

Countryside Bible Church **Missionaries to Roman Catholics**

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Ministry Report & Objectives

- To serve and glorify our Lord Jesus by proclaiming His Gospel and equipping and encouraging His people to do the same. (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Mat. 28:19-20)
- To expose any religious doctrines or traditions that oppose the Gospel of grace, so that people can discern truth from error and contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 3).



My uncle was a missionary priest who served 30 years in Burma (Myanmar)

I served Mass in Italy with stigmatist Padre Pio who was recently named a saint

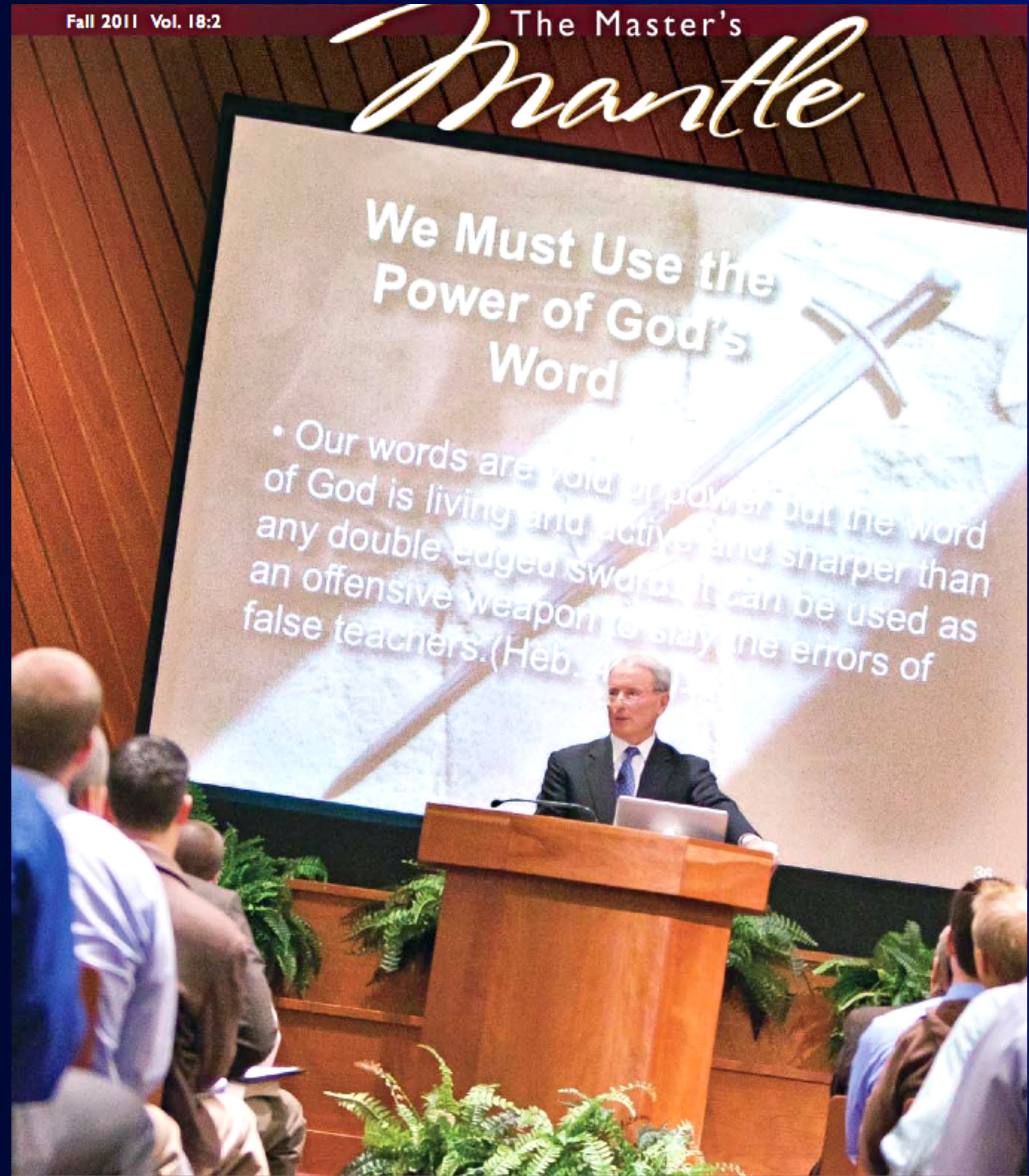


The Genesis of the Ministry

- During my last semester at DTS in 1991 we began inviting Catholics to our home every Tuesday night.
- Within 3 months 17 Catholics exchanged their religion for a relationship with Christ. We invited them back on Wednesday nights to grow!



The Masters Seminary and The Masters Academy International and seminaries all over the world invite me to teach and train their students to be effective witnesses to Catholics.

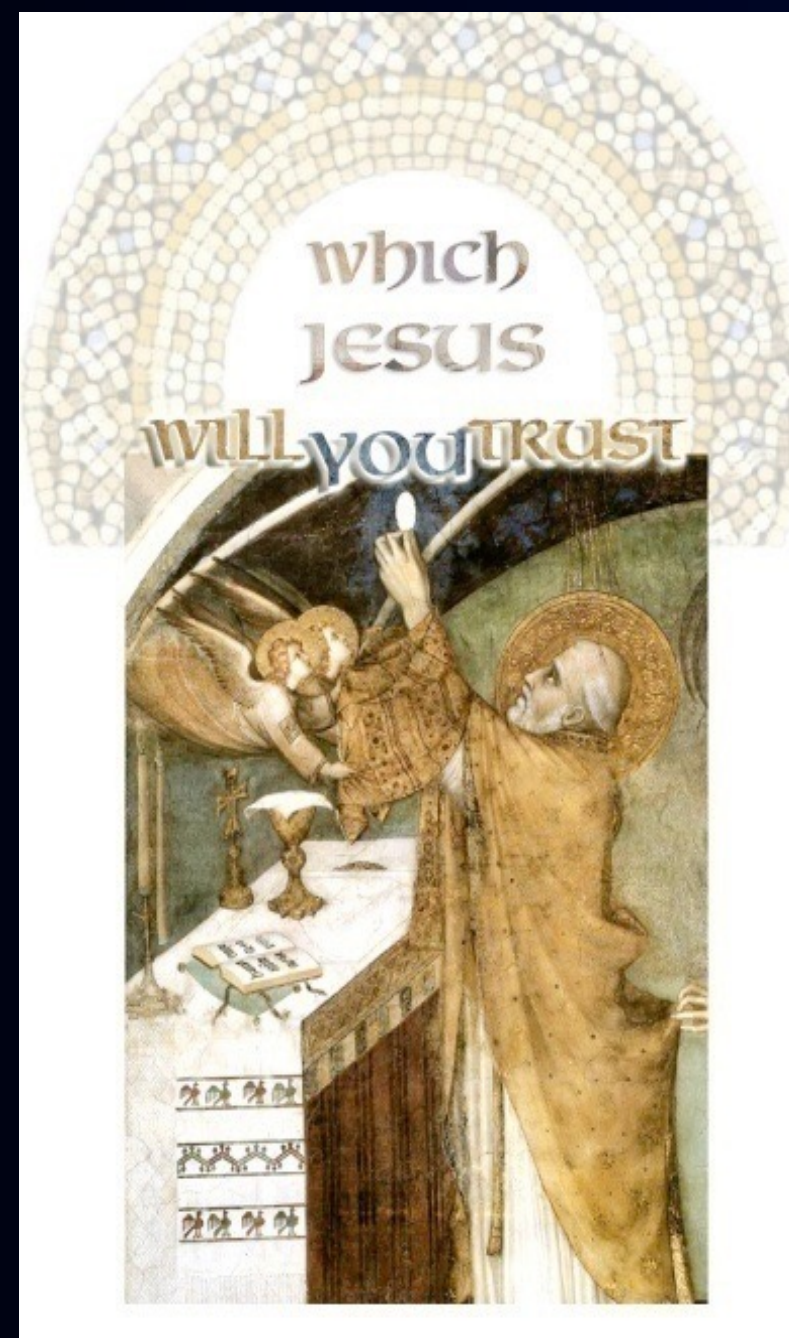


Countries Where We Have Ministered % Catholic Population

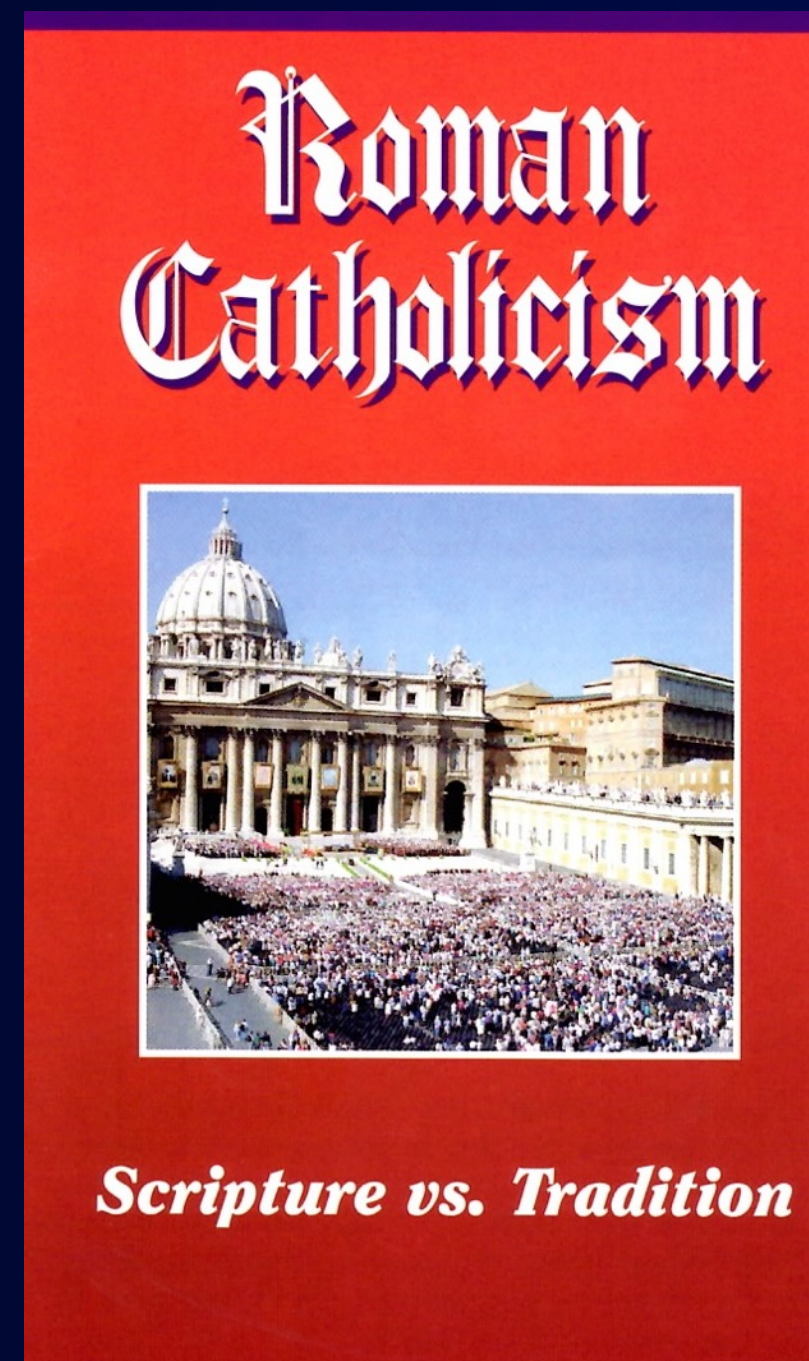
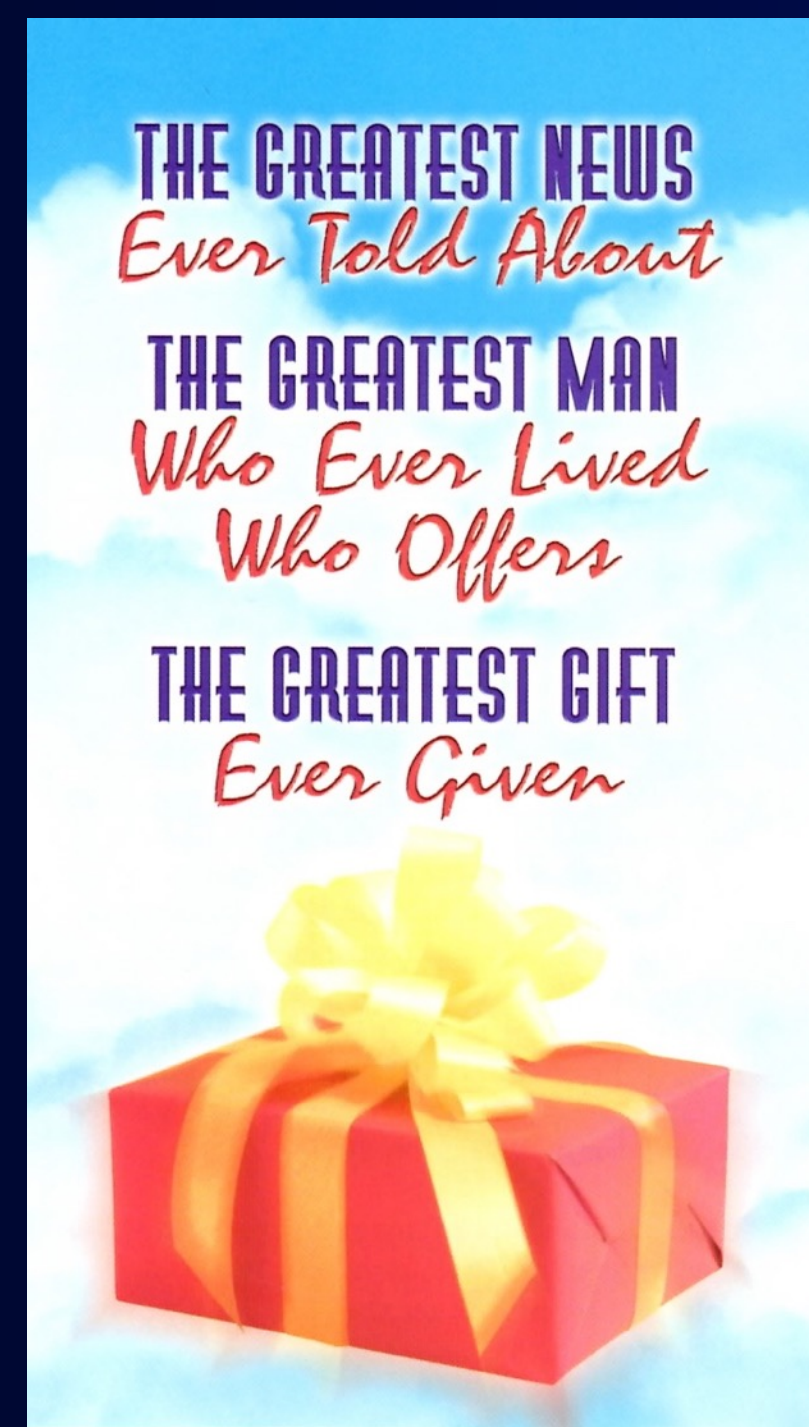
• Italy	92%	• Canada	67%
• Spain	88%	• Switzerland	46%
• Ireland	76%	• Germany	34%
• Croatia	73%	• U.S.	26%
• Mexico	86%	• Australia	26%
• Philippines	81%	• New Zealand	11%
• Honduras	80%	• Myanmar	2%

We Proclaim the Gospel Many Ways

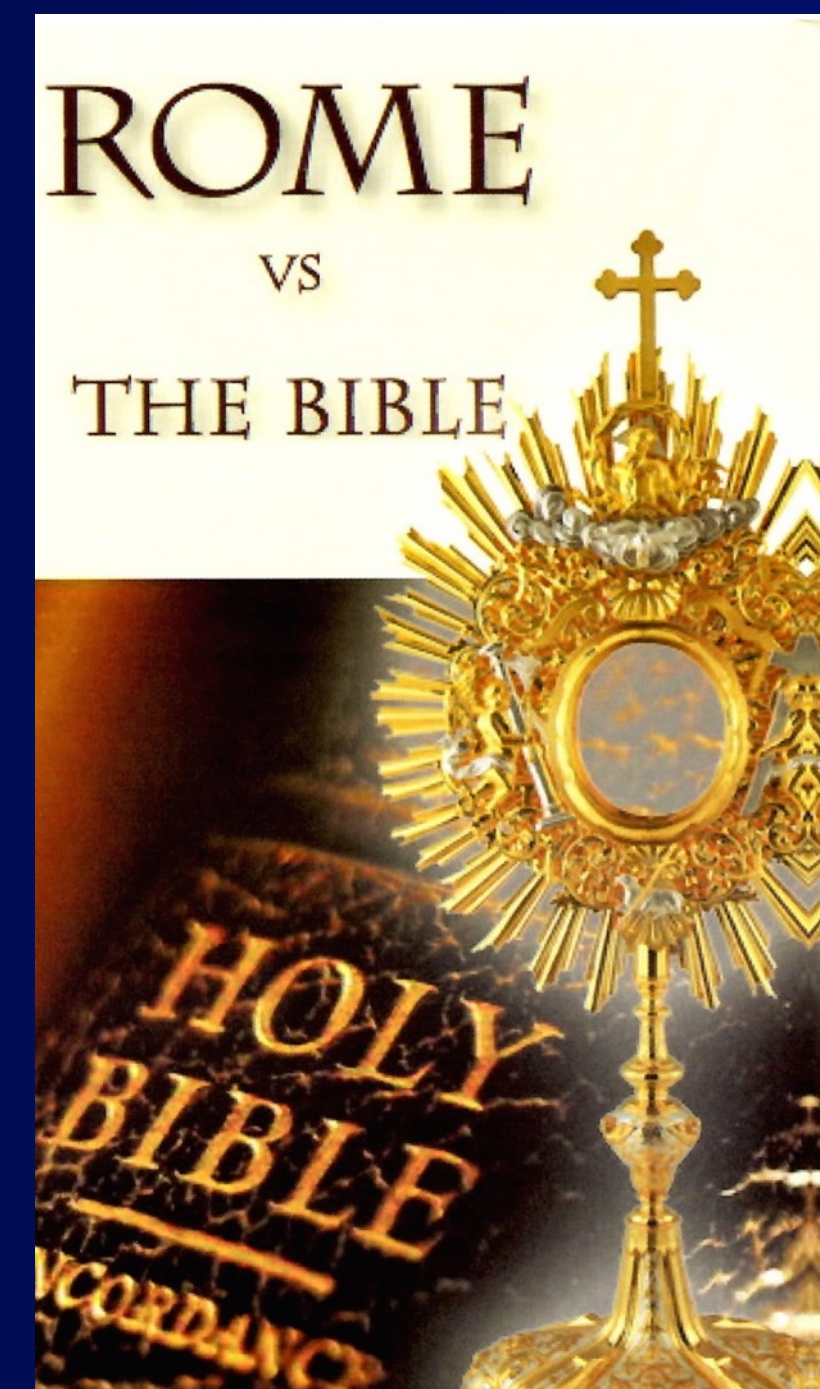
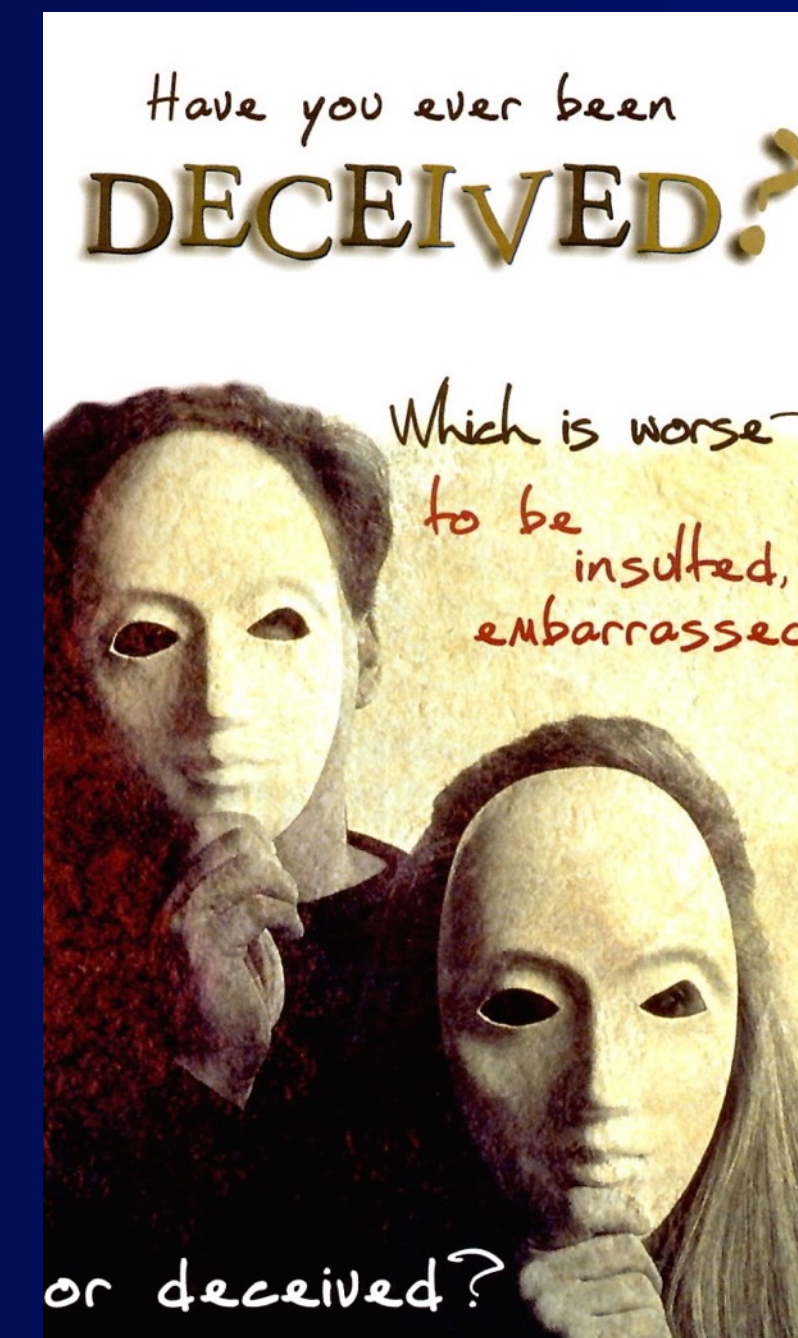
- Churches, Conferences, Seminars, and Seminaries, Mission Trips, home Bible studies, counseling, etc.
- Radio, TV, Web Site, Social Media
- E-Newsletter - over 10,000 subscribers
- Ankerberg Theological Research Journal
- Person to Person - including Catholic Churches and Shrines, debates, community fairs, abortion mills, etc.
- Resources -Books, DVDs, Six Different Gospel Tracts in 5 languages (over 2 million in circulation)



GOSPEL



TRACTS



"Carefully and convincingly, this helpful book demonstrates that the 'gospel' taught in Roman Catholicism is not the true gospel found in the Bible. I heartily recommend Mike Gendron's work."

DR. JOHN MACARTHUR
Pastor, Grace Community Church

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Should we trust God's Word
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discipleship tool for
sharing the Gospel
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Why Was The Reformation Necessary?



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Evangelist Mike Gendron

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Questions We Will Answer



- What is Rome's strategy to reverse the Reformation?
- Why are evangelicals dismissing, ignoring, and rejecting the Reformation?
- What must Christians do to protect the purity and exclusivity of the Gospel?



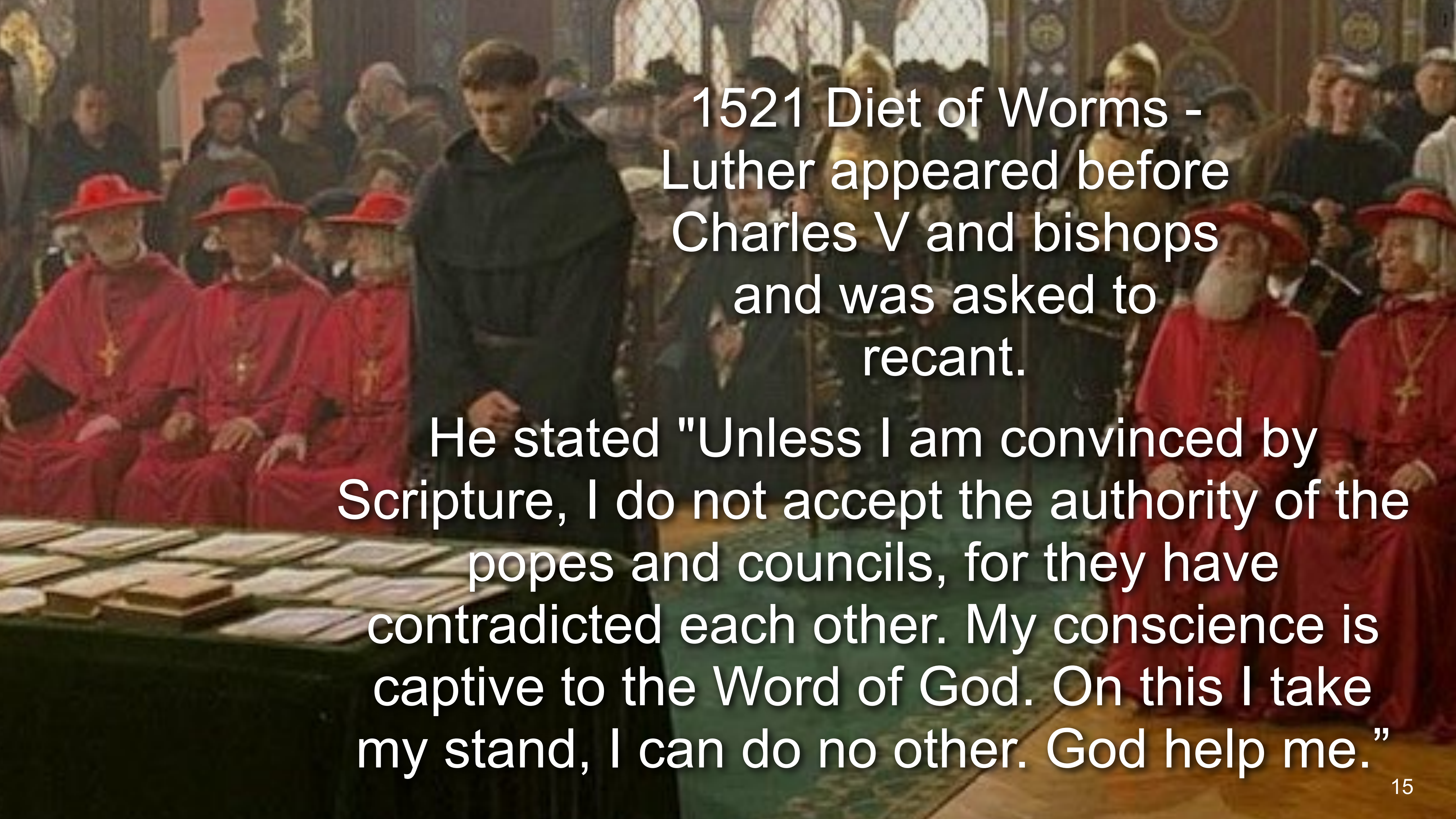
October 31, 1517

500 years ago Martin Luther defiantly nailed His 95 Thesis to protest the selling of God's forgiveness through indulgences. He was outraged that salvation was being sold like any other commodity in the marketplace.

All Saints Day - Nov. 1

Catholics were granted indulgences for the remission of sins if they venerated relics of saints and confessed to a priest.

The Castle Church of Wittenberg had over 1900 relics of dead saints on display.



1521 Diet of Worms -
Luther appeared before
Charles V and bishops
and was asked to
recant.

He stated "Unless I am convinced by
Scripture, I do not accept the authority of the
popes and councils, for they have
contradicted each other. My conscience is
captive to the Word of God. On this I take
my stand, I can do no other. God help me."

Luther Did Not Cause the Reformation

- He gave all the credit to God and His Word. “All I have done is put forth, preach and write the Word of God, and apart from this I have done nothing, the Word has achieved everything.”
- The truth of God’s Word was setting people free who were being held captive by religious deception and the devil to do his will (John 8:31-32; 2 Tim. 2:24-26).

God's Word Exposed Satan's Lies



Having found the truth and light of God's word, Martin Luther declared, "We are of the conviction that the papacy is the seat of the true and real Antichrist. I declare that I owe the pope no other obedience than that of Antichrist."

Why Was the Reformation Necessary?

- The RCC had departed from the faith to follow doctrines of demons (1 Tim. 4:1-3)
- The RCC had distorted the Gospel and was under divine condemnation (Gal. 1:6-9)
- The RCC was worshipping a false Christ (idolatry) who continued the work of redemption on an altar after the true Jesus finished it on the cross (John 19:30)
- Catholic priests were false mediators (1 Tim. 2:5; Mat. 27:51)

What The Reformation Accomplished

- Returned the Bible to the people in their own language.
- Re-established the Word of God as supreme authority for faith.
- Re-established the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Head of His Church.
- Recovered the biblical doctrine of justification by grace through faith.

Five Solas were a Response to the Vatican's Errors on Justification

Grace + merit

Faith + works

Christ + other mediators

Scripture + tradition

Glory to God + Mary & Saints

The background of the slide features four large, standing stone statues of Protestant reformers, likely Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, and Huldreich Zeyher, positioned against a stone wall. The statues are dressed in traditional clerical robes and have beards. The title text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

The Reformers Recovered the Doctrine of Justification

- Sola Gratia – Grace Alone
- Sola Fide – Faith Alone
- Solus Christus – Christ Alone
- Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone
- Soli Deo Gloria – Glory of God Alone



Doctrine of Justification

- It declares the inflexible righteousness of God as the Judge who must punish every sin that has ever been committed by everyone who has ever lived.
- The only way condemned sinners can be justified is through faith in the sin-bearing, substitutionary death and resurrection of Christ alone who satisfied divine justice.

Contrasting Views on Justification

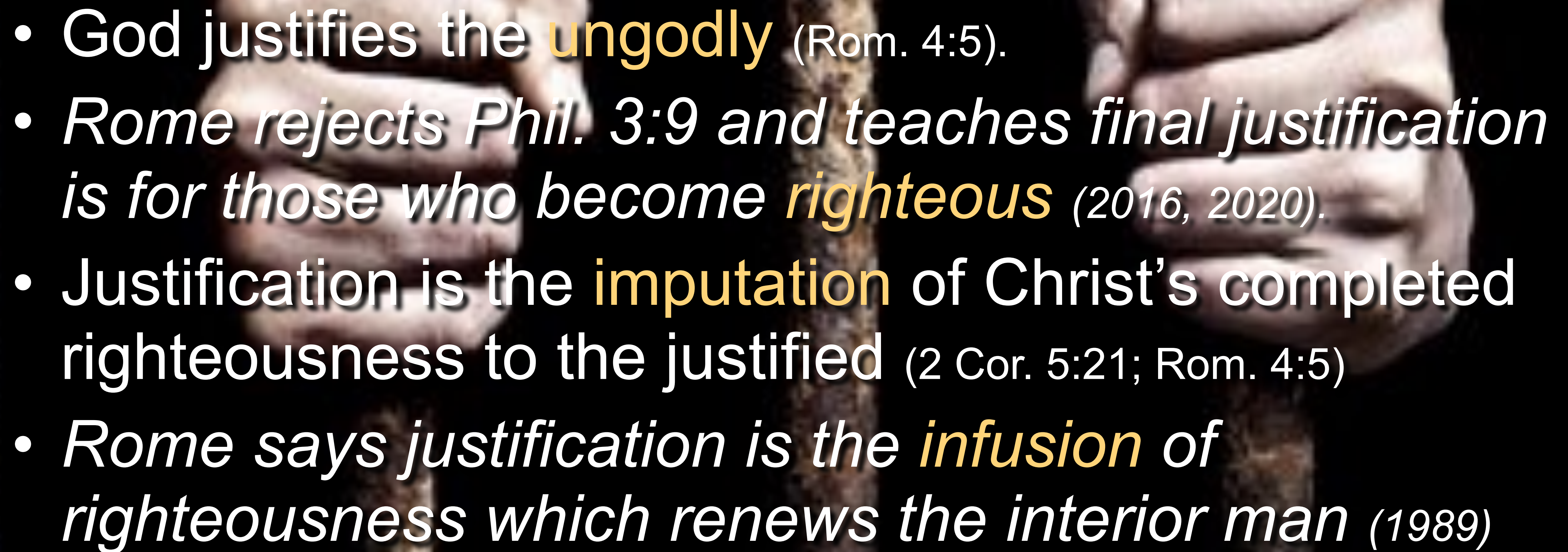
- Justification is the **change of one's legal status** before God whereby a condemned sinner has been acquitted and declared righteous (Rom. 5:12-21).
- *Rome says justification **changes the inner man** not his legal status* (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, para. 2019).
- Justification is **instantaneous** (Rom. 4:3)
- *Rome says justification is a **process**, the ongoing renewal of interior man* (2019)



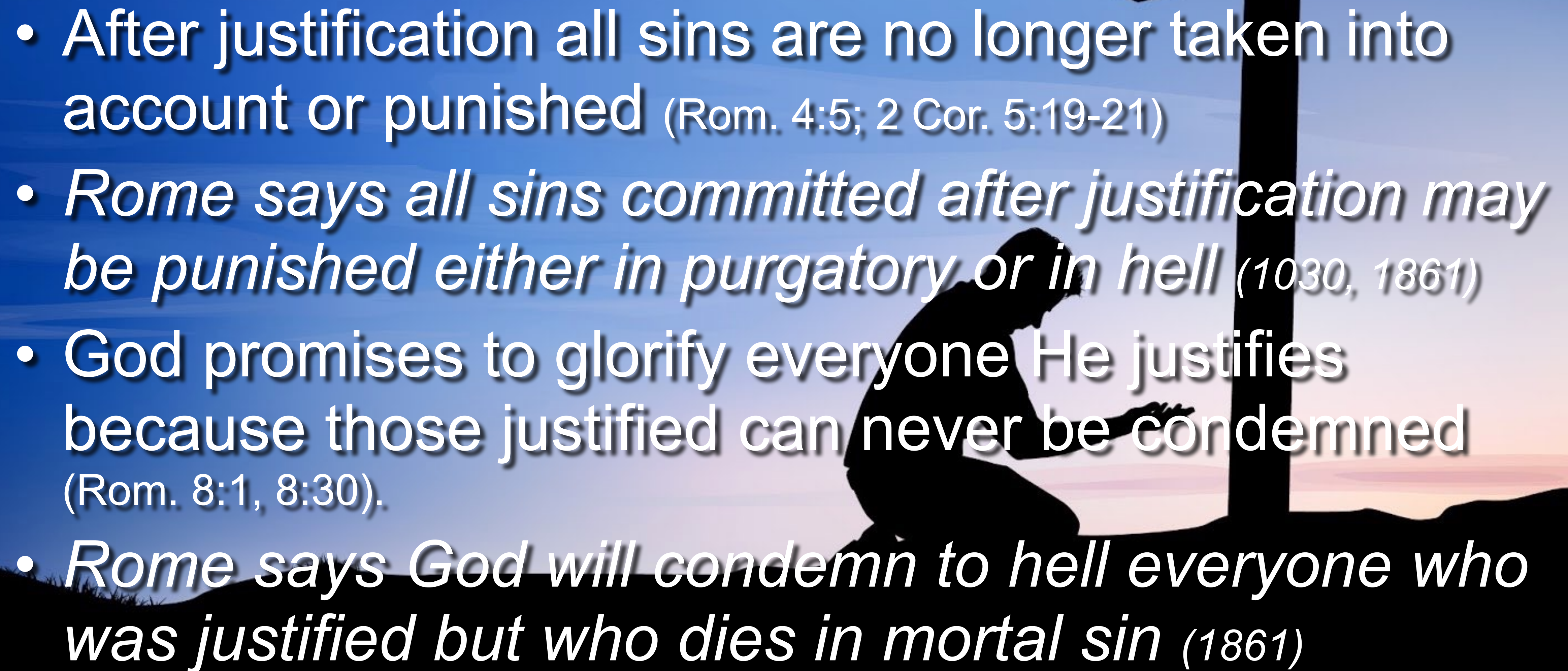
- *Rome says initial justification is by the sacrament of **water baptism** (1992).*
- The Bible says justification is **by faith** in what God accomplished in Christ (Rom. 5:1)

- Justification is permanent and is never lost by sin. The legal status of a justified man is as unchangeable as the righteousness of Christ (Heb. 10:14).
- *Rome says justification is temporal, can be lost by sin and regained through the sacrament of penance and good works (1446, 1861)*



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- A close-up photograph of two hands, one on the left and one on the right, firmly gripping thick, rusty metal bars. The bars are vertical and show significant rust and texture. The hands are positioned as if holding onto the bars, with fingers wrapped around them. The background is dark and out of focus.
- God justifies the **ungodly** (Rom. 4:5).
 - *Rome rejects Phil. 3:9 and teaches final justification is for those who become **righteous** (2016, 2020).*
 - Justification is the **imputation** of Christ's completed righteousness to the justified (2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 4:5)
 - *Rome says justification is the **infusion** of righteousness which renews the interior man (1989)*

- Justification is **by grace apart from works**. Christ's righteousness is given as a gift (Titus 3:7; Rom. 4:8, 5:17, 11:6).
- *Rome says justification must **include good works**. Re-justification must be **merited** by making satisfaction for sins through penance, works of mercy, prayer, etc. (1459, 1460, 2010, 2027). "If anyone says that the sinner is justified by faith alone...let him be anathema."* (Trent, Canon 24)

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- After justification all sins are no longer taken into account or punished (Rom. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:19-21)
 - *Rome says all sins committed after justification may be punished either in purgatory or in hell (1030, 1861)*
 - God promises to glorify everyone He justifies because those justified can never be condemned (Rom. 8:1, 8:30).
 - *Rome says God will condemn to hell everyone who was justified but who dies in mortal sin (1861)*



“No, the door was fine, I was just fixing your theology!”

The background of the image is a highly detailed and ornate altar, likely from a Catholic church. It features a central fresco of Christ with outstretched arms, surrounded by various religious figures in elaborate robes. The altar is decorated with gold leaf and intricate carvings. The text is overlaid on this background.

In 1545 Rome deliberately and dogmatically departed from the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the Council of Trent.

Her apostasy is documented by over 100 infallible anathemas that condemn anyone who does not believe Rome's corruption of the Gospel.

The Council placed the the Bible on the list of forbidden books

The Vatican's First Attempt to Reverse the Reformation

Luther responded: “Popish writers pretend that they have always taught, what we now teach, concerning faith and good works, and that they are unjustly accused of the contrary, thus the wolf puts on the sheep’s skin till he gains admission into the fold.”

The Vatican's Strategy to Reverse the Reformation

- Vatican II's Decree on Ecumenism - 1965
- Evangelicals and Catholics Together Accords (ECT) - 1990's
- Catholics & Lutherans Joint Declaration on Justification - 1999
- The Manhattan Declaration -2009

Those Who Oppose the Manhattan Declaration Are Slandered

“There are a number of ignorant, angry rabble rousers who regularly lie about us to serve their small, twisted propagandas. Some are filled with hate for those who don't comply with their version of Christianity. These fools harm and hinder the Gospel.”

Eric Teetsel, Executive Director - MD

A photograph of John MacArthur, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. He is speaking at a podium, gesturing with his hands. The background is dark and out of focus.

John MacArthur's Clarion Voice Renounces Unity Accords

“In the long war on the truth the most formidable, relentless, and deceptive enemy has been Roman Catholicism. It is an apostate corrupt, heretical, false Christianity. It is a front for the kingdom of Satan”

Two Kinds of Unity

- **Biblical unity** demonstrates a common faith in the Gospel as a sovereign work of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:13-14)
- **False unity** is a work of Satan who uses man's prideful ambitions and biblical ignorance to unite the world. (Genesis 11:1-9)





Rome's Strategy for Unity

- Proclaim all roads lead to Rome and urge “separated brethren” to come home for the *fullness* of salvation.
- Beguile and confuse people with Catholic mystics and contemplative spirituality.
- Seduce influential evangelicals to promote Catholicism as a valid expression of Christianity.



**Rick Warren has called Francis “our pope”
and has pushed the Jesuit Agenda for
religious unity.**

Evangelicals Praising Popes

The "pope was a wonderful, dedicated Christian man" and we "celebrate the ministry he's had."

R. Jeffress, 1st Baptist Dallas

Francis is "a very Bible-centered and Jesus Christ-centered man; he's really centered on the pure Gospel. He is a friend of evangelicals"

Luis Palau

How Quickly We Forget



500 years ago Protestants called the pope “antichrist” as they were tortured and killed for proclaiming the Gospel. Now many call him “Holy Father”.

Antichrist to Brother in Christ

Survey of 1,000 senior pastors from LifeWay Research revealed almost two-thirds of evangelical pastors say Pope Francis is their brother in Christ. More than one-third say they value the pope's view on theology, and that he has improved their view of the Catholic Church.

Warning !

Those who promote unity with false teachers, without challenging their errors, leave their own convictions and beliefs open to question. We will all be held accountable for the souls who are misled by our unwillingness to contend for the faith.

**KNOW
JESUS
KNOW
PEACE**



Know Doctrine - Know Division



*Divine division in
truth is infinitely
better than satanic
unity in error*

No Doctrine - No Division



Was The Reformation a Mistake?

“The rift that occurred between Catholics and Protestants 500 years ago is ‘theological pettiness’. We’ll have plenty of time in Heaven to figure out who was right about Purgatory and Mary. John Paul was a Man of God...whom all Christians should admire, thank and emulate.”

Pastor Andy McQuitty, Irving Bible Church

Consider Hugh Latimer's last words to his companion as they were being burned at the stake.

“Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man. we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace... as I trust shall never be put out!”



Catholics and Christians are divided on...

- the essentials of the Gospel
- how one is born again
- how one is justified
- how one is purified of sin
- who mediates between God & man
- the sufficiency and necessity of Jesus
- the path to paradise

Two Paths to Eternity

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

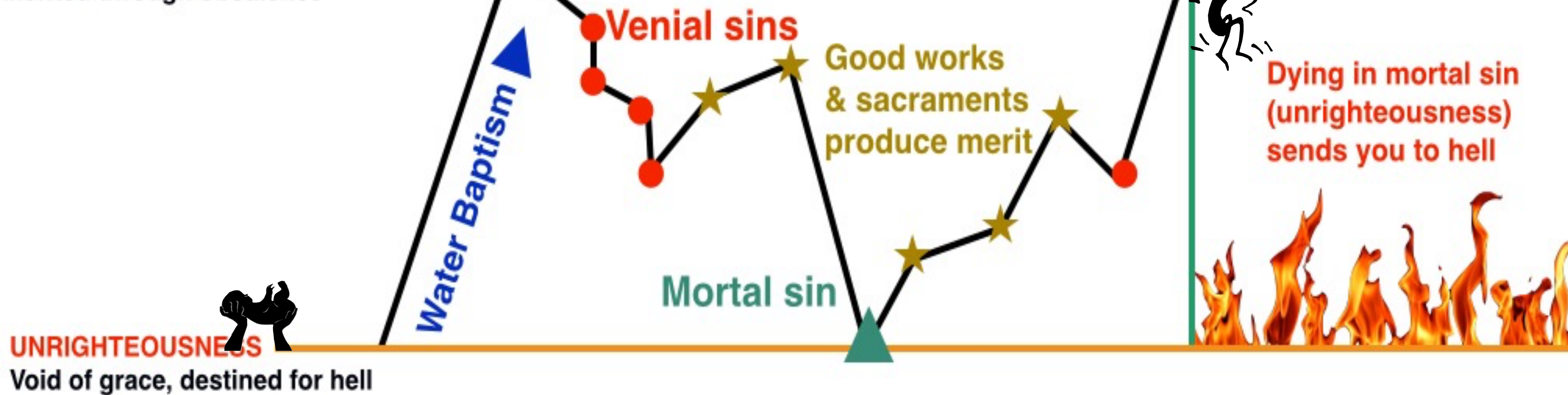
“For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Mat. 7:13-14)

The Roman Catholic Path to Eternity

The church treasury in heaven
CCC 1471-79



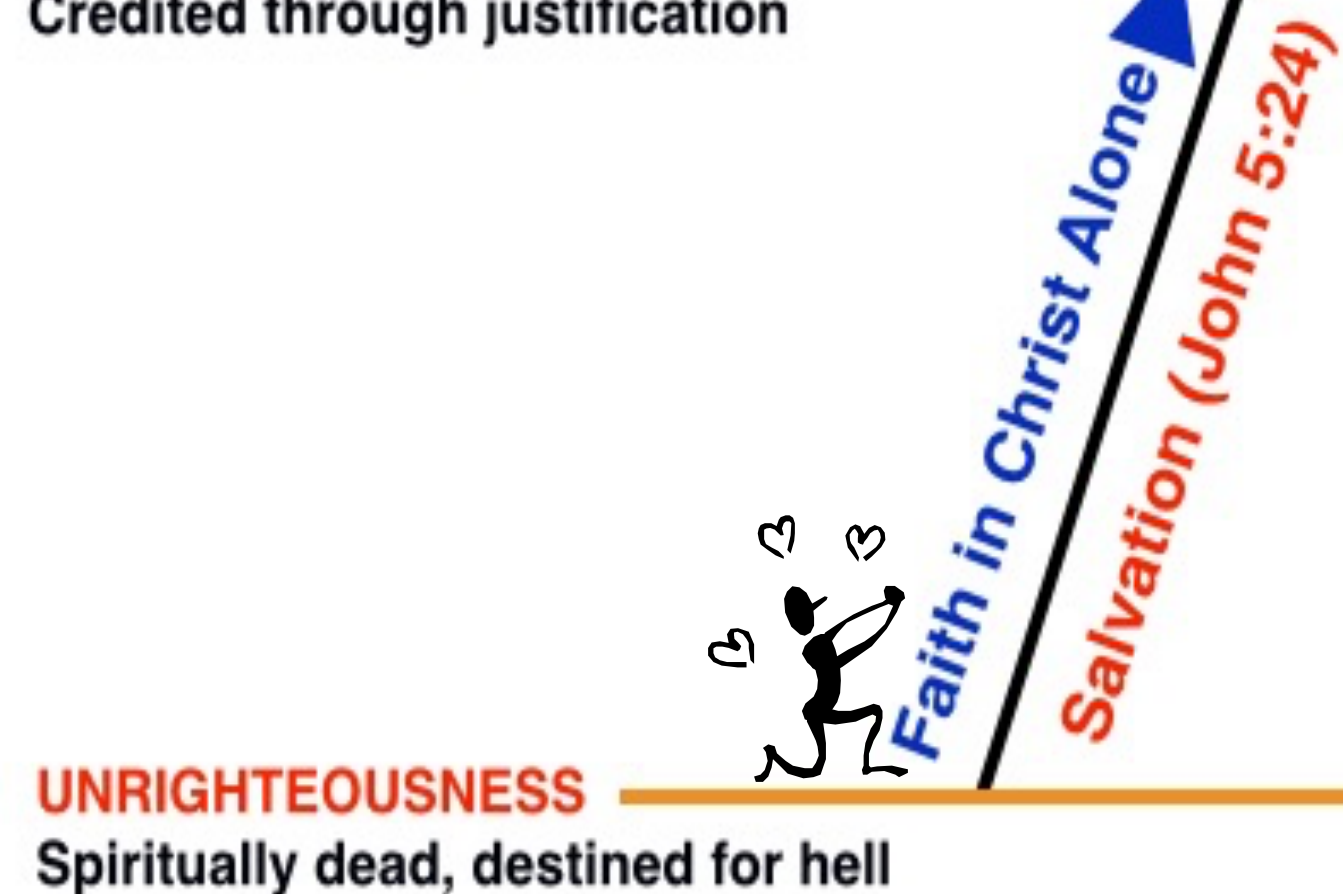
(SELF) RIGHTEOUSNESS
Merited through obedience



The Biblical Path to Eternity

Sanctification (1 Thes 5:23)

RIGHTEOUSNESS (OF GOD)
Credited through justification



No Condemnation

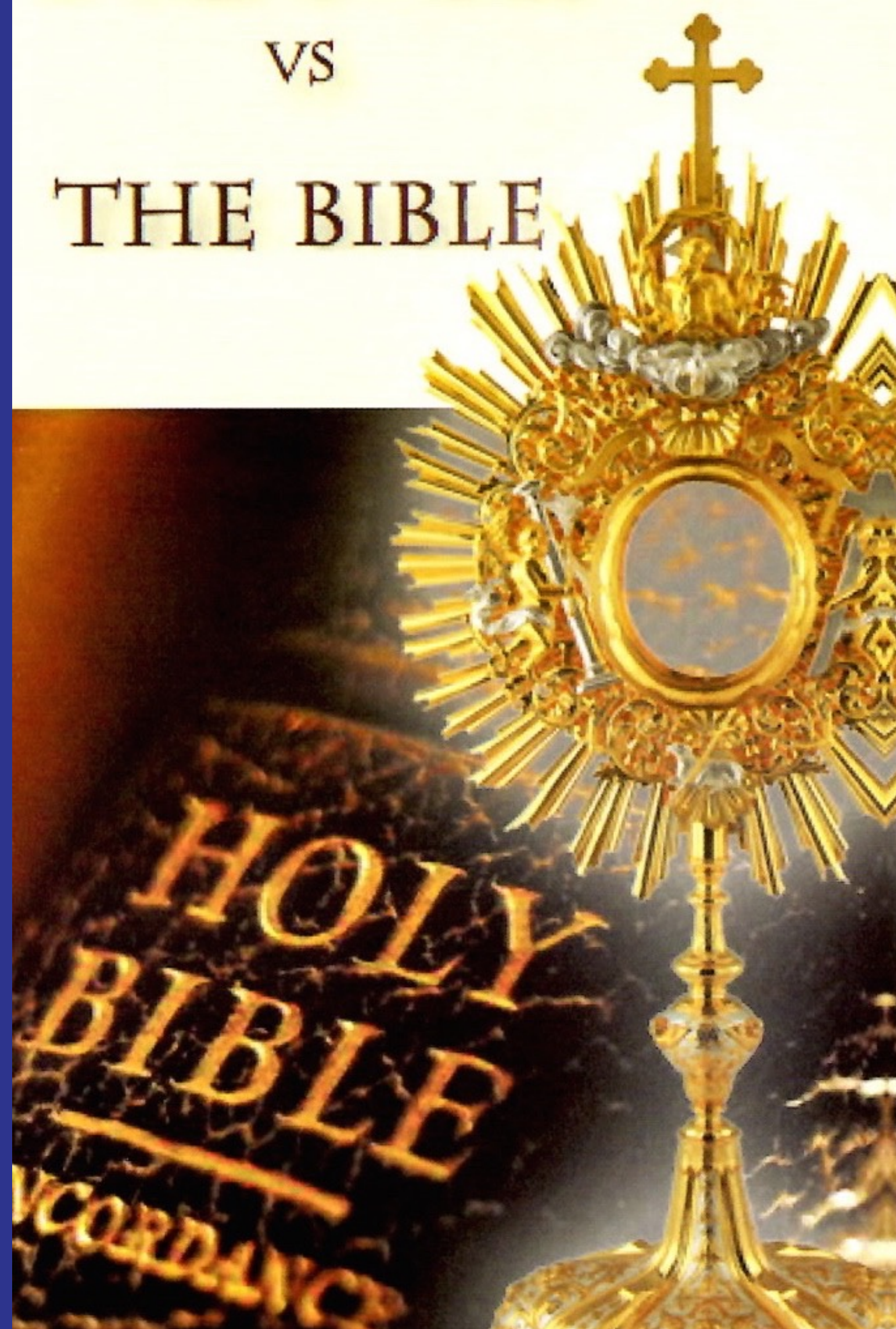
What Must We Do?

- **Remain sanctified by the truth. Do not compromise God's Word (John 17:17)**
- **Enlist in the Lord's army to fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12)**
- **Stand firm, contend for the faith (Jude 3)**
- **Never let a lie go unabated; exhort and reprove with divine authority (Titus 2:15).**
- **Evangelize those lost in religion!**

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Thirteen Major Doctrinal Differences Between Roman Catholicism and the Bible

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