

Why I'm Catholic



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Hello:

We wrote this Catholic Based Bible booklet with the hope that many people will spread the good news of the Catholic Faith passed down from Apostolic Tradition and Succession, and help inform any soul desiring to know the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church with sincerity of heart. The goal of the booklet is to educate, inform, and teach the Catholic Faith based upon the Holy Bible, as well as dispel many of the misconceptions that exist within many faith based organizations today. We are hoping to have many to become energized in the spirit of evangelization. We hope you will find the information spiritually enlightening and informative, and we hope you will spread the news in love, peace, and truth.

Please review the referenced scripture verses in your bible and the interpretation here enclosed by section and by verse. and hopefully you as well will see the error in many unbiblical doctrines and why the Catholic Church is the Pillar of Rock, Truth, and Salvation!

A doctrine that is being taught by Reformation denominations, “Sola Scriptura—The Bible Alone is the only and final authority”, as well as “Justification by Faith Alone” is **false doctrine**, not taught in sacred scripture. In addition, many reformation denominations teach the doctrine of “Eternal security - once saved always saved.” Clearly the scripture teaches a believing person indwelt by the Holy Spirit in baptism can fall into grave sin and forfeit his/her salvation. The scriptures illustrated below should clear up any misconceptions as to what is necessary for you or I not to fall from grace, **hence forfeiting the gift of eternal life if we as believers or unbelievers remain impenitent until the end.**

1. Protestant Reformation churches teach “Sola Scriptura”—The Bible Alone is the **ONLY AUTHORITY** and final arbitrator of the truth of God’s Word, to inspire and teach the Body of Christ. If this is authentic biblical interpretation, ask any who teach this dogma to refer to those verses to support “Sola Scriptura”. You’re correct, there is none!

The Bible Does Not Teach Sola Scriptura – Where is the Verse(s)?

The Bibles teaches: The Church by the Pope has the **KEYS** to heaven and earth with the authority to bind and loose in heaven and upon the earth...**Mt 16:16-19!** Most importantly with the KEYS to bind and loose, the Church receives the gift of the Spirit to teach God’s Word in fullness and truth without error in interpretation by the Authority of Jesus Christ now seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. Thus says the Lord, “No prophecy – “Teaching” on scripture is by anyone’s private interpretation! Holy men of God are moved by the Spirit of God, which today comes through the authority of the Lord’s One True Church! – 2Pet 1:20-21. Sacred scripture for authentic infallible interpretation must be read in light of the ‘declared dogmatic teaching’ for all doctrine handed down in sacred tradition under the authority of the Magisterium of the Holy Catholic Church with the Pope and Communion of Bishops

a) The Bible teaches the Word of God is Truth, both written and oral through sacred Tradition, Jesus Christ is the Word of God made flesh, and Christ’s Roman Catholic Church is the Truth. The Word of God is transmitted Orally as well as Written bound by Sacred Tradition which confirms the “**Authentic interpretation**” of the written word of sacred scripture!...Jn 17:17, Jn 14:6, 1Tim 3:15.

b) The Bible—The Scripture is the written Word of God, not the only source of the Word of God! The scripture cannot be broken – Jn 10:35. The Word of God spoke to anointed Holy men of God through the Spirit and is handed down in Tradition...Gen 17:9-14, Lk 3:2, Jn 7:22

c) The Holy Spirit guides and directs the Church on earth with those who have the authority to teach in Jesus Name, ordained by a bishop in Apostolic Succession in laying of hands...Mt 28:16-20, Lk 10:16, Jn 14:26, Jn 15:26-27, Jn 16:13, Acts 6:5-7, Acts 20:28, 2Tim 1:6! Jesus is the head of his body, His Church on earth –Col 1:18, guided by the Spirit, the Church cannot err in teaching in Christ’s name!

The Bible Teaches: 2Tim 3:16-17 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Clearly the Apostle **Paul writing to Timothy does not qualify that the written word of God is the only authority**, but the scripture is used for teaching and instruction in righteousness.

of faith-**(Justification)**: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of The Holy Spirit into the soul of the new believer or infant—Mt 28:19! **The unmerited ordinary means of salvation in God’s grace** comes through the washing of regeneration infusing the gift of the Holy Spirit (Justification in the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ –Rom 10:3-4), in the case a child making he/she a new creation! The child can grow in the faith in obedience to the Church, as circumcised children did on the 8th day into the old law. Thus the covenant of circumcision is fulfilled in the sacrament of baptism beginning in the baptism of John the Baptist in the wilderness – Mk 1:4-6, Gen 17:9-14, fulfilled in Christ through his Church, Pentecost – Jn 3:5, Acts 2:38, Tit 3:5, Acts 1:5!..It’s the entrance into the body of Christ, his Bride, his Church! Baptism– Believe, Repent, trust, obey in Christ of scripture – 1Cor 15:3-8, Mk 16:16 **in profession of the Creed**, and endure through the power of the Spirit who sanctifies, the Father prunes, and Christ redeems in His Eucharist! Notice in the Book of Acts, all household members were baptized, and we must assume this includes children as well! **Infant Baptism**

Mk 10:13-16 – Forbid not the children, to such belongs the kingdom of God, and Jesus laid hands on them.

Mt 19:13-15 – Children belong to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lk 18:15-17 – They brought children to Jesus.

Acts 16:15, 30-34 – Household baptism.

1 Cor 1:16 – Again all in the household were baptized.

2Cor 5:17 – Anyone in Christ is a new creation!

Confirmation is a sacrament administered to adults who have been properly Baptized!

Acts 8:14-17 - Hands were laid on believers who were baptized to infuse the grace of the Spirit after baptism had taken place earlier for additional charisms of the Holy Spirit!

Acts 19:1-7 - The Baptism of John was ratified by St. Paul along with the laying of hands in confirmation for the gifts of the Spirit.

One of the first bible to be translated into English was handed down in the RCC, from St. Bede from the Latin Vulgate of St. Jerome, not the King James bible which now excludes the seven books of the Apocrypha. The Roman Catholic Church has celebrated the sacrifice of the Eucharist since the first century, and this is evidenced by all the bishops in succession to Peter and Paul. The evidence exists in their individual writings on Church history, most namely **THE EUCHARIST**. Bishops in succession to Peter and Paul wrote that the Eucharist is literally the Body and Blood of the Lord. They passed down this sacred tradition and sacred doctrine to all succeeding generations based upon the original teaching from Jesus, and the Apostles, Peter and Paul...**Read, “The Fathers of Antiquity!”**

Here is some evidence we have presented in this booklet. Obviously you can see the enormous differences in doctrine and teaching on grace, faith, and salvation as it applies to a believer. I am hoping and praying that all Catholics, fallen Catholics into other denominations, and unbelievers take a deeper look and enter the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church -- the Pillar and Bulwark of the Truth, where all sound doctrine and salvation is found. If you love the Lord and wish to serve Him, why not love and serve him in his Church where His Body and Blood exists for you to enhance grace and nourish your soul!

The Catechism (De Fide) expounds upon all Church Teachings based upon Scripture, Tradition, and all Church Councils-Magisterium since the first century. Jesus Christ is brilliant, and he is the Author of all Grace and Truth, the Head of His Body, His Bride, His Church in perfect interpretation of the written word of God, His Word within sacred scripture! Jesus Christ has founded One Church with the sacraments to help you grow in grace and truth. I hope you will reconsider! Repent and receive the good news and join the Lord’s One True Church with the Pope and Communion of Bishops! To all brothers and sisters in Christ, or not in Christ, God loves you and all are welcome to his household of His Holy Catholic Church. You have to receive his love and mercy in simple child like faith and trust. I want you to receive the good news! Peace be with you. One God, One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Church with power and authority on earth as it is in heaven! (Eph 4:4-6) Amen! Alleluia!

Mary – The New Eve, The Ark of the New and Everlasting Covenant

Gen 3:15 – **The seed of a woman crushes the head of Satan!...Mt 5:17.**

Jn 19:34, Lk 1:35 – The prophecy of Simeon was fulfilled, the sword pierced the heart of Mary when Christ, the New Adam was dead upon the cross. The old Adam lay asleep in the earth, and the Lord opened his flesh on his right side, and the 1st Immaculate woman came forth from Adam free from all sin, united to him in covenant – Gen 2:21-24. Mary was redeemed by Jesus at the moment of her conception, perfectly united to Christ as his temple and tabernacle, the handmaiden of the Lord, God's helper – Gen 2:18, 3:20, who is the New Eve, the Mother of all the Redeemed in Jesus, **the Mediatrix of all grace!** Now today, Mary is seated at the pierced right side of Christ, who sits at the right hand of the Father before the throne of all grace, power and majesty, fulfilling the royal kingship of Solomon and Bathsheba – 1Kings 2:19. Where the ark of the covenant rests brings blessing and joy to any household who invites the Mother of God, Theotokos into their home!**...Mt 5:17!**

2 Sam 6:6-11 – The Ark of the Covenant is sacred, foreshadowing the “eternal ark” Mary! David brought the ark of Jerusalem with shouting and joy before the temple was built. The Lord of hosts dwelt among men in Mary the daughter of Jerusalem, consecrated as a perpetual virgin by Anne and Joachim, Mary's parents...Nothing touches the ARK!

2 Sam 6:16 – The Ark of the Covenant is sacred; notice the detail! Mary is untouched by human hands! Perpetual virginity!

Lk 1:28 – Mary is “Full of Grace” – free from all sin at conception!

Lk 1:41-43 – Elizabeth cries out, “Blessed are you among women” and her infant leaps for joy when hearing Mary's voice!

Lk 1:46-47 – Mary proclaims, my soul magnifies the Lord, my Spirit rejoices in God my savior...Mary became the temple of the Holy Trinity, the Godhead, thus the perfect human temple of Jesus Christ, free from all sin, receiving the future merits of Christ's death upon the cross at the moment of her conception and remained sinless all throughout her life!

Lk 2:21-38, Acts 21:26 – **No sin sacrifice is made for Mary!** ...Lev 12:1-8!

Jn 1:14 – Jesus is full of grace and truth – a declaration that means free from sin!

Jn 19:26 – Mary is our Mother; John, Behold your Mother! The New Eve, the new Sarah!

Rev 8:3-4 – prayers by all the angels and saints before the sanctuary in heaven!

Rev 12:17 – Satan makes war against Mary's offspring. The Mother of all the Redeemed!

Rev 12:1-2 – Mary is the Queen of Heaven... 1Kings 2:19, Mt 5:17!

13. Reformers reject the Catholic teaching on relics and images and make the broad leap that Catholic images and relics are in violation of the 1st commandment –“thou shall not make unto thee a graven image”. Well, do you notice the word “**graven**”? Is a picture of your mother, father, grandparents, friends, and family graven images of worship? Clearly Not! They help you reflect and reminisce about your experiences with them and bring back warm thoughts of reflection. So it is with Catholic art, crucifixes and statues! Our Lord became man! A statue or relic helps one reflect on that person and thus pray in powerful intercession, saying, “Lord hear our prayer!” The Church is alive before the tabernacle in heaven!...1Tim 2:4, Heb 12:1, Rev 8:3-4...and the old law is fulfilled in the new... **Mt 5:17.**

Images and Relics:

Joshua 7:6 – Joshua fell before the ark of the covenant to pray!

1 Kings 6:23-28 – The ark contains cherubim. David and the early Israelites worshipped the ark! 1 Kings 7:23 – The ark of the covenant contains cherubim –Angels on top of the ark.

Num 21:8-9 – Moses has the people look on a serpent to be healed.

Ex 25:18-20 – Cherubim again.

Ezek 41:18-25 – Carved Cherubim with the face of a man and a lion!

14. Many Reformers reject the Catholic teaching on infant baptism, which is in error of the teaching of original sin—**Rom 5:12, Eph 2:3**, the sin we all share in the human race as a progeny of Adam. The sacrament of Baptism washes away all sin, including original sin in the case of an infant, and infuses the Holy Spirit by invocation of the Trinitarian formula for the gift

He testifies that it is profitable for doctrine and good works. Doctrines contained in scripture must be taught accurately and in truth, with NO contradiction. St. Paul writes in 1 Tim 3:15 that the Church is the Pillar and Bulwark of the Truth as does St. John 2Jn 9-11!

Reformation churches and others reject scripture which teach Tradition is the inspired Word of God handing on what the Church practiced, such as the 7 efficacious sacraments!

Jn 7:22 – Jesus affirms that God's word was handed down by the fathers in the sacred tradition of circumcision! There was “**no written canon of scripture**” until Moses received the law of God on Mount Sinai. All were bound to keep and honor the sacred tradition later becoming a statute in the law of Moses... **Ex 4:22-25**. The sacrament of baptism fulfills the covenant of circumcision...**Col 2:11-12**.

1Cor 11:2,23-31 – S. Paul testifies to the sacred tradition of handing down the Lord's Eucharist, and the real presence of Christ during the sacrifice of the mass! Tradition hands down the authentic interpretation and demonstrates what was practiced by the Church and those in authority!

2 Thess 2:13-15 – St. Paul says stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by word of mouth or letter to all those sanctified in the Spirit.

2Thess 3:6 – St. Paul warns to withdraw yourself from every brother who violate the tradition handed down by the Apostles to the Bishop.

2Jn 12 – Meet face to face to discuss rather than paper and ink to hand down teaching.

Jn 20:25 – The books of the world can't contain all that was spoken or done.

2. When asking yourself what do I have to do, or how do I obtain the free gift of eternal life don't you think it is best to consider the words of the **LORD – THE WORD MADE FLESH** as recorded in the gospels truly present in the sacrifice of the mass – **1Jn 4:2-3!** Search the gospels verse by verse and see where the words eternal life, life, you shall live, you shall die, and death are used. Once again, **the Lord does not teach “faith alone”** in Him saves you eternally. There are things “you have to do” to receive the gift of eternal life. **Believe on Him whom the Father has sent in act of your will- (Justification begun in Baptism), and continue to submit your will to Him and His Church (sanctification)**. Amen! In section D the gospel law is summed up in the Beatitudes, the fullness of virtue and blessing every believer in Christ can aspire to obtain through prayer and obedience! You need A, B, C and D, and you can't have one without the other for ongoing santification! Only in a state of grace, by the gift of faith can any believer through his works which glorify God fulfill and become the Beatitudes– Mt 5:3-12, in Jesus Christ in obedience to his Catholic Church! Justification by Grace, Faith and Works begins in repentance by Baptism, the washing of regeneration: Jn 3:5, Tit 3:5-7

A. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ – Jesus is God! God the Son!

- Jn 8:58 – Before Abraham was I AM - Yahweh.
- Jn 10:30-33 – I and my Father are One! How can you be a man and make yourself God, and they picked up stones to stone him!
- Jn 3:16-18 – God so loved the world he sent his only Son.
- Mt 12:27 – The Son reveals the Father.
- Jn 14:1,6 – Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
- Jn 17:23 – Life eternal is to know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou sent.

B. Keep the Commandments, and Submit Your Will in obedience to Christ!

- Mt 16:24-25 – Deny yourself to find life in the Lord's name.
- Mt 19:16-19 – If thou shall enter life, keep the commandments.
- Mk 8:35 – Lose your life for sake of the gospel.
- Lk 9:23-26 – Deny yourself and take up your cross daily!
- Lk 10:25-28 – Keep the commandments; do this and you shall live!

- Lk 6:46-49 – Why do you call me, Lord, Lord and do not what I command?
- Jn 8:52 – He who keeps my saying shall never taste of death.
- Mk 3:35 – Do the will of God and you are a mother, brother sister of the Lord's...Honor his law!
- Mt 21:27-31 – Parable of man with two sons - which did his will?

C. The Holy Eucharist is a single sacrifice with the Lord's death upon the cross!

- Commandment #3, "Honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy." The Trinitarian Life must be alive in every baptized believer...Ex 12:43-49, Mt 5:17.
- Mk 14:22-25 – The institution of the Eucharist and the blood of the new covenant. Jesus establishes the priesthood and says "Do this in remembrance of me". Jesus is truly present in the sacrifice of the mass by the priesthood!
- Jn 6:26-27 – Labor not for meat that perishes but for meat unto eternal life!
- Jn 6:48 -I am the bread of life.
- Jn 6:51 – If any man eats of this bread he shall live forever.
- Jn 6:53 – Jesus warns unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life within you.
- Jn 6:54 – Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day.

D. The Beatitudes fulfill the law and prophets. The virtuous life in fullness is only obtainable through obedience to Christ and His Church!

- Mt 5:3-12 – The gospel law fulfills the law of Moses and the Prophets!
- Mt 25:34-40 – Charity, love fulfills the Law, thus one grows in grace and in faith by his works!

3a. Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ founded One Church based upon Apostolic Succession and instituted the ongoing sacrifice of His Body and Blood – The Eucharist, continued through His sacerdotal priesthood on earth. The declaration was made to Simon Bar-Jona; "and now I call you Kephas and upon this Kephas I shall build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, and to you I give the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth is bound in Heaven and whatever you loose on earth is loosed in Heaven." Kephas in Aramaic means Rock! The authority of Christ in heaven and upon the earth resides through His Roman Catholic Church!...Mt 28:18-20, Col 1:18.

The Church Is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic with primacy with the Archbishop of Rome in communion with the Bishops...Mt 18:17-18!

ROCK = CHRIST-Mt 21:42, Eph 2:20, Jesus in heaven, the Head of his body, His Church on earth ...to Rock = KEPHAS on earth-Mt 16:16-19, Jn 1:42!

Mt 16:16-19 – Peter-The Church has the power to bind/loose in Heaven...Jesus changed Simon's name to Kephas in Aramaic means Rock! Fulfills Num 25:10-13.

Lk 10:16 – To reject the Apostles is to reject Jesus' Church. Also, Jn 13:20.

Jn 1:42 – Kephas, who was Simon!

Jn 17:20-23 – The Church is One under the authority of the Apostles!

Acts 6:5-7 – The Holy Spirit is infused through the laying of hands begun by the Apostles!

1Tim 3:15 – The Church is the pillar and bulwark of the Truth!

2 Pet 1:20-21 – No private interpretation

Purgatory:

Mt 4:17 – Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

Mt 12:32 – Sins are remitted in this age and the age to come. This implies there are sins remitted after death.

Rev 21:27 – Nothing unclean enters Heaven. Souls in purgatory are in the Book of Life!

Mt 5:24-26 – You must pay the last penny in prison.

1 Jn 5:16-17 – Distinction between Mortal and Venial sin.

1 Cor 3:10-15 – The purging of fire will cleanse and save.

1 Pet 3:19; 4:6 – Christ preached to souls in prison and the dead.

2 Macc 12:38-46 – Offering is made for sin and there are prayers for the dead.

Job 1:5 – Job makes Burnt offering for the dead and remission of sin.

12. Reformers, reject the honor and devotion Catholics give to Mary! They incorrectly interpret Catholic devotion of Mary to mean that Catholics worship Mary as the Savior like her Son, Jesus Christ. They commonly quote, "Mary did not die for your sin, Jesus did!" Well, I agree with Reformers, Jesus, not Mary died for my sins and rose on the third day! The Catholic Church does not teach that Mary died for our sins. Reformers and Orthodox Churches also teach that Mary had other children because they quote the words "brethren or brother" to literally mean –"biological brother" from the same Mother. Have Reformers show you one verse that Mary is the paternal Mother of another, other than Jesus! To illustrate my point on language of that day, consider how Mary and Joseph went looking for Jesus in the temple in Luke 2:46-49, and Mary says to her Son, your father and I have been looking for you! Is Joseph, Jesus paternal father?

Another problem with this type of disrespect for Mary is that they reject the Catholic Church's teaching on Mary being "Immaculately Conceived" in the womb of St. Anne her mother. The angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, "**Hail, full of grace**" – **Luke 1:28**. Notice in the gospel according to John that Jesus is full of grace and truth – **John 1:17**.

Mary was conceived sinless and remained sinless her entire life, and she herself rejoiced in God her Saviour! She was saved from the stain of all sin at the time of her conception. She was the first benefactor of Her Son's death on the cross in the "fullness of grace" receiving the future merits of Christ's death upon the cross, made possible at the time of her conception. Did you ever consider, Moses and Elijah who appeared with Jesus in the Transfiguration in resurrected bodies prior to Christ's passion, death and resurrection??...**Mt 17:2-5, Dt 34:5-6, 2Kings 2:11-12, Jude 9**. How about Enoch who was taken up into heaven as well – Gen 5:24. John the Baptist, was "filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb, and none born greater of a woman except he who is least in the kingdom of heaven-Lk 1:15, Lk 7:28! All these holy men of God received the future merits of Christ's atonement for mankind. However, Mary is the perfection of God's creatures and the model disciple of Christ, the first born in the Church age. Mary is the ark of the new and everlasting covenant! She brought grace and truth into the world and Christ received his humanity from his mother, freed from all sin -Jn 1:14. The Holy Trinity did not reside in a human temple conceived in sin...Col 2:9. All sin is an offense against God, thus God cannot contact sin being born under the law of a woman, because the entire human race suffers from the "original sin" of Adam -Rom 5:12, Eph 2:3. Christ assumed his entire human nature from his Mother. Remember that Mary raised Jesus, walked with him through his ministry, and watched him suffer and die on the cross for our sins. From the cross Jesus said to his Mother, "Woman, behold your Son; John, behold your Mother"! Mary is your eternal Mother and my eternal Mother. It was only Mary who lived with Christ from the moment of his incarnation, his entire life from cradle to cross, passion, death, resurrection, ascension, and the advent of the Apostolic age in Pentecost.-Acts 1:14. This is the basis for Mary's glorious assumption into heaven in body and soul. Mary is God's only female creature with a glorified resurrected body today alive before his tabernacle in heaven! The Lord loves His own Mother who walked with Him in his entire earthly life, and watched him die upon the cross. The Lord honors his own commandments – "Thou shall honor your Mother and Father"! Yes, He does, and so Mary is the Queen of Heaven and all the earth, and she can intercede on your behalf in prayer to Jesus Her Son! Jesus is a Great King and has a Great Mother and he takes no offense in those who are devoted and honor Mary in communion with the Church in heaven. Reformers reject the "Communion of Saints" and the intercession of those who have gone before us.

The sacrament of Confirmation for the full charism of the Spirit to complete Christian initiation from Pentecost with the Eucharist: Lk 3:2, Lk 12:12, Mt 9:35, Jn 3:34, Acts 1:5.

Mt 10:1 – Anointing to heal, cast out demons and cleanse lepers! Sacrament of Confirmation the anointing for the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit! **Isa 11:2, Acts 8:14-17.**

10. The Lord Jesus emphatically warns those who teach in His Name, cast out demons, and do wonderful works in His name, who have **NO AUTHORITY TO DO SO!** Notice Jesus says, **Leave me, I never knew you!** St. Peter and St. Paul issue stern warnings against false doctrine and the dangers to those who have perverted the truth for self-aggrandizement. No scripture is used for “Private Interpretation”. Jesus has One Church to accurately translate the canon of scripture bound by sacred tradition under the Holy Magisterium!

False teachers and false prophets:

Mt 7:22-23 – Did we not prophesy-“**TEACH**” in your name...Jesus says, “Leave me, evil doers, I never knew you!”

Mt 7:15 – Beware of False prophets in sheep’s clothing who come to you in My Name says the Lord!

Mt 23:15 – Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; for you cross land and sea to make one more proselyte, and when he is made, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves!

2 Pet 2:1-3 – Because of greed and covetousness the way of the truth has been reviled because they deny the Master who bought them.

2 Pet 1:20-21 – Peter warns of false teachers and “no private interpretation” of scripture.

2 Pet 2:20-22 – It would have been better never to know the truth to after receiving the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ in His Church to teach in His Name error and false doctrine!

2Pet 3:16-17 – False teachers distort the scriptures, they are lawless men!

Rom 16:17-19 – They deceive the hearts of the simpleminded, and Paul writes he is glad for the obedience of his appointed bishops!

1 Cor 1:10 – Be united and create no dissensions among you.

2Cor 11:12-15 – False Apostles of Christ!

Gal 1:8-9 – If you receive another gospel other than what you received from the Church, even if it were from an angel in heaven, let him be accursed!

11. Reformers and Orthodox churches emphatically reject the doctrine of Purgatory as taught by the Catholic Church! They commonly quote St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians –“**absent from the body is presence with the Lord**”. **Purgatory is presence with the Lord** and souls in purgatory are saved, and wait to enter Heaven after a final purging of temporal punishment and venial sin to satisfy the justice and holiness of God which was not satisfied on earth, when guilt for sin was forgiven. Grave sin kills the life of grace within the soul, and lighter-venial sins do not. Prayer and charity can remedy venial sin and temporal punishment for sin in cooperation with God’s grace by the Holy Spirit! Reformers do not make the distinction between guilt being forgiven by the Lord, and the satisfaction and punishment for sin **which needs to be remedied on our behalf through repentance, penance, charity, and prayer**, because as believers we compromised the law of God and chose to willfully turn away and commit grave sin; thus the punishment for sin remains when guilt is forgiven. Basically clean up the mess you made when you or I compromised the providence of God’s good! The Lord is asking us all to clean it up now or in the age to come in his grace through Purgatory! The Lord is Just, Holy, and Sovereign! In the book of 1 John 5:16-17, John tells you that all sin is unrighteous but not all is mortal! Finally, consider Jesus death on the cross! Heaven had not been opened and souls were not freed from purgatory until the Lord died on the cross and paid the penalty for our sin. **All are redeemed by Christ under the old and new law!** Both the old and new testaments teach Purgatory! Nothing unclean shall enter heaven! St. Paul refers to this state as purgation by fire!

Mt 18:17-18 – Tell your sins to the Church...Bishops must be in communion with Kephas!

1 Pet 4:17 – Obey the Church + the Gospel, beginning in the Household of God!

3b. Many Reformers teach that Jesus death on the cross was a one time sacrifice for all sin for all time. This is true! However, what is also true is that the Lord provides to believers His Grace to nourish us ongoing to master sin and purify conscience! It’s the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church which teaches that the Lord’s Body and Blood is Truly present when the priest makes sacrifice on the altar each day during mass through the ministry of the Church in communion with the Pope and Bishop. Note in the passages below, in the book of Zechariah there will be an ongoing sacrifice in the eternal Kingdom. Clearly it is not animal sacrifice which existed in the Old Covenant! Christ said “It is Finished! -Jn 19:30! Remember also, Jesus is a High Priest and it is only a Priest that offers a sacrifice which exists in the Catholic Church today, and has existed since the first century. Jesus death on the cross is a one time sacrifice for all sin, but He clearly teaches his **“body, blood, soul, and divinity of the new covenant” makes present to believers Christ’s one time death upon the cross.** His death is the one time sacrifice for all sin, and the Eucharist is the ongoing unbloody sacrifice, a propitiatory sacrifice (the New Covenant Passover) to enhance grace and nourish our soul. **This is one single sacrifice with the cross of Christ!** Only priests can intercede and do sacrifices! Amen! This fulfills the sacerdotal priesthood of the Levites in an everlasting covenant with Aaron, Eleazar and Phinehas – Num 25:10-13.

The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the Lord – The New and Everlasting Covenant!

Mt 26:26-28 – Jesus institutes the “**Eucharist**” at the Last Supper during The Mass, and consecrates his disciples as priests to, “**do this in remembrance of me**”. The Lord provides to His Church, His Body and Blood of the Everlasting Covenant.

Jer 31:31-34 – The Lord promises a New Covenant.

Mal 1:11 – a pure offering is made among the nations!

Gen 14:18 – Melchizedek-Priest of God offers bread and wine in thanksgiving to God on Abram’s behalf.

Ps 110 – The Lord is a priest to the order of Melchizedek forever.

Ex 12 – Passover with lamb’s blood for the Israelites – foreshadowing the death of Christ. All the circumcised must keep the Passover...Mt 5:17, the law and prophets are fulfilled in Christ, thus all the Baptized must keep the new and everlasting passover, the everlasting covenant!

Jn 1:29 – Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Mk 6:52; 8:21 – The disciples fail to see and understand the significance of the feeding of the thousands.

Jn 6:52-58 – Whoever eats the Lord’s flesh and drinks His blood has life eternal and those who do not have no life in them!

1 Cor 11:26-30 – Notice Paul calls it more grave sin to receive the “sacrifice” with grave sin on your soul.

Heb 10:1-31 – Paul makes a distinction between Old Covenant priestly sacrifices, Jesus death, and New Covenant priestly sacrifice! Paul continues to write “do not spurn the blood of God’s Son”. Do not commit sacrilege approaching the altar at mass to receive the Eucharist in a state of grave sin...C#2, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain!”

Zech 14:16-20 – There is an eternal sacrifice in the Kingdom to come.

1 Pet 2:9 – You are a chosen and royal priesthood with the sacerdotal priesthood in authority over all believers in the Church in the global covenant of Christ, fulfilling the Holy Nation of Israel – Ex 19:5-6, Num 25:10-13, Jer 33:21-22, Mt 5:17-18.

4. Have you ever been approached by someone and asked if you are “saved” or have you been “born again”? You typically meet such a person in a train station, a local square, in front of arenas and convention centers, or sometimes they come door to door or may be a pastor from a local reformation church. These people pass out “bible tracts” in simple handouts to support their positions and doctrines. “Saved or being born again, or I’m born again” are common phrases termed by many Reformer to refer to a person who has been justified by Christ and is now counted in the Lamb’s Book of Life (eternally secure) because they trust in

Jesus as Lord and Savior. Many of these Reformers teach “baptism” is simply an ordinance or a symbol of one making a confession of faith in repentance to Christ. A sinners prayer without profession of the CREED in repentance and obedience to the Lord ship of Christ without assent to the teachings of His One True Church does not constitute Justification. There is no Justification of a believer in the gift of faith without washing and regeneration in profession of the Creed! – Jn 3:5, Act 22:16, Tit 3:5, Mt 28:19, 1Cor 15:3-8. The doorway into the Church is through the ordinary means in water Trinitarian baptism. Baptism does initially save you and seals the Holy Spirit into your soul – “Justification”, and provides you the life of sanctifying grace to follow Christ if you sow to the Spirit -1Pet 3:20-21 However, all believers are called to endure to the end of their lives to be saved in obedience to the Holy spirit through the Church. Consider the Old Testament and how severe God treated the ancient Israelites when they disobeyed the covenant God gave to Moses first sealed in circumcision, and how God allowed them to fall into captivity for not obeying and remaining faithful to His covenant. The Bible in both the Old and New Testaments clearly teaches grace is the gift of God and a believer grows in Faith and Works to attain eternal salvation -Ex 33:19,1Cor 3:7-9. Grace is the foundation to all good things – Eph 2:8-9. We respond to God’s grace in submitting our will-soul moved by the impulse of the Holy Spirit. A believer can fall from grace willing grave sin in their soul and continue in sin through human weakness or the adversary. Willed disobedience to God’s covenant – the Ten Commandments, hence grave sin kills the life of sanctifying grace within a believer’s soul. A believer can remain impenitent rejecting the Holy Spirit’s call to repent! In addition, many Reformers rush to the writings of the Apostles and abandon the words spoken by Christ in the Gospels. You read the epistles and writings of the rest of the N.T. in the context of the gospel, Christ who is the cornerstone! Jesus does not teach in the Gospels “once repentant, always saved forever by the gift of the Holy Spirit!” Here are some biblical words many Reformers leave out of their theological dictionary: endure, persevere, obey, do, press onward, remain faithful, abide, longsuffering, hope in eternal life, just to name a few. Clearly these words do not mean you are “eternally secure” as you continue along in your walk of faith after first coming to Christ in belief and repentance!

Note: Baptism through the spirit by desire and blood can constitute extraordinary means of salvation apart from ordinary means of water baptism in the Trinitarian formula – Rom 10:9-13, 1Cor 12:3, at the hour of death (actual grace) in repentance!

“Eternal Security-once saved always saved” is not a biblical doctrine. All the baptized indwelt by the Holy Spirit become the temple of God -1Cor 3:16-17, “If you destroy God’s temple, God will destroy you!” This is not physical death as many churches teach, but spiritual death and eternal separation from the glory of God in heaven.

Mk 3:28-29 – Each baptized believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and blasphemy of the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. A believer who remains impenitent until the end of their days forsaking the Spirit’s call to repent constitutes “blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.” Unbelievers also reject the Spirit’s call to repent, coming to Christ in his church through Baptism...Jn 16:8-11.

Lk 15:11-32 – The Parable of the Prodigal Son. The son was in grace-alive at the beginning in the Father’s house, he fell from grace due to willed grave sin, and he restored grace by repentance and penance, thus his soul became “alive again”. Willed grave sin kills the soul and the “life of grace-eternal life” within a believer.

Mt 19:16-19 – Keep the Commandments and you will have Eternal Life.

Lk 10:25-28 – Jesus says “do this and you shall live” – Keep the 2 greatest commandments.

Lk 8:4-15 – The parable of the Sower in the Field; notice Jesus provides an explanation to the parable after his disciples questioned him. Some receive the word with joy – Baptism in the Spirit, then they fall away, which means they fell into willed grave sin and remained there impenitent. In verse (12), the devil snatches away the Spirit of God who was not yet sealed into the soul of the person in water Baptism. Ordinary means of salvation implies Believing – willed in the soul of a person and the washing away of sin by the Spirit. The seeds which fell on rich soil produced much fruit through the grace of God by Faith in honor of their Baptism and obedience in works!

Mt 10:22 – The Lord warns you shall be hated for His name, but he that endures to the end shall be saved! Mt 24:13 – Endure to the end and you will be saved.

Mat 5:22-23 – Jesus warns whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be guilty of judgment. Mat 5:27-28 – Jesus teaches not to look lustfully at a woman – Purity of Heart.

Mat 7:12 – Golden Rule – Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

The Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic! The Church provides the sacraments to enhance or restore grace and nourish the soul. There are seven efficacious sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance-Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Marriage.

7. The Papacy, Apostolic Succession and The Church! See Sections #2, 3a, & 3b!

Mat 16:16-19 – Simon Barjona’s name is changed to Kephias, the rock on earth!

Jn 10:7-16 – One Shepherd and One Flock. Lk 10:16 – Apostolic succession!

Eph 4:4-6 – One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism.

Acts 1:15-26 – Under Kephias’ leadership they chose another apostle.

Acts Ch 2-5 – Kephias is clearly in a leadership role in promoting the gospel in miraculous deeds.

Acts 15:1-29 – The earliest councils in Jerusalem led by Kephias. Clearly primacy is with Kephias! Kephias issues decree on foods being made clean –Acts 10:9-15

Gal 1:18 – Paul coordinates doctrine with Peter.

8. Bishops, Apostolic succession and laying of hands! See Sections #2, 3a & 3b!

Acts 6:5-6 – Stephen and others are anointed and the Word of God spread. **NOTE: There was no N.T. Canon of scripture at this time!** The Church had the authority begun with the Apostles to anoint and lay hands to impart the gift of the Holy Spirit for those to continue along with “teaching authority” in Christ’s name through his Church: Bishops, priests, deacons!

Acts 20:28 – Bishops are guardians of the flock!

Heb 13:7-17 – Obey the leaders + bishops in Paul’s succession. ...1Thess 2:3-8 – Paul passes along faith to Timothy + Sylvanus....2 Thess 3:14-15 – Win a fallen brother if they do not obey commands of the epistles!... 1Tim 3:1-7 – the office and authority of a Bishop who can anoint new presbyters-priests and deacons!

1Tim 4:14, 5:22 –The elders laid hands on you, so you now can lay hands! ...2 Tim 1:1-6 – Paul anoints Timothy. ...2 Tim 2:1-2 – Teaching in apostolic tradition.

Tit 1:5-7 – elders-Bishops are appointed!

1 Cor 4:15 – St. Paul writes, “I became your father in Christ through the gospel!”

1 Thess 5:12 – Respect and admonish your priest.

1 Tim 5:22 – Purity of the priest, so he can forgive sin.

9. Priests and The Body of Christ – The Power to Forgive Sin in His Name! (See Sections #’s above) Baptism, Penance, Anointing of the Sick. The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sin (1Cor 11:23-31).

Mt 28:19 – The Great Commission to go and baptize all nations in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...Baptism removes sin by the washing of regeneration – Jn 3:5, Tit 3:5!

Mk 16:15-18 – Priests -apostles go forth to heal, teach, and baptize!

Jn 20:22-23 – The power to forgive sin by the priest and Church – Notice Jesus breathes on them! 2 Cor 5:18-20 – Ministry of Reconciliation through the Church!

1Jn 1:9 – Christ is faithful and just to cleanse us of all our sins –(This is read in the context of Jn 20:22-23)...Through the Authority of the Church, those priest ordained by Bishops in Apostolic succession in the sacrament of penance can absolve sin!

Jas 5:14-16 – Sacrament of anointing of the Sick, forgiveness of sin through anointing by laying of hands by an elder (priest) of the Church...Mt 10:8 – Anointing to heal, cast out demons and cleanse lepers!

Mk 10:2-9 The sacrament of Marriage is between one man and one woman forever!

Rom 13:8-10 – Love-Charity fulfills the law; St. Paul makes the distinction between the Ten Commandments and the rest of the Jewish Law. Statutes and ordinances under the old law are fulfilled!

Jn 15:12 – Love one another; charity and selflessness perfects the law and is the Lord's highest calling!

Jn 14:15 – If you love the Lord, keep His commandments.

Mt 19:16-22 – Eternal Life, keep the commandments.

Mt 25:34-40 – Charity, love perfects and fulfills the law - Jesus tells them inherit the Kingdom because of what you did to me, by doing acts of charity to the least of his brethren.

1Cor 7:19 – Paul asserts to keep the commandments of God!

1Cor 13:13 – Faith, hope and love...Love – CHARITY is the greatest to fulfill the Law – the Ten commandments!

Gal 3:22-29 – The old law was a custodian until Christ came, belief in Christ – Faith and works by his grace sets all free.

6. Reformers teach the Ten Commandments incorrectly, and have the Ten Commandments recorded wrong! The simple thought to keep in mind is the following: God only gave one set of commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. **Q?** How is it possible that Catholics, Reformers, (and Orthodox) teach a different set of the Ten Commandments? Moses received the ten commandments when the Lord wrote with his finger (by the Spirit of God – Ex 24:12, Ex 31:18, Ex 32:15-16, 19, Ex 34:1, 28, Dt 4:13-14, Dt 5:22) on the tablets of stone on Mount Sinai. This is another simple but powerful example to illustrate why Jesus founded – One Church, which is the Pillar and Bulwark of Truth!...**1Tim 3:15!**

Reformers and Orthodox Teach the Ten Commandments as follows:

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| 1. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind | 6. Thou shall not kill |
| 2. Thou shall not make unto thee a graven image | 7. Thou shall not commit adultery |
| 3. Thou shall not take the Lord's name in vain | 8. Thou shall not steal |
| 4. Keep holy the Sabbath | 9. Thou shall not bear false witness |
| 5. Honor thy Mother and Father | 10. Thou shall not covet anything of thy neighbor |

The Roman Catholic Church Teaches the Ten Commandments as follows:

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| 1. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind | 6. Thou shall not commit adultery |
| 2. You shall not take the Lord's name in vain | 7. Thou shall not steal |
| 3. Keep Holy the Sabbath | 8. Thou shall not bear false witness |
| 4. Honor Thy Mother and Father | 9. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife |
| 5. Thou shall not kill | 10. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods |

The Ten Commandments are recorded in Exodus and Deuteronomy below. Jesus in the gospels expounds upon the Ten Commandments and warns that whoever looks at a woman lustfully, or whoever is angry with his brother without a cause is guilty of sin – due to vice within the soul, Commandment #9 calls us to “purity of heart, thus pure motive!”

Ex 20:1-17; DT 5:6-20 ...Commandments #9 and #10 are the hidden sins of one soul in violation of the Decalogue, and the Natural law inscribed upon every human heart!

Commandment #9 – Thou Shall Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Wife – Purity of Heart!

Commandment #10 – Thou Shall Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Goods – envy and jealousy.

Jn 15:1-7 – The Lord is the Vine; We are the branches. We must abide in the Lord and remain faithful to Christ and his law through his Church or the branch is taken away.

2 Jn 8:11: Look not to lose what you have worked for; anyone who does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have the Father and the Son.

Titus 1:2 – Hope in eternal life.

Phil 3:10-16 – Press onward; Paul says to follow after the goal of eternal life, not that he has already attained it!

2 Tim 2:11-13 – If we deny the Lord, He will deny us. But the Lord remains faithful when we are not faithful.

1 Cor 1:18 – Being saved is ongoing in the life of the believer.

1Cor 15:1-2 – Hold fast the gospel unless you believed in vain!

Mat 6:9-13 – The Lord's Prayer, “and lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil”!

5a. Again another common doctrine that all reformation churches teach is “**Sola Fide-Justification by Faith Alone.**” Clearly this doctrine is contradicted by many scripture passages in both the Old and New Testament. The problem arises with the Reformation definition of “Works”. Reformers interpret these words to mean “doing good deeds”, wondering “**if their works will prove faith after repentance**”; or as though someone were attempting to earn salvation apart from the grace of God in the gift of faith in Jesus Christ”. The scripture teaches that works = obedience in faith by our free-will, and our good works are meritorious while remaining in the grace of God as co-workers responding to the free gift of salvation we received begun in our Baptism. Each believer has a rational soul and can choose to obey God's law in cooperation with grace received in the gift of faith begun in Baptism, or choose to turn away committing grave sin, thus breaking the commandments. Consider the book of James, both Abraham and Rahab, how they were “**justified by works**.” Remember these words again: endure, persevere, obey, obedience, do, press onward, remain faithful, abide, and longsuffering just to name a few. Also remember the severity of God against the Jewish people when they rejected God's covenant and prophets, and subsequently fell into idolatry. Today if a baptized Christian rejects God's call to reform his/her life and follow Christ in obedience to his RCC, we have forsaken the new covenant gospel law. Consider King David and Solomon in the Old Testament; they were both inspired men under inspiration of the Holy Spirit writing scripture, who at one time or another fell from grace into grave sin, and restored grace through repentance. Lastly the bible teaches that we are judged by our deeds and works done in grace which glorify God. **Apart from the Grace of God in the gift of Faith in the Holy Spirit of Christ received in Baptism, works and good deeds are not meritorious.** Eternal reward is associated to one's faithfulness as evil works are attributed to a believer's unfaithfulness – Jn 5:28-29!

Grace is lost through Willed grave sin in the Soul of any believer who chooses so. However, grace will grow in a believer who walks by faith, obedient by his works-MERIT! Thus, Justification is by Grace, Faith and Works! Nothing precedes Grace!

These verses, as well as many others apply to the baptized, the body of Christ, who are all indwelt by God's Holy Spirit! Unbelievers are already dead, they do not possess the Spirit of Christ—Jas 2:26, they do not belong to Christ – Rom 8:9.

2Sam 22:22-25 – David was rewarded for his righteousness for his works done by faith while walking in the grace of God. The submission of one's will conformed to God's will!

Mt 7:21 – Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord enters the Kingdom of Heaven, but those who “**Do the Will!**” of my Father in Heaven! This means – OBEDIENCE by the surrender of your will, your soul in cooperation with God's grace freely given to you in the gift of faith!

Mt 25:14-30 – The Parable of the Talents. The Lord increases Grace, the talents of those fellow workers who were faithful to the gift they had received, hence they merited more talents bestowed upon them as a gracious gift of God. Nothing precedes God's grace! The lazy servant forfeited his gift of one talent his (baptism) and he was cast off forever!

Mt 21:28-32 – Jesus asks, “which son did the Father's will?” The first son repented, received the Holy Spirit (grace) and continued to remain faithful by working in the vineyard conforming his human will to God's will: Grace, Faith and works in justification and sanctification.

Jas 2:14-17 – James asks can faith alone save? He warns you, **Faith without works is dead!** A baptized believer calls Jesus Lord, but he/she denies the Lord by their works being disobedient to his law, His Church!...1Cor 12:3. **Q?** If faith without works is dead, what is faith with works, when a believer sows to the Spirit?...**ALIVE in Christ** by Grace by Faith!

Jas 2:14-26 – Justified by Works -Abraham and Rahab. Clearly Abraham offering his son on the altar is not a good deed, but demonstrates his obedience to will to obey God's commands, and his love and faithfulness to God even at the expense of his son Isaac's life.

1Jn 3:7 – He who does right is righteous! Rom 11:22 – **Believers** can be cut off and lost!

Heb 10:26-31 – Willed sin has eternal consequences.

Phil 2:12 – Paul says to obey and work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

2 Cor 5:10 – We are judged by deeds in our body.

2 Jn 8 – Do not lose what you worked for, so you will win a full reward.

Titus 1:16 – They profess that they know God but in works they deny him being disobedient.

James 1:22-25 – Be doers of the word, not hearers only.

Rom 2:4-11 – Bad works bring death if you remain unfaithful, good works eternal life!

Rom 1:5 – Obedience in faith.

Rom 11:21-22 – Paul warns to endure or you too will be cut off.

Rev 22:12-15 – Jesus rewards faith + works.

Mt 25:31-46 – Jesus rewards good works in faith; bad works have eternal consequence.

Gal 5:19-24 – Works of the flesh do not inherit the Kingdom of God. The letter is written to a Christian Church which contains baptized Christians in the community; not only to unbelievers whom Paul is attempting to reach with his message. Gal 1:2 – Written to the churches in Galatia! All the letters of St. Paul are written to churches!

5b. Remember these words again: endure, persevere, obey, obedience, do, press onward, remain faithful, abide, longsuffering just to name a few. Why pray the Lord's prayer – Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil? If sin cannot harm the life of grace and faith, why does Jesus warn you to pray, lest you fall into temptation and to be delivered from evil? The scripture teaches that willful disobedience to the Lord's commandments and unfaithfulness to His gospel has consequences in this life, and the world to come if a believer dies in a state of mortal sin!

Sin has consequences in this life, and the life to come-both eternal and temporal!
Remember, unbelievers do not possess the Spirit of Christ – Rom 8:9, Jas 2:26!

Ezek 18:5 – All souls are mine, the Soul that sins shall die!

Ezek 3:17-21 – The righteous can fall as well and perish eternally!

Mt 12:32 – Sins are remitted in this age and the age to come. This implies there are sins remitted after death. Purification is by fire for temporal punishment of sin to satisfy the justice of God for those who die in the grace of God when guilt has been forgiven.

Mk 3:28-29 – Blasphemy of the Holy Ghost – Unforgivable. This warning is written to believers who are baptized into the Church by the Holy Spirit. Unbelievers who remain in unbelief are also a state of impenitence!

Mt 5:20 – Righteousness must exceed scribes and Pharisees.

Mt 7:24 – A wise man does the things the Lord commands.

Mt 12:36-37 – But I say, you are justified or condemned by your words.

Rom 8:12 – If we, as baptized believers indwelt by the Holy Spirit continue to sow to the flesh, **WE DIE**...Again, this is not physical death, this is spiritual death!

1 Cor 9:24-27 – Paul says run the race; submit lest you become a castaway.

Col 3:5-10 – Paul says put on your new nature which is being renewed after the image of the creator.

1 Jn 5:16-17 – John teaches that all sin is unrighteous, but all sin does not lead to death. He makes the distinction between mortal and venial sin.

1 Cor 10:12-13 – Do not boast lest you fall.

1 Jn 1:6 – You deceive yourself if you continue to walk in darkness if you say you have fellowship with Christ.

Philem 1:21 – “Obedience”– Be confident in obedience.

1 Jn 2:3-5 – Obey the Commandments; The believer who says I know and believe in Jesus is a liar if he does not keep his commandments!

Gal 6:7-10 – Whatever you sow you shall reap if you faint not! Do not grow weary in well doing.

Rev 2:23 – God gives to each as his/her works deserve.

5c. Many Reformers, not all, teach Roman Catholics try to earn salvation, and the RCC is a system of good works, assuming on their behalf (reformers), Roman Catholics do not believe in Christ and trust in Christ for salvation. Some Reformers continue to teach Roman Catholics have not received the grace of God and do not possess the Holy Spirit, thus are lost. This is 100% false doctrine on their behalf. This is rooted in the **false doctrine of “Justification by Faith Alone”** from the schism of the 1500's. They teach that “deeds of the law” equates to a believer **who is working to earn his salvation whether they believe in Christ or not**. The law of Moses consists of the entire “Jewish Law” consisting of the Ten Commandments, Statutes, and Ordinances – Jewish law of the temple, sacrificial and ceremonial laws. Christ in the Gospels, and later St. Paul clearly make the distinction, the TEN COMMANDMENTS are the cornerstone to all LAW, because it is grounded in NATURAL LAW-Rom 2:14-15, and a believer must keep and honor the ten commandments to remain in grace to continue to grow virtuously, willed in obedience within their soul moved by the grace of God by the Holy Spirit with the aid of sanctifying grace of the sacraments after a believer has been justified in baptism. **This is not faith alone, but justification by Grace-Faith-and Works!** It is true that in the Old Testament many Jewish scholars were meticulous concerning the law—all the statutes and ordinances; but St. Paul writes you **are not justified by these works of the law ANY LONGER** -Romans 3:20-22, because Christ has now fulfilled the law, and we are justified by faith and works in Christ, **Jesus, who is Yahweh** now come! In the old law, the Israelites were justified by grace and faith in Yahweh and in obedience to his Law, exactly the same for all baptized spirit filled believers today! We can now have a pure heart before God thanks be to Jesus begun in Baptism and the Eucharist without the severity and rigorous sacrifices of the old law statutes and ordinances which were given to inform conscience and forgive sin...Lev 4:20. Notice in the passage below, a lawyer asked Jesus, “what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus asked, “what is written in the law?” And the lawyer answered with the two greatest commandments. Jesus said, “**do this and you shall live**” and then Jesus explained self denial and charity, the life of virtue! The Lord loves us and he wants us to love one another! The statutes and ordinances of the old law are fulfilled! Jesus Christ fulfills all the everlasting covenants made with the Holy Nation of Israel who were set apart to honor and serve Yahweh!- Ex 19:5-6, 1Pet 2:9-10, now continued in obedience to His Church under the authority of the Pope and Bishops-Mt16:16-19, Mt 18:17-18.

Lk 1:5-6 – Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances blamelessly...Grace, Faith and Works!

Lk 10:25-37 – Jesus says do this and you shall live – Keep the Two greatest commandments! Love the Lord, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind!...**C#1** implies Grace, in faith and works – willed obedience by a believer's free will choice to love Christ and serve him. Despite the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus cannot force you or I to obey him! The Lord respects human freedom, and we are given what we choose!...Dt 30:19, Prov 19:16, Prov 11:4, Mt 5:17.

Jn 7:19 – Jesus says to the Pharisees, “why do you not keep the law and seek to kill me?”

Rom 2:13 – It is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God, It is those who observe the Law who will be justified! Justification is willed through a believer's soul, through the grace of God by faith and works in adherence to the teachings of the RCC!