



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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"Sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation."
[\(2 Cor. 7:10\)](#)

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The Role of Repentance in the Salvation of Sinners

Followers of Jesus Christ are familiar with the word "repentance" but many are unsure of its biblical meaning or its role in the salvation of sinners. Some would argue passionately that it must be coupled with faith as the only saving response to the Gospel. Others say that repentance is not necessary for the salvation of sinners, only faith ([2 Tim 2:25](#)). Consider the importance of repentance in the ministry of our Lord Jesus. The very first word of His very first sermon was "repent" ([Mat. 4:17](#)). He later declared that He had come to call sinners to repentance ([Luke 5:32](#)). His last sermon to His apostles before ascending into heaven, included a command to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins ([Luke 24:47](#)). This leaves no doubt to the Savior's position on repentance.

Repentance Defined

The *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament* provides an excellent definition of the common Greek word "*metanoia*" used for repentance in the New Testament. It means "to change one's way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness." We find in its meaning a conviction that produces action. Such a change is profoundly noted by Paul's description of the Thessalonians: "You turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God" ([1 Thes. 1:9](#)). These saints displayed three elements of repentance: a *turning from* sinful behavior, a *turning to* God and a desire to serve Him. It is impossible to turn to God without turning away from sin. People who continue to live in habitual sin and think they are saved must be warned that Jesus saves us *from* our sin, not *in* our sin.

One of the most gifted preachers of the 17th century, Thomas Watson, defined repentance as a "grace of God's Spirit, which enables a sinner to be inwardly humbled and visibly reformed." Repentance moves a man to recognize the wickedness of his sin which produces godly sorrow and a broken and contrite heart ([Psalm 51:17](#)). Convicted by the Holy Spirit, the sinner acknowledges his sinful nature, confesses his sins and makes a heartfelt plea for God's forgiveness ([Psalm 51:1-4](#); [1 John 1:9](#); [Luke 18:13](#); [Prov. 28:13](#)). Scripture says that a truly repentant person hates the sin he once loved and is ashamed of it ([Ezekiel 36:31](#); [Rom. 6:21](#)). He forsakes his wicked ways and turns to God ([Isa. 55:7](#); [Acts 26:20](#)). Repentance produces a genuine desire to be victorious over sin and a longing for the day he will be forever delivered from it ([1 John 3:3](#)).

Repentance Produces Change

Repentance produces not only a change in mind, but it also leads to a changed heart and life ([Isa. 55:7](#)). Intellectually, repentance sees sin as an affront to our holy God and Creator. The sinner understands that his sin has separated him from God and caused enmity with God. God's Word instructs him to turn to Christ as his only hope. No one can cling to their sin *and* to Christ because "the mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life" ([Rom. 8:6](#)).

Emotionally, repentance is accompanied by sorrow because sin has greatly offended our loving and gracious God. This sorrow, in and of itself, is not repentance because people can have sorrow and not repent. Judas is an example of one who felt great remorse but did not repent ([Mat. 27:3](#)). When repentance [\(see Repentance, page 2\)](#)

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is produced from godly sorrow, according to the will of God, it leads to salvation ([2 Cor. 7:10](#)). God's kindness is meant to lead sinners to repentance, but a stubborn and unrepentant heart stores up His wrath for the day of judgment ([Rom. 2:4-5](#)).

Volitionally, repentance produces a transformation of the will which will be evidenced by a change in direction and purpose ([Rom. 6:6:12:2](#)). **The change in behavior is not repentance; it is the fruit that repentance brings forth.** The Lord Jesus gave an example of this fruit when "the men of Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah" ([Mt. 12:41](#)). After Jonah preached, the Ninevites' king issued this proclamation: "Let everyone call urgently on God...so that we will not perish.' When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction He had threatened" ([Jonah 3:8b-10](#)). According to Jesus, who is our ultimate authority for faith, their repentance produced fruit; they turned from evil ways.

Whenever God grants repentance, a vivid contrast is observed between the life that was once dominated by the power of darkness and the new life in Christ Jesus ([Col. 1:13; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Pet. 4:1-4](#)). The law is a tutor to bring men to Christ through repentance and faith ([Gal. 3:24](#)). Each conversion will be vindicated by works of repentance and obedience ([Acts 26:20; Rom. 6:17](#)). God saves us the way we are, but He never leaves us the way we were ([1 Thes. 4:3](#)). Those whom God loves, He reproves and disciplines to bring them to repentance ([Rev. 3:19](#)). Salvation is not just from the punishment of sin, but also from the power of sin. Those who are saved through Christ will turn from sin to be saved from it. This can only be done in the power of the Holy Spirit who converts slaves of unrighteousness to slaves of righteousness ([Rom. 6:16-18](#)).

Repentance and Faith

It has often been said that repentance and faith are two sides of the same coin: distinctively different yet inseparable. They are both sovereignly granted by God *at the moment* of conversion ([Acts 11:18; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil. 1:29](#)). Once received, these divine gifts

continue to be manifested throughout the life of believers ([Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 12:1-2](#)). It is biblically inconsistent and theologically problematic to suppose that anyone could believe in the Lord Jesus yet not repent. After all, repentance includes turning from *unbelief* to *belief* in the Lord Jesus ([Mat. 21:32](#)). Genuine saving faith is always accompanied by repentance. Paul testified to both Jews and Gentiles of "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" ([Acts 20:21](#)). Faith that is not grounded in repentance is not genuine God-given faith. Those who refuse to repent should fear God's wrath in the day of judgment ([Mat. 11:20-24](#)).

Repentance is a Divine Command

Paul wrote: "God...commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness" ([Acts 17:30-31](#)). Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, our Lord commanded, "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other" ([Isaiah 45:22](#)). Our Lord began His earthy ministry with the command: "Repent and believe the Gospel" ([Mark 1:15](#)). He also commanded the churches at Ephesus, Sardis and Pergamum to repent ([Rev. 2:5;16: 3:3](#)). Sinners are commanded to turn from sin to the Savior to escape the coming judgment. Tragically, the call to repentance is the critical truth that is most often left out of Gospel preaching and evangelism. Yet Luke's account of the Great Commission includes a mandate to preach repentance ([Luke 24:47](#)).

The Importance of Repentance

In Peter's first two sermons he commanded his listeners to repent for the forgiveness and expiation of their sins ([Acts 2:38; 3:19](#)). On another occasion, when Simon the magician sinned by trying to buy God's power with his money, Peter called him to "repent from his wickedness" ([Acts 8:22](#)). Peter also taught that repentance is necessary for salvation: "The Lord...is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" ([2 Pet. 3:9](#)). This beautiful insight into the long-suffering and compassionate nature of God shows the importance of repentance. Our Lord gave specific instructions to the apostles on how to evangelize and then sent them out into the world preaching "men should repent" ([Mark 6:12](#)).

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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.

Gospel Cards

A New and Exciting Resource for Effective Witnessing

You will love witnessing with our new and exciting resource that is made up of 12 beautifully illustrated, four-color, two-sided *Gospel Cards*. They were designed and developed to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ clear, complete and biblically accurate. Each of the twelve *Gospel Cards* explain some of the most important words of a Gospel presentation: *God, Man, Sin, Jesus Christ, The Cross, Resurrection, Grace, Faith, Repentance, Righteousness, Truth and The Gospel*. The back of each glossy durable card contains four bullet points that define and explain the important Gospel word with multiple Scripture references. Ultimately, these *Gospel Cards* are designed to point all people to the Word of God as the supreme authority for truth.

Christians have told us that one of their greatest obstacles in witnessing is their difficulty in initiating spiritual conversations. That obstacle will be removed when you lay down the *Gospel Cards* and ask which cards they would like to know more about. As the conversation unfolds you will be able to clarify common misunderstandings about life's most critical issue: "What must I do to be saved?"

Gospel Cards can also be used for personal spiritual growth or to help Christian family members and friends learn more about our great God and Savior and His glorious plan to redeem mankind. We believe that Christians will become more faithful to the great commission as they understand the deeper truths of the glorious Gospel of grace.

Gospel Cards were developed by evangelist Mike Gendron, the founder and director of *Proclaiming the Gospel Ministry*. The inspiration for *Gospel Cards* came from Mike's desire to see more Christians glorifying Jesus Christ through the proclamation of His Gospel. Mike believes Christians will become more faithful to the Great Commission when they have these important and essential Scriptural truths at their fingertips.

Order a set of the twelve *Gospel Cards* for yourself and your family by calling 972-495-0485; by sending in the order form on page 7 or visiting our newly designed website at www.pro-gospel.org

Quick Quotes

"The two great graces essential to a saint in this life are faith and repentance. These are the two wings by which he flies to heaven. God has enacted a law in the High Court of heaven that no sinner shall be saved except the repenting sinner, and He will not break His own law."

Thomas Watson, *Doctrine of Repentance*

"Oh my God, let me die when I can no longer be the means of saving souls. I can be kept out of heaven 1000 years if you will give me souls as my wages. But if there are no more sinners to be converted, then let me depart and be with Christ which is far better."

Charles Spurgeon, [Sermon 2695](#)

"No one, by faith, plunges into the crystal Fountain of perfect cleansing without first lamenting the filthiness which needs to be removed."

[Charles Spurgeon](#), *Sermon 2696*

Where Mike Is Speaking

- Oct. 4-6 [Atlantic Coast Prophecy Conf.](#)
Myrtle Bch, SC (803) 755-0733
- Oct. 11 [Believers Chapel](#)
Dallas, TX (972) 239-5371
- Oct. 17 [Steeling the Mind Bible Conf.](#)
Tri-Cities, WA (800) 977-2177
- Nov. 1 [Believers Chapel](#)
Dallas, TX (972) 239-5371
- Nov. 13-15 [Grace Bible Fellowship](#)
El Paso, TX (915) 833 9753
- Nov. 20-22 [Cornerstone Bible Church](#)
Xenia, OH (937) 372-4434
- Dec. 6 [Abundant Life Baptist Church](#)
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- Dec. 13 [Believers Chapel](#)
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- Apr. 16-18 [Bible Institute](#)
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- June 25-26 [Lamb & Lion Bible Conf.](#)
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Have You Considered This?

The entrance into heaven is so wide that the greatest sinner may enter, but so low that pride cannot pass through.

Since words can never express our heartfelt thanksgiving to Jesus for saving us, may our lives reflect what our words cannot.

Purgatory Project Says It Aids Souls Suffering in Flames

In Rome, there is a church called the Church of the Suffering Souls that has a small museum called the Holy Souls Museum. In it are relics, prayer books and clothing that were supposedly touched by holy souls who were allowed to leave purgatory and return to their family or religious clergy and beg them for Masses and prayers.

There is now a Purgatory Project that says it exists to provide aid for the souls in purgatory (www.purgatoryproject.com). Their website says that anyone can help those who are suffering by registering the names of people who have died. The goal is to get all registered souls released from purgatory as quickly as possible. Those souls which are not released immediately are still helped as they are elevated to a greater degree of purification and will have to endure less suffering in purgatory.

The main benefit the souls will receive is the priceless value of hundreds of Masses being said each year for "all souls registered in the Purgatory Project." You are invited to join in with fasting and Mass intentions to the extent you are able. Your own prayers and offerings are very important for the success of the prayers the Purgatory Project offers for your registered souls. The more prayer power the Purgatory Project can gather the better!

You can register as many souls as you wish. A few people have registered several thousand souls. But the main thing is that any and all souls are welcome! They are all infinitely valuable and worthwhile to Our Lord who shed His Precious Blood for each of them. There is a firm and holy intention of continuing the Purgatory Project for many years to come. Please come back often - and fast and pray with us as you are able - this is very holy and important work and we are totally committed to it.

Seeking His Truth

Letters to the Editor



It saddens me greatly that I have family members stuck in the bondage of deception within Roman Catholicism! I try to witness to them in a loving way but usually end up frustrated and disheartened. Your ministry and materials are such an encouragement as I continue to lovingly share the Gospel with them. I pray that the Lord will touch their hearts and set them free from their bondage! Your efforts to proclaim the correct Gospel to the lost is greatly appreciated! I have heard you speak in Minneapolis at the *Understanding The Times Conference*. You are a soft-spoken man with a powerful message. Thanks for all you do to expose those who preach a false gospel!

J.S. Brookings, SD

My entire family including three children, five brothers and sisters and 19 nieces and nephews, are all devoted Catholics who reject the Bible and the Gospel. They all believe I have lost my mind and have left the one and only source of truth, the Catholic Church. The amazing truth is that I have lost my will and my desire to do anything but grow in my worship and praise of God who has so graciously redeemed this undeserving sinner. It is staggering how many submit their eternal lives to the wisdom of self-righteous men who teach the very first lie of Satan in the garden. If they would only look at the fruit that the Catholic vine bears, they would surely know it's corrupted root! The horrific scandals that have been exposed all over the world reveal a den of thieves, robbers and rapists. Men whose foolish hearts have been darkened and turned over to the perverse desires of their flesh because they did not glorify God, but worshipped the created instead of the Creator ([Rom. 1:18-25](#)). Can you imagine if the Catholic Church were **any** other institution, just how quickly and aggressively the world would condemn them for their horrible acts of perversion on innocent children! Can you imagine how quickly the prison doors would slam shut on them with the key's thrown away forever? I pray for all the Catholics who believe the lies and perversions being served from this banquet of demons. I would love to continue my witnessing to them in

love and compassion through your article [God's Word Exposes Ten Fatal Flaws of Catholicism](#). It was very well written and timely. Praise be to the Lord for what He has done through you and your wife, and my prayers are with Jason as he begins his ministry.
A.M., Woodstock, GA

You need to become like a small innocent child of God. Forget your malice and hatred of what you believe the Roman Catholic Church to be. If you understood the smallest amount of truth that is contained in the Catechism, you would not be in this abominable ministry of telling Catholics they don't know the true Jesus. Be like a true prophet of the Old Testament, who prophesied to the people the consequences of their errors but never created another religion to "tell them about the true God." Luther could have done the same, and so can you.

Cody, Internet

Martin Luther and other great saints of the Reformation tried to reform the Roman Catholic religion but were fiercely opposed by the foreboding power of the papacy. Many were brutally tortured and put to death for defending the truth and authority of God's word. Many more were silenced in their attempt to proclaim the true Gospel of grace. The Reformers never created another religion. Instead, by proclaiming the Gospel, they persuaded Catholics to exchange their worthless religion for an eternal relationship with their Lord and Creator. Truth set the captives free from religious bondage and deception. Truth is not only liberating, it always invites discriminating scrutiny. I pray you will exchange your religion for a relationship with the true Jesus and be able to see the brilliant light of His Gospel ([2 Cor. 4:4](#)).

I am a Bible-believing Christian, but unfortunately my father-in-law insisted that I marry his daughter in a Catholic church. My wife was a Catholic at the time, but now she worships with me at New Creation Church in Singapore. My father-in-law is now insisting that I be held to the document I signed before getting married. It requires me

to baptize my son as a Catholic and raise him as one. I am vehemently against this and would like to hear your thoughts on how I may effectively rebut my father-in-law's arguments.

T.Y., Singapore

You must tell your father-in-law that you now submit to a higher authority and desire to be obedient to His Word. Tell him that the one who created you and died for you is now holding you accountable in the role He gave you as spiritual leader of your family. The decisions that you made years ago were made in ignorance of God's will. Now that you know His will, your only option is to honor Him by having your family worship God in Spirit and Truth ([John 4:24](#)). Be in prayer that God will use this conflict as a means to grant your father-in-law repentance. Show him from God's Word why your greatest loyalty is to your Savior. Let me know how he responds.

I was a nondenominational fundamentalist Protestant for 34 years, but now I have been a Roman Catholic for four years and never loved my Lord more. Your twisting of both Holy Scripture and Catholic beliefs will earn you a sorry reward. I do pray for you and other Protestants who have been misled by Satan everyday. I pray for all those who persecute Catholics. By the way, I read everyone of your newsletters, and they are all lies. Keep bendin' those Scriptures to fit your interpretation and Jesus will take it up with you later. Its easy to form your beliefs and then twist Scripture around them to fit. Please repent before it is too late for you. After talking to "my" Jesus today, I know that you are not seeking the truth. I will continue to visit your website and check your calendar so I can pray for each and every person that attends your meetings.

S.C., Internet

I recently went to a Catholic funeral for a fellow worker. It was the first Mass I ever attended, so I brought along some of your tracts. As you can probably guess, I placed them in the church and quietly prayed to our Lord that he would allow them to bear fruit for the Kingdom.

S.M., Nathrop, CO

I listened to your radio interview on the *Olive Tree Ministries* website and was quite elated to hear someone speak the truth concerning the Catholic Church. God has given you great insight as to what is actually going on

with this apostate religion, which I firmly believe started in Babylon. I agree the false prophet will be a pope who will lead many to the anti-Christ.

J.G., Internet

I received your [tracts](#) which are new to our ministry, *Rome vs. The Bible* and *Which Jesus Will You Trust*. I ordered them without reviewing them because I can always trust the materials you produce. These are both excellent tracts and superb for my staff at *Genesis Pregnancy Center*. They can walk through them with Catholic clients to help them see the discrepancies in their faith compared to the Scriptures. In *Which Jesus Will You Trust*, you have taken a somewhat difficult subject to many believers, that is, transubstantiation, and made it easy to comprehend and explain to a client. Thanks for your hard work and your labor for the Lord. We appreciate your training materials and [Gospel tracts](#)!

D.P., Pottstown, PA

If you only knew how ridiculous you sound. I can only think you were asleep while growing up as a Catholic. I know you will call this hate mail. Not so, I love God. His Son established the Church and Satan hates it. My real concern today is the battle between denominations. If we are looking for the lost we must look at the unchurched and the Satanists. Christians have got to come together. It is the devil's plan to divide and conquer. Please let's agree to love and serve together. The real enemy is getting away. How about using your great zeal and energy to expose Satan. He has opened tattoo shops and drug houses. He is in the abortion clinics and the list goes on and on.

Joan, Internet

The unchurched are not the only people who are lost. Many are also found inside churches because Satan can enter any church unrestrained and plant his tares among the wheat. He knows his people think they are on the way to heaven because they occupy a seat in the pew. Catholics and evangelicals should never agree to serve God together because we have different authorities, we believe different gospels, we worship different Christs, we are led by different spirits and we are on different paths to eternity. Compare this with the unity the apostle Paul described with those who are in one body and one Spirit, with one hope; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is

over all and through all and in all (Eph. 4:4-6). If you look closely at your religion, you will see that I am using my zeal and energy to expose Satan and his evil deeds of darkness (Eph. 5:11). According to many Reformers, Satan's crown jewel is the Roman Catholic religion. It is his most seductive and deceptive form of counterfeit Christianity in the world. Granted, there are many other apostate churches, but none compare in the size, power, influence and wealth to the apostate church headquartered in Rome. The problem most Catholics have is they have been indoctrinated from birth with the lie that they belong to the one true Church. By believing this lie, they have no incentive to test the teachings of their religious leaders. They are given little or no incentive to read God's word and therefore they cannot discern truth from error. I pray you will ask God to reveal His truth to you as you abide in His Word.

I heard you on Jan Markel's podcast and visited your website to join your community forum. Words cannot describe how much your book has meant to me. Thanks for cutting my meat for me. Your book is helping me cut my own meat with confidence and contend for the faith. I made a bet with my mother-in-law that if she read your book, I would read her book on purgatory. I finished her 500-page book but she could not get past the first chapter of yours. Stubborn woman. I love her dearly and will keep her and my father-in-law in my prayers along with the rest of my very Catholic parents, siblings and relatives.

M.S., Mount Airy, MD

I am a Catholic. There are many Catholic doctrines I do not believe. I do not believe in purgatory, confessing my sins to anyone except God. I do believe that the next pope is the anti-Christ. I am covered by the blood of Jesus and going to heaven because I believe Jesus. The only reason I stay in the Catholic Church is my wife of 40 years refuses to leave. I believe that most churches are apostate. What do I do?

Name Withheld, Pigeon, MI

Your Holy God and Creator has appointed you to be the spiritual leader of your wife (Eph. 5:23-27). Lead your wife out of this false religion by speaking the truth in love with gentleness and respect. Find a church where you can worship God in Spirit and Truth (John 4:24). Yes, there are many apostate Protestant churches, but we can help

you find a Christ-exalting evangelical church in your area. Use the Scriptures and our resources to show your wife the fatal errors of Catholicism. Pray for God to grant her repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth (2 Tim. 2:25). God is holding you accountable! To know the right thing to do and not do it is a sin (James 4:17).

While putting some of your tracts on parked cars at the three Catholic Churches in our area here in Maine, we also handed out a few to the people in their cars or walking around. The response we got was shocking. We were told that it was illegal to pass out the tracts. I responded by saying, "I didn't know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was now illegal in America too." They said, "Well, on Catholic grounds it is." Their own words convicted them! May God have mercy; deception is so great. You are in such a "firing line", and we thank God for the voice He has given you by His Holy Spirit to boldly proclaim His Word and make resources available to give us the opportunity to share.

J. and C.C., Mariaville, ME

This is my first time on your website. Since I am Catholic, am I considered Christian? Am I going to hell because I am Catholic and believe in Mary? Are Catholics saved?

Mark, Internet

Neither Mary or the Catholic religion can save anyone from the wrath of God. People go to hell because they have an eternal sin debt they can never pay. In hell's lake of fire they suffer the eternal punishment for their sin. The only way to escape from this divine judgment is with repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:36). He died as a substitute for those who cry out for mercy and come to the cross with empty hands of faith. There may be people in the Catholic Church who have done this, but only if God granted them repentance from the false Gospel of Roman Catholicism (2 Tim. 2:23-25).

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Praying Before Remains of Pope Remits Sins

Pope Benedict XVI announced a special plenary indulgence for those who pray before the remains of 13th century pope, St. Celestine V during the 800th anniversary of his birth. His remains will be on pilgrimage during the year so that the faithful can receive the indulgence. Celestine V is remembered for promulgating a pardon for sins. He decided that those who confessed and were sincerely repentant, and visited the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio would receive the remission of sins and the absolution of punishment. Until then, a plenary indulgence was only granted to those who went to the Holy Land as crusaders. (Zenit.org, 8/26/09)

Learn From Mary

Pope Benedict XVI is encouraging Catholics to learn from the Blessed Virgin how to follow the Holy Spirit with docility and recognize His voice in daily life. He gave the message at a Marian celebration after reciting the Rosary at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. "The great Feast of Pentecost invites us to meditate upon the relationship between the Holy Spirit and Mary, a very close, privileged, indissoluble relationship," the pontiff affirmed. He continued: "Mary's immaculate heart, in perfect consonance with the divine Son, is the temple of the Spirit of truth, where every word and every event are kept in faith, hope and charity." The pontiff affirmed that in "Mary's school we too learn to recognize the Holy Spirit's presence in our life, to listen to his inspirations and to follow them with docility." He expressed the hope that Catholics will "walk with Mary according to the Spirit." (Zenit.org, 5/31/09)

Mary Enabled God to Enter

Mary's "yes" is the door through which God was able to enter the world to become man.

So it is that Mary is truly and profoundly involved in the Mystery of the Incarnation, of our salvation. The Gospel tells us that John took his mother Mary "to his own home." But the Greek text is far deeper, far richer. We could translate it: He took Mary into his inner life, his inner being, into the depths of his being. The Second Vatican Council invites priests to look to Mary as the perfect model for their existence, invoking her as "Mother of the supreme and eternal Priest, as Queen of Apostles, and as Protectress of their ministry." The Council continues, "priests should always venerate and love her, with a filial devotion and worship." Mary loves them for two reasons: because they are more like Jesus, the supreme love of her heart, and because, like her, they are committed to the mission of proclaiming, bearing witness to and giving Christ to the world. The Holy Curé d'Ars states, "Jesus Christ, after giving us all that he could give us, wanted further to make us heirs to his most precious possession, that is, his Holy Mother." (Zenit.org, 8/27/09)

Worship of Eucharist Unites Religions

Thousands of Catholics approached Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica of St. Mary Major during the age-old tradition of the 40 Hours Devotion. Although not all of the ambassadors are Catholic, prayer brings them to find a "common point among all religions. During the Pope's traditional celebration of the feast of the Body of Christ, dozens of groups and religious communities spent an hour of adoration at the basilica. Monsignor Adriano Pancelli declared: "The Eucharist is the living rock of the Church. It's about adoring the Blessed Sacrament and feeling that the Lord is present. The most sublime, most high, most true and effective mystery." (Zenit.org, 6/9/09)

Beautification of Hitler's Pope

The question of whether the Pope Pius XII did all in his power to fight the effects of the Holocaust is still an open wound. This has caused Pope Benedict to slow down the process of Pope Pius' beatification pending further research. Several Jewish groups have protested the intention to beatify the pope, who they say did not stand up to Adolf Hitler as Jews were being deported to and killed in concentration camps. Pope Pius has been particularly criticized in Italy for not having come to the Jewish ghetto in Rome when more than 1,000 Jews were rounded up and deported by Nazi troops in October 1943. (CNS, 6/17/09)

Pope Accuses Nazis of Playing God

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The Nazi concentration camps, like all death camps, can be considered extreme symbols of evil, of the hell that opens on earth when man forgets God and takes his place, usurping the right to decide what is good and what is bad, to give life and death." The pope said that while the Nazi death machine was an extreme example of what happens when people think they can play God, "this sad phenomenon is not limited to the concentration camps." He said, "There are philosophies and ideologies, but also ways of thinking and acting, that exalt freedom as the only principle for human beings, making them think they are gods and the final judges of what is good and bad." (CNS, 8/10/09)

Catholics and Protestants Growing Closer

A candidate for the World Council of Churches' top post spoke optimistically about the potential for churches to overcome their differences. During an interview, Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit of the Church of Norway noted how Catholics and Protestants have grown closer than ever before, and said he believes a shared communion will one day be possible. He said he hopes Protestants and Catholics can work out their differences and worship together. Describing itself as the "broadest and most inclusive" organization of the modern ecumenical movement, the WCC is an ecumenical fellowship of 349 Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican and other churches representing more than 560 million Christians in over 110 countries. (The Christian Post, 8/18/09)

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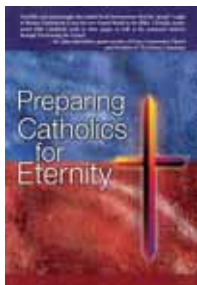
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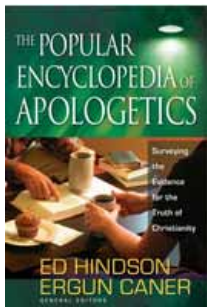


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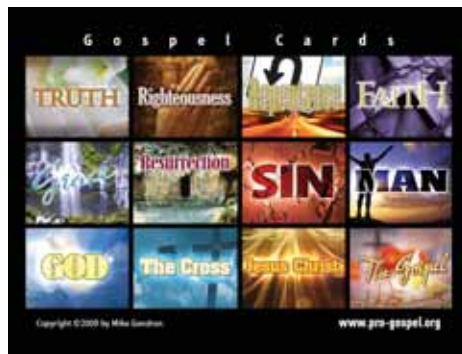
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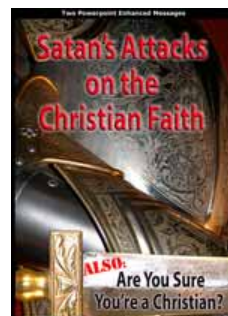
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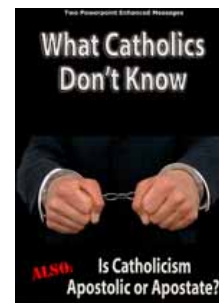
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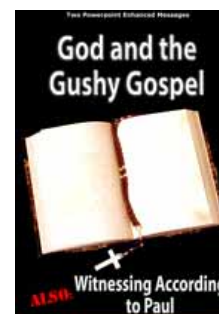
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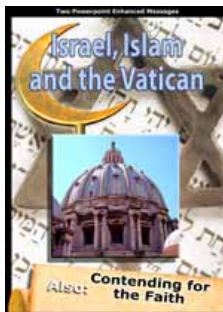
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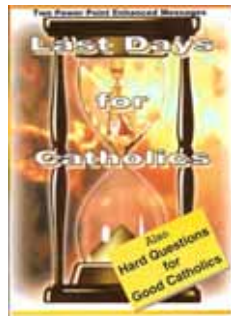


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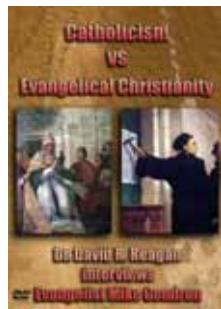
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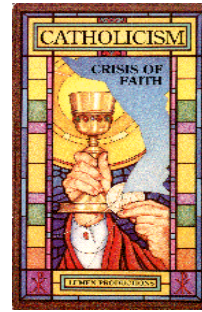
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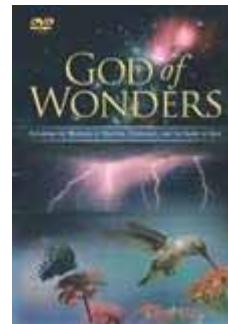
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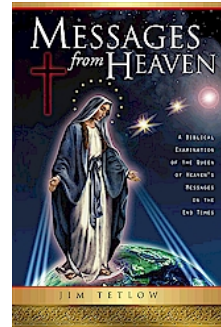
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- **Reflects on personal sin**
([Luke 18:13](#); [1 John 1:9](#))
- **Recognizes divine wrath**
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(James 4:7; Eph. 4:27)
- **Rejects religious rituals**
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- **Rejoices in the truth**
([2 Tim. 2:25-26](#))

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Repentance is a foundational Christian principle as witnessed by the exhortation: "go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance" ([Heb. 6:1](#)). The Christian faith is built on the very foundation of repentance. When Catholics are confronted with the pure Gospel of grace, they must repent of their "gospel" of works-righteousness. When Mormons are presented with the *eternal, uncreated* Jesus of Scripture, they must repent of their false Jesus. No one can enter heaven clinging to a false Christ or a false gospel ([John 8:24](#)).

Repentance Denied

Those who argue that repentance is not necessary for salvation defend their position by saying repentance is not found in the Gospel of John. However, the call to repentance is unmistakably given in John's Gospel. Jesus declared to the lame man whom He healed, "do not sin anymore" ([John 5:14](#)). To the woman caught in adultery, he commanded her "go and sin no more" ([John 8:11](#)). Jesus told them both to turn from their sin which, clearly, is an explicit call to repentance.

Others argue that repentance is not necessary for salvation because it is a *work*. They accuse those who preach repentance are guilty of teaching *works* salvation. Yet, genuine repentance is not an attempt for a sinner to get right with God; it is granted as a *gift* of God at the moment of conversion. The change of behavior and turning from sin are fruits of repentance, just as good works are fruits of saving faith ([Eph. 2:8-10](#)). These changes occur after conversion, after the second birth and after the Holy Spirit empowers the new creature to live in obedience to his or her new Master.

Repentance Examined

It would do us all good to examine ourselves to see if there has been genuine repentance in our lives. Are we being transformed by the renewing of our **mind**? Have our **hearts** found new affections in the beauty and majesty of Jesus? Does Christ have first place in our **hearts**? Do we desire to please God and be conformed to **His will**? Does our reverence for God affect our attitude about sin? Do our sins bring godly sorrow to our **hearts**? Has our body been consecrated to the service of God? Let us all glorify Jesus by becoming more faithful to His great commission.