

Catholic Teachings that Oppose the Gospel of John

- 1 Many Catholic traditions and _____ are not found in the Bible.
- 2 Catholic salvation adds requirements and traditions to the Gospel of grace: sacraments (1129), the Mass (1405), purgatory (1030), penance (980), indulgences (1498), baptism (1256), law keeping (2068), and good works (2016).
Numbers are paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- 3 The Catholic magisterium is made up of all bishops who are said to be the only _____ interpreters of the Bible. They twist and distort Scripture to be in harmony with their religious traditions.
- 4 **Catholicism denies regeneration is a sovereign work of God.** John 3:3 and 3:5 says to be “born again” is synonymous to being born of _____ and the Spirit. Water and Spirit are used symbolically in the OT to the sovereign work of God in _____ renewal and cleansing.
- 5 Regeneration is monergistic rather than _____. Catholics need to know that water baptism by a priest does not cause regeneration.
- 6 **Catholicism rejects God’s promise of assurance of eternal life.** The catechism declares it is a sin to believe anyone can have assurance in this life. It is called the sin of _____ (CCC, 2092).
- 7 Eternal Life! It is Secured by the...
 - Power of God – 1 Pet. 1:5
 - Promises of God – John 6:37
 - Perpetual _____ of Jesus – Heb. 7:25
 - Proof of His Unconditional Love – Rom. 8:35
 - Protection of the Shepherd – John 10:28-29
 - Permanence of _____ Gifts - Rom. 11:29
 - Plain Meaning of the word “eternal” – 1 John 5:13
- 8 The word _____ means lasting or existing forever; having infinite duration, everlasting, imperishable, timeless, without end.
- 9 Questions for Those Who Deny God’s Promise of Eternal Life
 - How can one who has been made complete in Christ, become incomplete? (Col. 2:10).
 - How can one, who has been born again of incorruptible seed, die again? (1 Pet. 1:23).

How can one who is kept by the power of God ever fall away? (1 Pet. 1:5).

How can one who has been perfected forever be found imperfect? (Heb. 10:14).

How can the Good Shepherd fail to protect and keep His sheep? (John 10:1-30)

How can the proof of God's unconditional love be invalidated? (Rom. 8:31-39)

How could God break His promise to glorify everyone He justifies? (Rom. 8:30)

10 **Catholicism denies Jesus is the only way and the only mediator.** The pope has said atheists can make it to heaven as long as they are _____. The Catholic plan of salvation includes the _____ (CCC,841).

11 Catholicism offers other mediators including Mary and _____. Catholics are utterly dependent upon priests as mediators between God and man. We know these priests are _____ mediators because of 1 Tim. 2:5. "There is one God and One mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

When Jesus gave up His Spirit, the veil in the holy of holies was torn open because believers have direct access to the Father. No more need for priests offering _____.

12 **Catholicism denies John 19:30 "It is finished."** The Sacrifice of the Mass by Catholic _____ is said to be a sin offering that appeases the wrath of God.

13 Some people struggle with shifting the conversation to spiritual issues. Asking questions is an effective way to guide the conversation.

- What is the most important decision you face in this life?
- What is the greatest gift you've ever received?
- Where will you spend eternity?• Why did Jesus have to die?
- Are you ready to meet your creator?
- Why do priests continue on an altar what Jesus finished on the cross?
- Why do you need purgatory since the blood of Jesus purifies all sin?
- Do you know what the punishment for sin is?
- Do you know the only way God will forgive you?

14 Let us live with an eternal perspective and make the most of every opportunity to glorify God through His Gospel.

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