

# **Prophecy for** the Last Days



- Great deception (Mat. 24:4,11,24)
- Divisive doctrines suppressed (2 Tim. 4:3)
- Apostasy from the faith of the apostles (2 Thes 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1)
- Religion and government united for a common purpose (Rev. 17,18)

# **Religion and Government Together**



"A good and faithful servant of God has been called home." George W. Bush

# When the Son of Man comes will He find faith on the earth.

(Luke 18:8)

#### The Last Days' Church

- It will have a form of godliness but deny its power (2 Tim. 3:5)
- People will follow deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons (1 Tim. 4:1-3)
- The way of truth will be maligned and false teachers will revel in their deception. (2 Pet. 2:2,13)

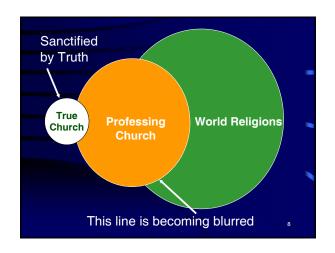
# **The Players**

#### **Holy Trinity**

### **Unholy Trinity**

- worshippers in Spirit and Truth
- The Father seeks Satan seeks to be worshipped as God
- the King of Kings
- The Son rules as
   Antichrist will rule as King
- The Holy Spirit glorifies the Son
- False Prophet like a lamb, will glorify antichrist by forcing worship of him

# The Formation The one-world religion will be formed by a union of non-Christian religions with all the professors of Christ who have never been born again.



#### World Council of Churches - 1948

Now 342 denominations moving "towards the manifestation of the One Holy Church."



Pope & Rev. Samuel Kobia in Vatican, 6/2005

### United Religions Initiative - 2000

Its goal is to promote interfaith cooperation, end religious violence and to create cultures of peace, justice and healing for all.

### **Common Bonds for Unity**

#### **True Church**

- Salvation by grace
- Alive in Christ
- One Way to God
- Biblically correct
- Baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body

### **One-World Religion**

- Salvation by works
- Spiritually dead
- Many ways to God
- Politically correct
- Bonded in unity by another spirit.

### **Common Bonds for Unity**

#### **True Church**

- Divine revelation from Scriptures
- Called by God
- · Contends for the faith · Seeks common faith
- Intolerant
- Devoted to Christ and His Word

#### One-World Religion

- Divine revelation from other sources
- Blinded by the Devil
- Tolerant
- Devoted to worldly agendas

### Recipe for Ecumenical Stew

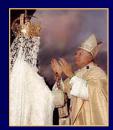
- Chop up the Gospel thoroughly and add water to dilute its effect.
- · Mix in some tolerance to suppress the unpopular taste of doctrine.
- Add enough self esteem to neutralize the bitterness of sin.
- Heat mixture only until it becomes lukewarm and is in need of nothing else.
- · Serve it with Eucharistic wafers but avoid feeding it to those who live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

### The Vatican's Push for Unity

- Catholics and Evangelicals ECT Accords 1994, 1997, 2002, 2005
- Catholics and Lutherans signed Joint Declaration on Justification – October 1999
- Catholics and Evangelicals in Conversation Wheaton College - April 2002
- John Paul II, "In the new Europe the Christian faith might be the cement which unifies." (Remember Constantine)

#### John Paul's Intentions

- His goal was "to promote every suitable initiative... to increase the unity of all Christians until they reach full communion"
- He asked Catholics "to cultivate an authentic spiritual ecumenism" through the Virgin Mary. Et Unum Sint, 1995



# The Misuse of Scripture



Jesus asked "that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me" (John 17:21)

Ut Unum Sint - "That They May Be One" - 1995

### The Roman Church Is The Hub

- The Vatican boasts of being the headquarters of God's Kingdom
- Great wealth, power and worldly influence
- Well defined strategy to unite the world and bring all people under the power and influence of the pope.



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# **Ongoing Goal of The Papacy**



"We declare, say, define, and pronounce that it is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff."

Pope Boniface VIII

Ecumenical Dialogue

Messianic Jews

Roman
Catholic
Church

Episcopalians

Evangelicals

Lutherans



### Rome's Strategy for Christian Unity

- redefine evangelical terms to make them ambiguous, vague and acceptable to all.
- hide gospel of works with a veneer of truth.
- Urge "separated brethren" to come home to "Holy Mother, the Church" for the *fullness* of salvation.
- Identify and seduce highly visible and influential evangelicals to promote Catholicism as a valid expression of Christianity.



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### How effective is their strategy?

 "It's time for Protestants to go to the shepherd [the Pope] and say, 'What do we have to do to come home?'" - Robert Schuller, televangelist (L.A. Herald, 9/19/97)



 "I'm eradicating the word Protestant out of my vocabulary....[it's] time for Catholics and non-Catholics to come together as one in the Spirit and one in the Lord." - Paul Crouch, president of TBN (PTL, 10/17/89)  "I read the New Catechism, 1,800 points. I accept 99% of it. Why should we divide over 1%?" Jack Van Impe, Televangelist (1/27/99)



- "My meeting with His Holiness Pope John Paul II was very warm and...I pledged to work for Christian unity between Evangelicals and Catholics" -Pat Robertson, Broadcaster
- "We [evangelicals and Catholics] have differences, but on the ancient creeds and the core beliefs of Christianity we stand together." - Chuck Colson, Prison Fellowship

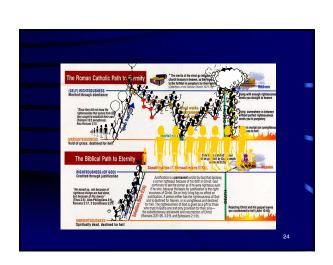
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How can these Evangelicals encourage unity with Catholics when we are divided on...

- the essentials of the Gospel
- how one is born again
- · how one is justified
- how one is purified of sinwho can mediate between
- God and man
- the efficacy, sufficiency and necessity of Jesus Christ



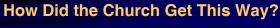
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### **Catalysts for Ecumenical Unity**

- Biblical ignorance and lack of discernment have produced fertile ground for deception.
- The Gospel is compromised or withheld to avoid being divisive, exclusive or offensive.
- Truth is suppressed for the sake of unity.
- Biblical commands to expose false teachers are being ignored.

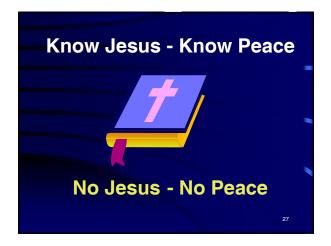
  TOLERANCE
- Tolerance has become more important than doctrine.

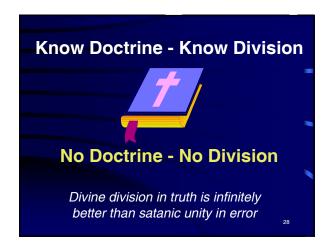


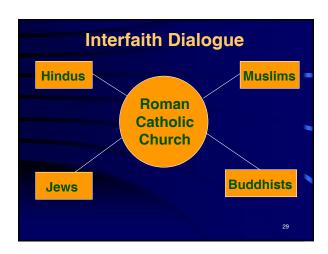
- The apostles were strong, bold, fearless, dogmatic, intolerant of sin and error, inflexible concerning the Gospel, controversial and devoted to Christ.
- Today's Evangelicals are often identified as ecumenical, politically correct, tolerant, pragmatic, flexible, accommodating, passive and compromising with selfserving agendas.



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# All Roads Lead to Roma



The Catholic Church endeavors "to gather all people and all things into Christ, so as to be for all - an inseparable sacrament of unity... expressed in the common celebration of the Eucharist." Et Unum Sint

#### The Eucharist



"the transformation of the world is in the fragile, white, consecrated host, the sacrament of the real presence of Jesus, who is God and man."

Benedict XVI, 10/20/05

#### Catholics & Buddhists

The Dalai Lama and Benedictine Catholic monk, Laurence Freeman,have co-led the historic "Way of Peace" dialogue between Catholics and Buddhists.



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### **The False Prophet**

- · Religious leader with all authority
- Resembles "the lamb" but speaks as a dragon
- Has power to make the earth's inhabitants worship anti-Christ
- Performs miraculous signs even causing fire to come from heaven
- Deceives the earth's population
- Kills all who refuse to worship the image (Rev.13:12-16)



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#### The Vicar of Christ?

"If God is the one true God, He must save all people. (This) is the foundation of interreligious dialogue" (Vatican Info Service, 4/21/99)



John Paul II

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# **Pope Benedict XVI**

- Preaches another gospel
- "Infallible head" of the Church
- Addressed as Holy Father
- Mary is his Co-Redeemer
- Authority over 1 billion souls
- Loved by the world
- For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ (2 Cor. 11:13)



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"The evil system of Popery...
teaches that the priest creates his
Creator, and thus it sets the son of
perdition above God himself. If
the Pope has not yet formally
proclaimed himself actually to
be God, we have only to wait
and even this climax of
blasphemy will be reached.
Perhaps, when that last profanity
shall have been perpetrated, the
Lord will immediately come."

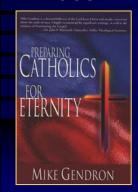
# **Contending for the Faith**

Christians must not tolerate anyone who willfully misrepresents the character or attributes of Almighty God and His Gospel. A sound and loving rebuke, using scripture, is necessary to contend for the faith. To remain silent shows, either an indifference towards the Lord Jesus, or a greater loyalty to another person or institution.



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### **GOSPEL RESOURCES**



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