

# Through Rome or Straight to the Throne - It's Your Choice!

*Choose ye this day whom ye will serve... Joshua 24:15*

What a predicament! Rome says, "There is no salvation outside of the Catholic Church." But the Bible says "There is salvation in no other name (Jesus Christ) under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:10-12). Rome says you must attend mass, receive all the sacraments, do penance, and finally go to purgatory to purge your own self of your sins before you can go to Heaven. But Jesus said on the cross just before he died, "It is finished" (John 19:30). What the Lord was saying was that nothing else was needed for our salvation. Now we ourselves can boldly go straight unto the Throne of Grace to obtain mercy (Hebrews 4:16). And on and on it goes....

Yes, it is your choice, but before you make it, maybe you should study the history of the choice you're about to make. The Bible dedicates two chapters in the Book of Revelation to the Roman Catholic Church - Rev 17 & 18. Rev 17:4 talks about a woman who is arrayed in purple and scarlet and decked with gold and precious stones. She is called the great whore (vs 1) and those just happen to be the colors of the Roman Catholic Church. Rome also happens to be the richest entity on the planet whose worth is estimated at close to 100 trillion dollars. They also happen to be the largest land owner in the world. Rev 17:18 states that this woman is a great city and 17:9 states that this city sits on 7 hills. There is only one city in the entire world that is surrounded by 7 hills and that city is Rome. In fact, in 1956 a movie was made starring Mario Lanza called "The 7 Hills of Rome". And there is only one entity in Rome and that is the Roman Catholic Church.

Rev 17:6 states that "I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs". The Spanish Inquisition (1200AD - 1800AD) alone which was started and endorsed by the Roman Catholic Church killed an estimated 68 million Protestants, and that's not counting the hundreds of thousands of Jews that were killed during the Crusades, thus fulfilling God's word.

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## **1. When was the Roman Catholic Church formed, and who formed it?**

In 312AD, the Emperor of Rome died. Two men were claiming the throne: Constantine, and another Roman General named Maxentius. Constantine's army faced Maxentius and his army, which stood between him and the throne of the Roman Empire. It was during this battle that Constantine had a vision. In the heaven's he saw the sign of the cross with the words above it "In this sign conquer". But this was not a regular cross, it had an oval shaped circle on the top of it, which is the modern day Egyptian Ankh. Constantine and his army were victorious. As a result of this battle, Constantine claimed that his conversion to Christianity had taken place. Then, he publicly issued his Edict of Toleration in 313 AD, which supposedly stopped the persecution of Christians. But, all he did was merge paganism with a perverted form of Christianity, and turned it into Roman Catholicism. Venus became Mary, Mercury became Peter, and so on. Constantine was never a true Christian. He worshipped Sol, the Sun God, which was the Roman name for Baal. And he continued to persecute the real Christians who would not worship these pagan deities until he died. When he retired and moved to Byzantium, which is modern day Istanbul, the eastern capital of the Roman empire, he gave all authority to the Bishop of Rome and also gave him the title Sumo Maximus Pontifex, making him a pope. Thus, the Roman Catholic Church was up and running. (This material came from the ex-Roman Catholic Jesuit Priest Dr. Alberto Rivera, who died in 1995.)

## **2. How was the location of the Vatican chosen?**

On a hill in Rome was an arena called "The Circus" where real Christians were butchered to please Caesar Nero. In it's center was a huge Egyptian obelisk which would mark the future location of the capitol of the Roman Catholic religion. That hill was called "VATICANUS", one of the seven hills which surround Rome (Rev 17:9). Years later, when Rome was in ruins and the Ceasar's were gone, the only obelisk left standing was the one on VATICANUS Hill. That is the exact same Obelisk which stands today in St. Peter's Square facing the Vatican. So in the place where satan enjoyed his bloody sacrifices, a new form of christianity was created. This new religion brought back the Caesars - but with new titles. Now they were called POPES. And on the same site a magnificent Roman Temple was built, and it was called THE VATICAN. (Information found in the Chick Tract "Papa")

## **3. Does the Roman Catholic version of the 10 Commandments line up with the Bible? The answer is NO!**

In Exodus 20:4 the Bible states "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." The Catholic Church totally took out this scripture, to their damnation (Deut. 4:2, 12:32) because they have a multi-million dollar business selling statues of Jesus, Mary, the Saints, and the angels. Not to mention all the crucifixes, rosaries, and scapulas that they desire the Catholics to wear. To make up for this blasphemy they broke the 10th Commandment into two parts: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors house nor his wife" should be all one commandment but it was broken into two commandments so as to make up for commandment number two that was omitted, thus again giving them 10 commandments.

This Bible Study was put together so as to point out the Roman Catholic Religion's contradictions as pertaining to the Holy Word of God (KJV). There are over one billion Roman Catholics on this planet that must make the choice of either following God and His Holy Word or, a religion that was formed hundreds of years later by a man. Make this choice and make it fast before it is too late because you are never assured of your next breath. So, carefully read the following comparisons, and may God give you the wisdom to make the right choice.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES**

**THE BIBLE SAYS :**

<p>1. THE WISE MEN AND THE SHEPHERDS WERE PRESENT TOGETHER AT THE MANGER WHEN JESUS WAS BORN.</p>	<p>ONLY THE SHEPHERDS CAME TO THE MANGER TO SEE A <u>BABY</u> (LUKE 2:6-16). THE WISE MEN NEVER CAME TO THE MANGER, THEY CAME TO A <u>HOUSE</u>, AND SAW A <u>YOUNG CHILD</u> AND WORSHIPPED HIM AND HIM ONLY. THAT IS WHY HEROD HAD ALL THE CHILDREN KILLED 2 YEARS OLD AND UNDER (MATTHEW 2:1-16)</p>
<p>2. THE SIGN ON THE CROSS READS "I.N.R.I." IN THE EXTREME OATH OF THE JESUITS, IT HAS A SPECIAL MEANING. IN CLASSICAL LATIN, I.N.R.I. MEANS IUSTOM, NECAR, REGES, IMPIOS. TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH: I.N.R.I. MEANS "IT IS JUST TO EXTERMINATE OR ANNIHILATE IMPIOUS OR HERETICAL KINGS, GOVERNMENTS, RULERS, AND ALL NON CATHOLICS"</p>	<p>THE WORDS PUT ON THE CROSS OF CHRIST AT THE CRUCIFIXION WERE "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS" (MATTHEW 27:37).  OR "JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS" (JOHN 19:19) THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS BRINGS FORGIVENESS AND LIFE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE.</p>
<p>3. YOU MUST DIP YOUR FINGERS INTO HOLY WATER BLESSED BY A PRIEST AND CROSS YOURSELF BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH.</p>	<p>AT NO TIME DID JESUS OR HIS DISCIPLES EVER BLESS WATER BEFORE THEY DRANK OR BAPTIZED WITH IT. EX: JESUS TOLD THE SAMARITAN (HALF-JEW) WOMAN AT THE WELL "GIVE ME TO DRINK". DID JESUS BLESS THE WATER BEFORE HE DRANK FROM THE WELL? NO! ALSO, WHEN THE DISCIPLES BAPTIZED, DID THEY BLESS THE WATER, OR THE PERSON BEING BAPTIZED? THEY BLESSED THE PERSON, NOT THE WATER! (JOHN 4:1-14)</p>
<p>4. YOU MUST ATTEND THE MASS (BECAME DOCTRINE IN 394 AD), WHICH IS THE UNBLOODY SACRIFICE OF JESUS CHRIST REPEATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN</p>	<p>JESUS SACRIFICED HIMSELF <u>ONCE AND ONLY ONCE</u> FOR THE REMISSION OF THE WORLD'S SINS (HEBREWS 7:27; 9:26, 28; 10:10-12)</p>
<p>5. MARY IS CO-REDEEMER WITH JESUS - (SAVIOUR) SHE IS KNOWN AS CO-REDEMPTRIX</p>	<p>THERE IS SALVATION IN <u>NO</u> OTHER NAME BUT JESUS (ACTS 4:12; MATTHEW 1:21)</p>
<p>6. MARY WAS SINLESS (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION) ONLY BECAME DOCTRINE IN 1954</p>	<p><u>ALL</u> HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT... (ROMANS 3:23) MARY WAS A SINNER AND CALLED GOD HER SAVIOUR. (LUKE 1:46 - 47)</p>
<p>7. JESUS WAS MARY'S ONLY CHILD</p>	<p>IS NOT THIS THE CARPENTER, THE SON OF MARY, THE BROTHER OF JAMES, JOSES, AND OF JUDA, AND SIMON? AND ARE NOT HIS SISTERS HERE WITH US? AND THEY WERE OFFENDED AT HIM. (MARK 6:3; MATTHEW 12:46-49)</p>
<p>8. MARY IS ALSO TO BE WORSHIPPED. SHE IS CALLED THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN</p>	<p><u>ONLY</u> GOD IS TO BE WORSHIPPED (MATTHEW 4:10). THE JEWS WERE WORSHIPPING THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN (SEMIRAMIS) HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE MARY WAS EVEN BORN (JEREMIAH 7:18; 44:17-19; 25)</p>
<p>9. MARY AND THE SAINTS ARE TO BE PRAYED TO</p>	<p>PRAY ALL THINGS TO THE <u>FATHER</u> IN JESUS NAME (JOHN 14:13, JOHN 16:23)</p>
<p>10. PETER IS THE ROCK OF THE CHURCH</p>	<p>PETER IS CALLED A <u>STONE</u> (JOHN 1:42) JESUS IS THE ROCK (DEUT 32:4, PS 18:31, 1 COR 10:4)</p>
<p>11. PETER WAS THE FIRST POPE</p>	<p>PETER WAS NEVER IN ROME, <u>PAUL</u> WAS! PETER PREACHED TO THE JEWS, PAUL PREACHED TO THE GENTILES (GALATIANS 2:7-8). IN FACT, PETER'S REMAINS WERE FOUND IN JERUSALEM IN 1960.</p>
<p>12. PRIESTS HAVE THE POWER TO FORGIVE SINS</p>	<p>ONLY <u>GOD</u> HAS THE POWER TO FORGIVE SINS (MARK 2:5-7; 10, MATT 9:6) NOT EVEN THE APOSTLES WERE GIVEN THAT POWER (MATT 10:7-8)</p>
<p>13. PRIESTS ARE TO BE CALLED FATHER</p>	<p>CALL <u>NO</u> MAN ON EARTH FATHER FOR ONE IS YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN (MATTHEW 23:9)</p>

14. PRIESTS AND NUNS ARE FORBIDDEN TO MARRY	PASTORS, BISHOPS, & DEACONS <u>SHOULD BE MARRIED</u> . (1 TIMOTHY 3:1-11) PETER WAS MARRIED (MATHEW 8:14-15)
15. THE POPE IS CALLED THE "VICAR" OR "GOD" ON THE EARTH	<u>THE HOLY GHOST IS "GOD"</u> ON THE EARTH, WHO IS IN ALL THE TRUE BELIEVERS OF CHRIST. (JOHN 14:16-17 & JOHN 14:26)
16. ONLY THE POPE CAN ORDAIN SOMEONE TO BECOME A SAINT	AFTER THE RESURRECTION, MANY BODIES OF THE <u>SAINTS</u> WHICH SLEPT AROSE AND CAME OUT OF THE GRAVES (MATTHEW 27:52-53). CHILDREN OF GOD WERE ALREADY BEING CALLED SAINTS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: (JOB 5:1, PSALM 30:4,
17. TO PRAY THE ROSARIE	<u>DO NOT</u> USE VAIN REPETITIONS OR RECITE THE SAME PRAYER OVER & OVER AGAIN (MATTHEW 6:7)
18. THERE ARE MORTAL (BIG) AND VENIAL (LITTLE) SINS	<u>ALL SINS WILL EQUALLY SEND YOU TO HELL. IF YOU BREAK ONE COMMANDMENT, YOU'VE BROKEN ALL 10.</u> (JAMES 2:10-11)
19. YOU MUST BE WATER BAPTIZED (SPRINKLED) AT BIRTH TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BE BORN AGAIN	JESUS, AT THE AGE OF 30, WAS WATER BAPTIZED (SUBMERGED, NOT SPRINKLED) BY JOHN AT HIS BAPTISM AND RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT (MARK 1:9-10). PHILIP ALSO SUBMERGED THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH (ACTS 8:36-39)
20. OBEY THE 10 COMMANDMENTS AND DO GOOD WORKS IN ORDER TO BE SAVED	A MAN IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW (GAL 2:16) OR SAVED BY OBEYING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS (ROM. 3:19-22)
21. YOU CAN NOT KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HEAVEN WHEN YOU DIE. (THIS IS THE SIN OF PRESUMPTION)	YOU <u>CAN</u> KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HEAVEN WHEN YOU DIE (1 JOHN 5:13)
22. THERE IS PURGATORY - YOU MUST PURGE YOURSELF OF YOUR OWN SINS IN A TEMPORARY PLACE OF BURNING BEFORE GOING TO HEAVEN	JESUS PARDONED THE THIEF ON THE CROSS AND TOLD HIM " <u>TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE</u> " (LUKE 23:39-43) " <u>ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD</u> " (2 CORINTHIANS 5:8)
23. FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS MEAT WAS FORBIDDEN TO BE EATEN ON FRIDAYS	MEAT CAN BE EATEN AT <u>ANY TIME</u> AS LONG AS YOU GIVE THANKS IN PRAYER (1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5)
24. YOU MUST OBSERVE LENT, A 40 DAY TIME OF FASTING LEADING UP TO THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS AT THE END OF HIS MINISTRY.	JESUS FASTED FOR 40 DAYS <u>BEFORE</u> HE STARTED HIS MINISTRY (MATTHEW 4:1-2)
25. IT'S OK TO HAVE BINGO AND MONTE CARLO NIGHTS IN THE CHURCH	THOU <u>SHALT NOT</u> MAKE MY FATHERS HOUSE A DEN OF THIEFS OR MERCHANDISE (MATTHEW 21:12-13; JOHN 2:16)

There is a saying, "All roads lead to Rome." But, not the road to salvation! That road goes through the Lord Jesus Christ and only the Lord Jesus Christ. Rome didn't shed it's blood for you on the cross, but Jesus did, and the Bible says that, "without the shedding of blood, there is no remission or forgiveness of sins" (Hebrews 9:22).

Rome says they are the way to heaven but Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). Jesus also said "Ye must be born again" (John 3:3), not Catholic, in order to be saved. What is Catholic? That word cannot be found anywhere in the Bible.

How do you become "Born Again"? By repenting of your sins (Luke 13:3 & 5) and asking Jesus to come into your heart and receiving Him as your Lord and Saviour (John 1:12). If you call upon Him out of a pure heart (2 Tim 2:22), you become a new creature in Christ (2 Cor 5:17) and you become a child of God with all of your sins covered under the blood of Jesus that was shed not only for you, but also for the sins of the whole world (John 3:16).

All religions are man-made, but the King James Bible is the only word of God. Jesus said "You nullify the word of God with your man-made traditions (all religions) (Matthew 15:3, 7-9). There is only one way to God the Father and that way is through His Son Jesus Christ. He is our one and only mediator (1 Timothy 2:5), who suffered, died, rose from the dead (1 Cor 15:3-4), and prays for us up in heaven (1 John 2:1). "You must come out of your false religion in order to be saved or you will partake of its sins" the Bible says (Rev 18:4). Keep your eyes on Jesus and Jesus only because "He is the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb 12:2). The Roman Catholic Religion, or any other religion, can't save you. Only Jesus can, so trust in Him and Him only today while there is still time (2 Cor 6:2). Just remember, there is no hope in the Pope.

AMEN!!