Lord God and Savior continue to bless you, your family, and the precious ministry He has given you. All praise and glory to Him.  
G.H., Superior, WI

God bless you for your work in exposing the bondage and counterfeit Christianity of Roman Catholicism. I was "born" into Catholicism and through my mother's influence, continued until my early 20's, when the Lord Jesus began to call me to Himself. I am now beginning to see how insidious and evil the grip of this false religion can be on a human soul as I struggle to be free of Satan's power over my mind. I want to be set free from the bondage of lies which you expose so clearly. I would encourage you to explore the demonic influence and bondage in the lives of those in the RC religion.  
C.B., Trenton, NJ

Your ministry is the only one I know that clearly explains the errors of Catholicism through the light of Scripture. After reading your articles, I have a very strong conviction that Catholicism and Islam will come together to influence the destruction of Israel at Armageddon. I had been told there is diplomatic immunity available for official representatives of foreign countries. This may be the escape clause for the Vatican to shield many of the Catholic priests and bishops from prosecution as sexual perverts?  
M.H., Jefferson, OH

My son joined the Catholic religion to marry a Catholic girl over four years ago. Her family is very strong in their traditions. With

your help, I hope to be the vessel our mighty God uses to shine His Holy light into their dark life. Thank you for your DVDs.  
J.J., Sheboygan, WI

I recently attended a seminar where you were the featured speaker and must say that your passion for proclaiming the biblical Gospel cuts both ways. Your Catholic and non-Catholic critics need to know that false Christs and false gospels abound in both camps. Therefore, to the Catholics who think you are just "attacking" Catholicism, be advised that exposing the false gospel of Rome is not the exclusive target of the *Proclaiming The Gospel* ministry. You addressed the Protestant churches that teach a false gospel in the DVD, *God and the Gushy Gospel*. Clearly, Protestants need to be evangelized as much as Catholics.  
G. F., Capron, IL

I gave my friend your book *Preparing Catholics for Eternity* and they bought 3 for their library. Now they have to buy more because they are flying off the shelves. Also, I passed out 40 of your Gospel tracts at my daughter's graduation, and the priest got mad and said, "Don't do this!" He was furious, but God gave me the courage to do it. You might be getting some interesting phone calls. Thanks for your work.  
F.B., Shawnee Mission, KS

I am a growing Christian, saved by the Lord's grace from Catholic deception through His Word of truth. My wife and three children are still devoted with all their hearts to that horrible blasphemy of our Lord. I am always taken back by the response I get from them as I pour out the Lord's truth to them in love and gentleness. How discouraging it is to see the spirit that blinds them, the hurtfulness in which they respond and the complete and utter rejection of what the Lord allows us to see. But then, I get encouragement from your patient, faithful responses to the very same kind of unkindness and hurtfulness directed at you. I am just thankful for you brother and hope the Lord will save some and be glorified all the more.  
A.M., Woodstock, GA

I would really like you to write a piece on Catholics schools and education. From ages four to 17, I attended a Catholic school, and not once did I hear the Gospel. One of the ministers was a homosexual, and several of my teachers did not believe in Jesus Christ. Now that I look back, my high school was

extremely dark spiritually.  
Cindy R., Internet

I was so impressed by receiving your return phone call all the way from Israel, I wanted to write and express my appreciation. You have proven that it's not your ministry...it's the Lord's, and you have been entrusted with it, being a good steward and showing your faithfulness. Well done!  
B. W., Boxboro, MA

I am a former Catholic of 30 years like Mike, and have been born again now for some 26 years. Only recently I came to the revelation that the church I was embedded in so deeply is not just a false religious institution full of empty rituals, but actually the woman of the Book of Revelation. Mike's sermons, conference speaking and debates have had me mesmerized for the last 40 days, almost full time. I am soaking them up.  
K.S., San Jose, CA

As an ex-Catholic, I am angry at the deception of the RC religion. Too few Catholics know their church history, which is why I inform them of the papacy, which is a total fraud. I don't have the formal theological training you have, but I can be persuasive in exposing their clergy and their evil deeds.  
J.M., Dallas, TX

*The deep roots of Roman Catholic indoctrination are strong chains that can only be broken by God's grace as you abide in His word and experience its power. Only then can the truth set you free from religious deception ([John 8:31-32](#)). Since my book *Preparing Catholics for Eternity* answers hundreds of important questions with the power and confidence of God's Word, it will help you sort out divine truth from the errors of men. The gravest mistake you could ever make is to refuse to enter the narrow gate that leads to life ([Mat. 7:13](#)). The only way to enter is through Jesus Christ, leaving all your religious trappings behind and bringing nothing but your sins.*

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## Paraguay's President Has Immoral History as RC Bishop

Former Roman Catholic bishop Fernando Lugo of Paraguay swept to power as an agent of renewal, but he now faces a political crisis and ribald jokes over his power of reproduction. Three women have come forward in the past two weeks claiming to have had children fathered by Lugo while he was a bishop, raising questions over his credibility and morals. The allegations have stunned one of South America's most conservative and Catholic countries. The president, 57 and single, has not denied the paternity claims. There are rumors of yet more revelations in the pipeline. The scandal has undermined Lugo's image as a moral force for change who would clean up Paraguay's corrupt politics. The charismatic former cleric, known as the "bishop of the poor" was elected last year, but his government is rattled and the opposition has seized the initiative. "He competed in the elections as an honest person but it turns out he's a fake," said a leader of the opposition. A former parishioner said her relationship with the bishop started when she was 16 when she was seduced by the bishop's "pretty words, his beautiful expressions." Lugo resigned in 2004 as bishop, and Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation. Bishop Livieres said church leaders knew of Lugo's affairs but had covered up complaints. ([guardian.co.uk](http://guardian.co.uk), 4/23/09)

## Pope Agrees to End Proselytizing of Jews

Adjacent to Jerusalem's Great Synagogue, Chief Rabbi Metzger said Pope Benedict XVI agreed to cease all missionary activity among Jews and thanked him for the gesture. Metzger also thanked Benedict for preventing the return to the Catholic Church of the Holocaust denier Bishop Richard Williamson. He said, "Had you not done so,

a message may have been understood by another Holocaust denier—the president of Iran, granting legitimacy to his sinful declarations of his intention to destroy our country." Metzger then asked the pope to act on the issue of children saved by Christians during the Holocaust and never told by their adopting parents that they were Jewish. "We ask that the church display transparency and reveal their roots so that they may choose their religious paths." He also called for the establishment "of a UN for religions saying, "around one table they can solve conflicts arising from a religious cause." The pope vowed to maintain the dialogue between Christianity and Judaism in an effort to continue the reconciliation process. ([Jerusalem Post](http://Jerusalem Post), 5/12/09)

## Church Scandal Reported

A fiercely debated, long-delayed investigation into Ireland's Roman Catholic institutions says priests and nuns terrorized thousands of boys and girls in schools for decades and government inspectors failed to stop the chronic beatings, rapes and humiliation. Nine years in the making, the 2,600-page report sides almost completely with the horrific reports of abuse from former students sent to more than 250 church-run institutions. The report concluded that church officials always shielded the pedophiles from arrest to protect their own reputations and knew that many pedophiles were serial attackers. Overwhelming, consistent testimony from still-traumatized men and women demonstrated beyond a doubt that the system treated them more like prison inmates and slaves than people with legal rights and human potential. "A climate of fear, created by pervasive, excessive and arbitrary punishment, permeated most of the boys' institutions. The leader of Ireland's four million Catholics, Cardinal Sean Brady offered an immediate apology. He said, "I am profoundly sorry and deeply ashamed that children suf-

fered in such awful ways, especially from those caring for them in the name of Jesus Christ." The Sisters of Mercy, responsible for chronic brutality, "accept that many children were hurt and damaged while in our care." The report found that molestation and rape were "endemic" in boys' facilities, chiefly run by the Christian Brothers. Children had no safe way to tell authorities about the assaults, particularly the sexual aggression from church officials. ([AP](http://AP), 5/20/09)

## Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus Respect Pope as Voice of Truth

A prominent Buddhist monk praised Benedict XVI on his 82nd birthday with these words: "We want to see the pope in our midst, we will be blessed to see him in Bangladesh, his presence will bring peace and happiness to the nation. He is the father of peace, he works for peace and has a religion of peace." A Muslim editor for the newspaper Daily Inqilab stated: "We appreciate the pope's firm work for interreligious peace and harmony. We especially appreciate his deep concern over states declaring war, propagating evil policies and oppressing the Muslims. We need his voice of truth and peace. We pray for his long life." A prominent Hindu also praised the pope with these words: "The pope is holy, and wherever he will go in the world he will bring success. He works for the well-being of the people. We pray for his long life and ministry." ([AsiaNews](http://AsiaNews), 4/18/09).

## Conservative Catholic Order Under Investigation

Pope Benedict XVI has taken the extraordinary step of ordering an investigation of the Legionaries of Christ, the conservative religious order whose founder fathered a child and molested seminarians. Its founder, the Rev. Marcial Maciel of Mexico, fathered a daughter who is now in her 20s and lives in Spain. The disclosure caused turmoil inside the religious order which teaches that Maciel was a hero whose life should be studied and emulated. The news also raised many questions whether any leaders covered up Maciel's misdeeds and whether any donations were used to facilitate the misconduct or pay victims. The Legion was formed in 1941 and became one of the most influential and fastest-growing orders in the Roman Catholic Church. Pope John Paul championed the group, which became known for its military-style discipline and success in recruiting priests at a time when seminary enrollment was generally dismal. ([AP](http://AP), 3/31/09)

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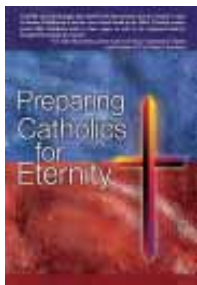
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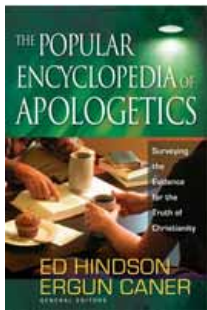


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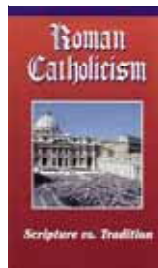
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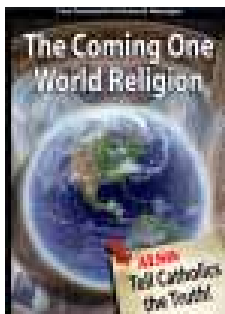
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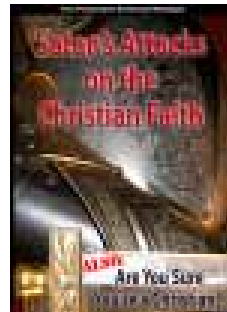


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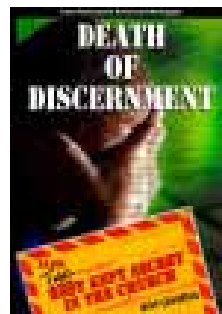
Lord's army must defend the faith against the devil's schemes. (Eph. 6:10).

**Are You Sure You Are a Christian?**

Paul gives an exhortation to "test yourselves to see if you are in the faith." The Bible gives us several ways we can do this. Share this message with professing Christians who may have never heard the true Gospel or have been evangelized by man's methods instead of God's. Tragically, there are many who profess Christ who are destined to hear the most terrifying words anyone could ever hear when Jesus says, "I never knew you, depart from Me" (Mat. 7:23).

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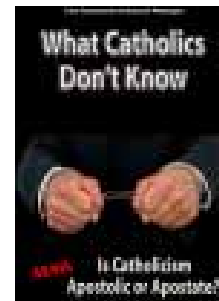


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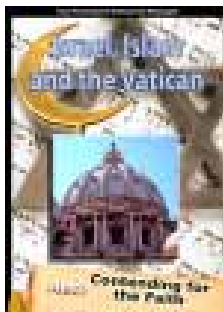
**Which Jesus Do You Trust?** A message that contrasts the Jesus of the cults and Roman Catholicism with the Jesus of Scripture. Objective facts from authoritative sources reveal the Jesus whom Catholics worship and trust is another Jesus whom the apostles did not preach (2 Cor. 11:4). The Catholic Jesus is unable to save completely and forever.



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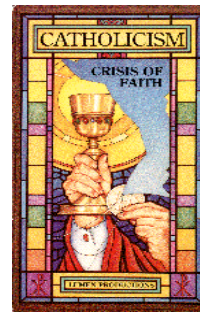
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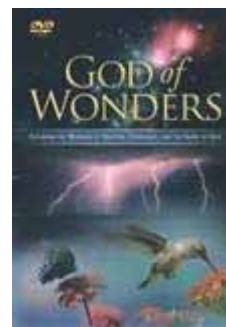
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have written to you  
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God, so that you  
may know that you  
have eternal life."  
([1 John 5:13](#))*

## Ten Fatal Flaws of Roman Catholicism

- 1 It Preaches a False Gospel**  
Keeping people in darkness and on the broad road to destruction
- 2 It Corrupts the Word of God**  
Confusing people about the doctrines of God, man and eternity
- 3 Its Bishops are False Apostles**  
Claiming it is the one true church
- 4 Its Priests are False Mediators**  
Holding Catholics in bondage
- 5 Its Worship is Idolatry**  
Bowing to a false Eucharistic Christ
- 6 It Usurps the Sovereignty of God**  
Declaring baptism produces new life
- 7 It Offers a False Purification of Sin**  
Robbing Christ of His glory and honor
- 8 It Steals Titles Reserved for God**  
Showing no fear or reverence
- 9 It Teaches Doctrines of Demons**  
Displaying its true colors
- 10 It Rejects God's Promises**  
Knowing that Catholics would be set free to worship God in spirit and truth

(False Religion from page 2)

### 8. Rome Steals Titles Reserved for God

How could any man do something so wicked and sinful as to exalt himself to the point of wearing titles reserved for God alone? Yet Roman Catholic popes proudly adorn themselves with the divine titles of Holy Father, Head of the Church and Vicar of Christ ([John 14:16, 17:11; Eph. 5:23](#)). These stolen titles must have a deluding effect because the pope believes he "has full, supreme and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered" ([882](#)). Rome also ascribes attributes of God to Mary by calling her a sinless mediatrix, advocate and co-redeemer ([491-494, 969](#)).

### 9. Rome Upholds Doctrines of Demons

Catholicism perpetuates the first lie of Satan by declaring "you will not surely die" if you sin against God ([Gen. 3:4](#)). Catholics are taught that they will not die when they commit "venial" sins ([1861-63](#)). Instead, they are misled into believing they will receive only temporal punishment. The Vatican practices other doctrines of demons, including forbidding people to marry ([1 Tim. 4:1-4](#)). Catholic clergy must agree to "live a celibate life and remain celibate" ([1579](#)).

### 10. Rome Rejects God's Promises

The promise of God that is revealed in the Gospel is eternal, everlasting life with our Savior ([1 John 2:25](#)). Yet this divine promise is flatly denied by Roman Catholicism. In fact, Catholics commit the sin of presumption if they believe this promise of God ([2092](#)). They are said to be presuming on God's mercy because no one can know how much merit is required to achieve eternal life ([2027](#)). This doctrine keeps Catholics in bondage to their false religion. Only by knowing and believing God's truth can they ever be set free ([John 8:31-32](#)).

In closing, we acknowledge that there are Protestant churches, denominations and cults which also mislead many people with their false teachings. For this reason, it is our prayer that people everywhere will examine their faith in light of God's holy word ([2 Cor. 13:5](#)). It is also our prayer that evangelicals will cease from embracing Roman Catholicism as a valid expression of Christianity. Instead, we must warn people by exposing the fatal flaws of false religions ([Eph. 5:11](#)). We must also encourage and exhort all Christians to avoid being unequally yoked with unbelievers ([2 Cor. 6:14-18](#)).