

The World's Most Neglected Mission Field

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Which Do You Think is The Most Neglected Mission Field?

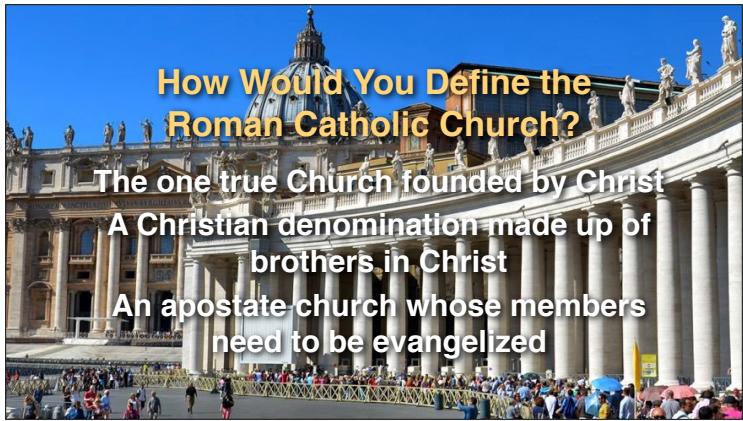
- Mormons
- Jews
- Muslims
- Catholics
- Jehovah Witnesses

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Objectives

- Examine official RC teaching through the lens of Scripture (not individual's faith)
- Realize this topic can be emotional and divisive but of utmost importance
- Develop discernment between truth and error
- Recognize the urgent need to speak the truth in love to those who are perishing

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How Would You Define the Roman Catholic Church?

The one true Church founded by Christ

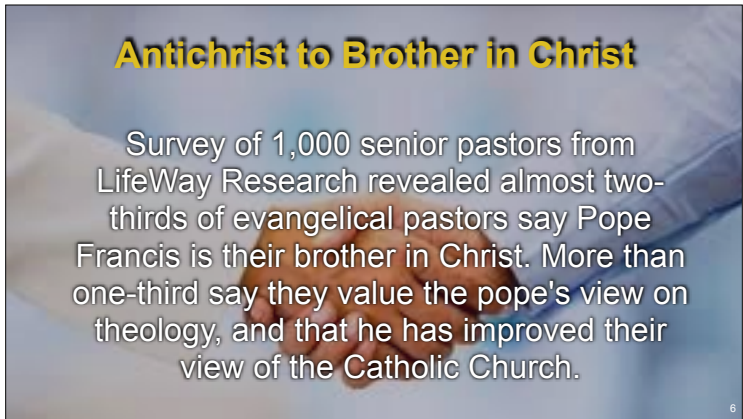
A Christian denomination made up of brothers in Christ

An apostate church whose members need to be evangelized



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.

Evangelicals Are Reversing the Reformation

- Evangelicals and Catholics Together Accords (ECT) - 1994, 1997
- "All who accept Christ as Lord and Savior are brothers and sisters in Christ. Evangelicals and Catholics are brothers and sisters in Christ."

Manhattan Declaration

"We are Christians (Catholics, Orthodox and Evangelicals) who have joined together across historic lines of ecclesial differences...

to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in its fullness."

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Those Who Oppose the Manhattan Declaration Are Slandered

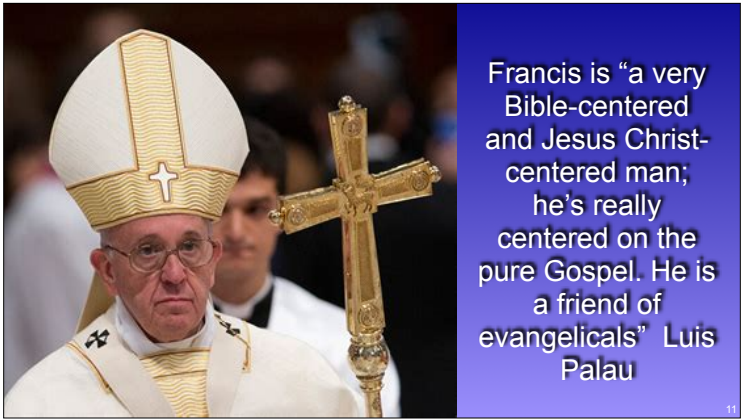
"There are a number of ignorant, angry rabble rousers who regularly lie about us to serve their small, twisted propagandas. Some are filled with hate for those who don't comply with their version of Christianity. These fools harm and hinder the Gospel."

Eric Teetsel, Executive Director - MD



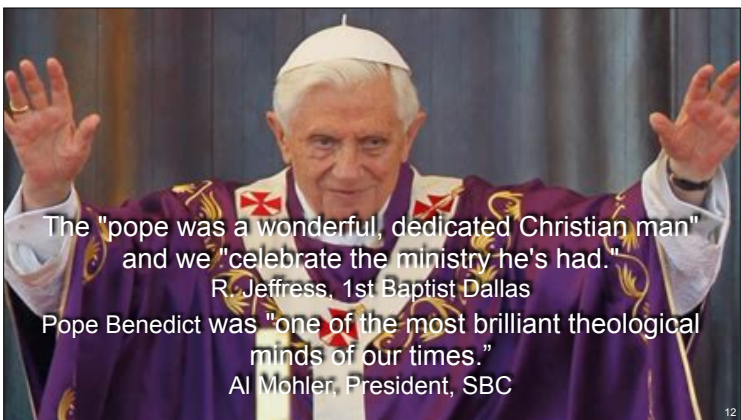
Rick Warren has called Francis “our pope”
and has pushed the Jesuit Agenda for
religious unity.

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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

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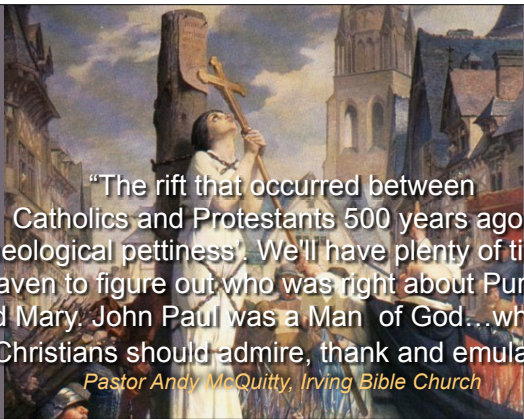
The “pope was a wonderful, dedicated Christian man”
and we “celebrate the ministry he’s had.”

R. Jeffress, 1st Baptist Dallas

Pope Benedict was “one of the most brilliant theological
minds of our times.”

Al Mohler, President, SBC

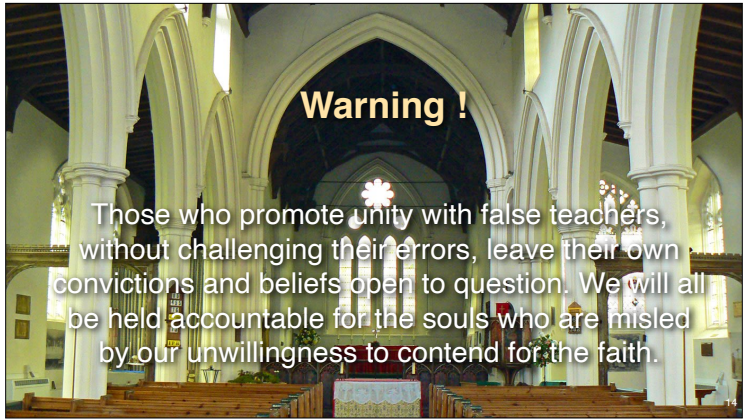
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"The rift that occurred between Catholics and Protestants 500 years ago is 'theological pettiness'. We'll have plenty of time in Heaven to figure out who was right about Purgatory and Mary. John Paul was a Man of God...whom all Christians should admire,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

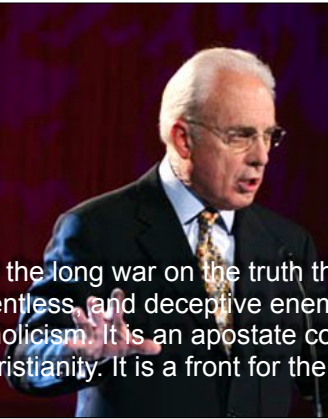
Pastor Andy McQuitty, Irving Bible Church

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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.



**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."

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Evangelicals and Catholics and Have Differences

1. A different Church
2. A different Authority
3. A different Jesus
4. A different Gospel
5. A different Mary
6. A different View of Sin
7. A different Path to Eternity

1. A Different Church

Evangelical

Catholic

- One Head - Jesus
- Join by Spirit Baptism
- Sanctified by Truth
- Spirit-led
- Names enrolled in heaven
- Two Ordinances
- Contends for the faith
- Proclaims the Gospel

- Two heads
- Join by Water Baptism
- Inclusive and tolerant
- Man-centered
- No assurance
- Seven Sacraments
- Departed from the faith
- Distorts the Gospel

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2. A Different Authority

Evangelicals

Catholics

One Authority

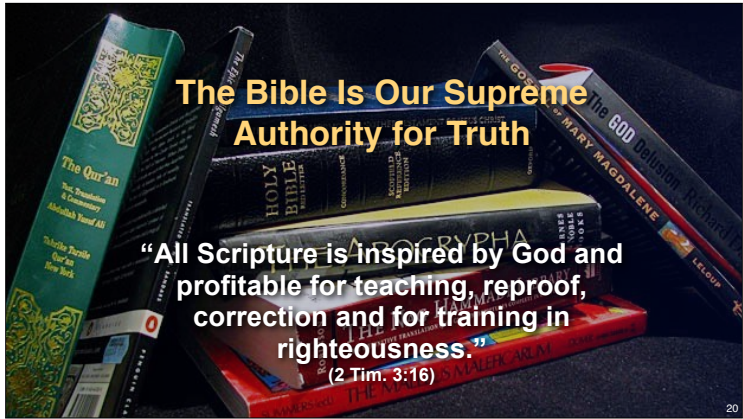
Scripture is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice

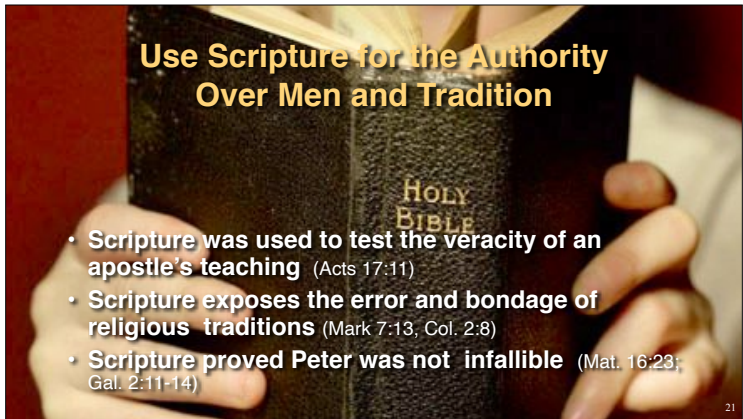
Three Authorities

- 1) Scripture
- 2) Tradition
- 3) Infallible bishops

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Warnings About Trusting Men

"I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and **from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things**, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore **be on the alert**, remembering... for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one of you with tears" (Acts 20:29-31).

3. A Different Jesus

Biblical Jesus provides...

- 📖 eternal life
- 📖 complete forgiveness
- 📖 permanent right standing with God
- 📖 peace and assurance

Catholic Jesus provides...

- ✦ conditional life
- ✦ partial forgiveness, residual sin remains
- ✦ continuous striving to gain God's acceptance
- ✦ uncertainty, fear, doubt and a false hope

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Some Will Preach Another Jesus

- Catholics believe they receive their Jesus physically, frequently, in the stomach. "The body, blood...soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ...is truly, really and substantially contained in the Eucharist" (CCC, 1374-78).
- Evangelicals receive Jesus once, spiritually, in the heart. "Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" (Eph. 3:17).

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Another Jesus Always Produces Another Gospel

The Catholic Jesus only made salvation possible, therefore Catholics have another gospel to instruct them what they must **DO** to be saved.

The true Jesus has **DONE** everything necessary to save sinners completely and forever, thus the Gospel proclaims salvation by grace.



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4. A Different Gospel

Biblical Salvation

- is by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Those who believe anything else believe in vain. (1 Cor. 15:2)
- Cursed are those who preach another gospel. (Gal. 1:9)

Catholic Salvation

- ❖ is by faith **plus**:
- ❖ sacraments (1129)
- ❖ the Mass (1405)
- ❖ purgatory (1030)
- ❖ penance (980)
- ❖ indulgences (1498)
- ❖ baptism (1256)
- ❖ law keeping (2068)
- ❖ good works (2016)

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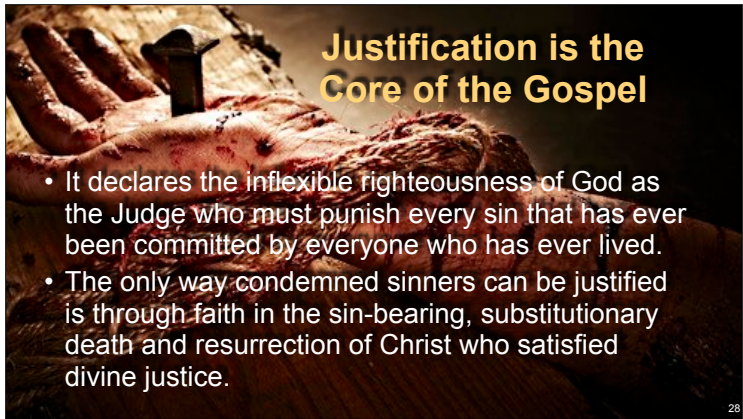
Utterly Dependent Upon Priests



Catholic Salvation

- Priest baptizes for regeneration and justification
- Priest hears confession and absolves sin
- Priest offers body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist
- Priest imparts Holy Spirit in Confirmation
- Priest gives Last Rites
- Priest offers Mass for souls suffering in purgatory

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Justification is the Core of the Gospel

- 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 who satisfied divine justice.

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Opposing View of Justification

Roman Catholics	The Bible
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is by grace + merit• It is a process - righteousness is infused• The duration of justification is temporal - lost by sin• God justifies those who are good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is by grace alone• It is instantaneous - righteousness is imputed• The duration of justification is eternal - never undone by sin• God justifies the ungodly (Rom. 4:5)

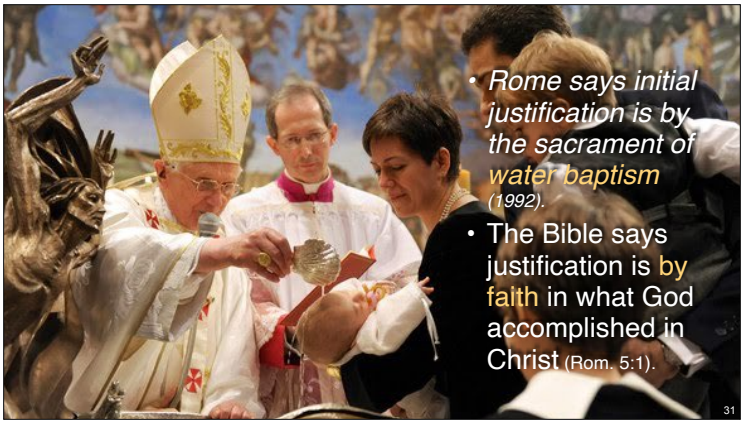
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Contrasting Views on Justification

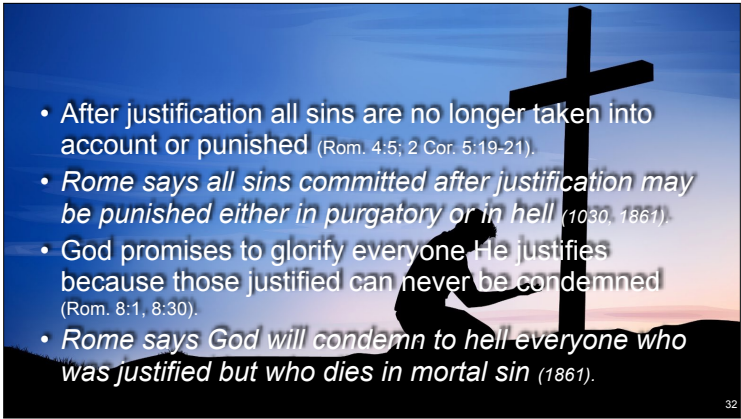
- Justification is the **change of one's legal status** before God whereby a condemned sinner has been acquitted and declared righteous (Rom. 5:12-21).
- *Rome says justification **changes the inner man** not his legal status* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, para. 2019).
- Justification is **instantaneous**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

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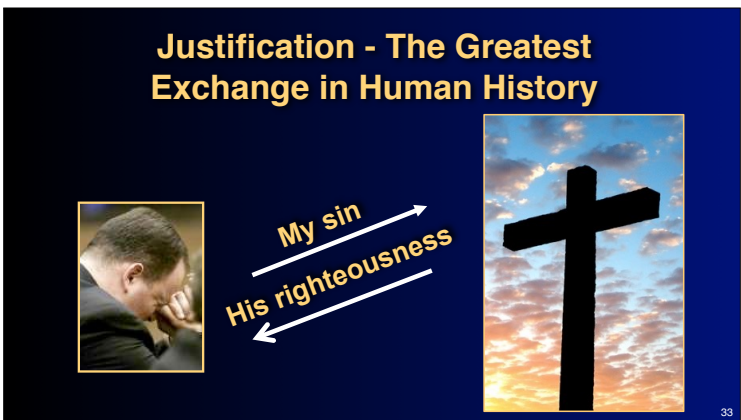
- Rome says initial justification is by the sacrament of **water baptism** (1992).
- The Bible says justification is by **faith** in what God accomplished in Christ (Rom. 5:1).

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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).

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Man's Condition Before Justification

Spiritual Assets	Spiritual Liabilities
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">~infinite sin debt~separated from God~guilty and condemned~under God's wrath~enslaved to sin

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Man's Condition After Justification

Spiritual Assets	Spiritual Liabilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">~eternal life in paradise~reconciled to God~forgiven, justified and redeemed~co-heirs with Christ	0

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5. A Different Mary

- “Without a single sin to restrain her...she became the cause of salvation for herself and the whole human race.” (494)
- As Mediatrix, she “did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation.” (969)

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6. A Different View of Sin

- Catholicism declares venial sins “do not cause death, only temporal punishment.” (CCC, para. 1863)
- This is a doctrine of demons that embraces Satan’s first lie “You surely shall not die” (Gen. 3:4; 1 Tim. 4:1).
- Scripture declares all sins are mortal (Ez. 18:4; Rom. 6:23)

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7. A Different Path to Eternity

HEAVEN

HELL

“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. Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.” (Mat 7:13-15)

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The Narrow Way

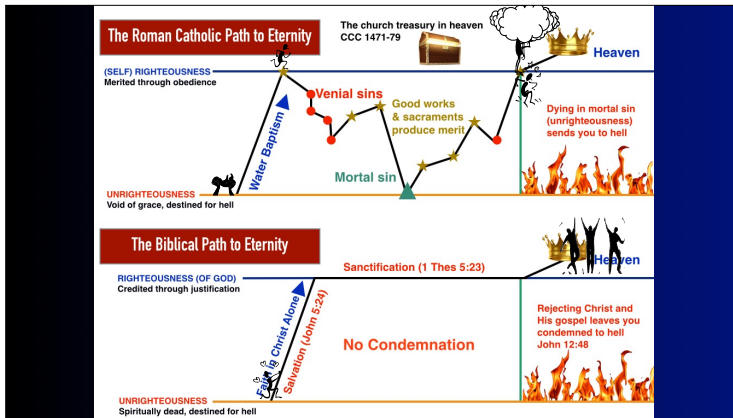
- Few will find it or even look for it because they are happy where they are
- Many will strive to enter but will be unable (Luke 13:24)
- They must be stripped of self righteousness
- They must exchange religion for a relationship
- They must confess, repent and seek forgiveness
- They must trust solely in God’s grace and what Christ has done

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Attractions of the BROADWAY

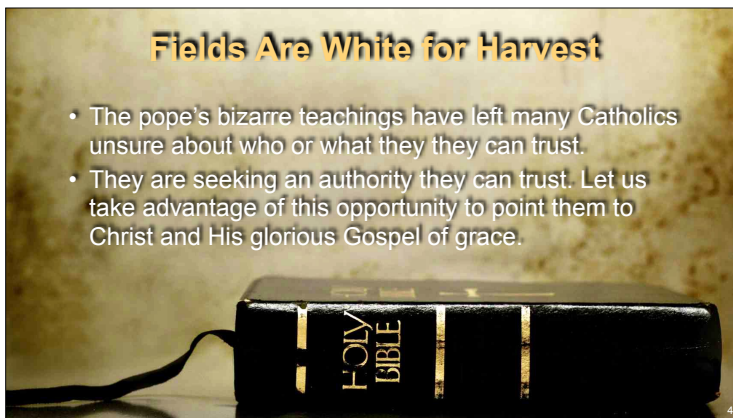
- It seems right to man, but its end is the way to death. (Prov. 14:12)
- There is no opposition because they are walking with the god of this world. (Eph. 2:1)
- It is easy because they follow others who love darkness and are blind to the truth.
- They don't know they are deceived because they have a high view of self and a low view of God and His justice.

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Fields Are White for Harvest

- The pope's bizarre teachings have left many Catholics unsure about who or what they can trust.
- They are seeking an authority they can trust. Let us take advantage of this opportunity to point them to Christ and His glorious Gospel of grace.



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The Message of the Gospel

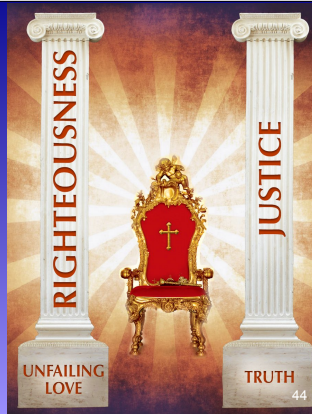
1. God's Perfection - He is Holy
2. Man's Problem - He is a sinner
3. God's Provision - A Glorious Savior
4. Man's Part - Repent and Believe the Gospel

HOLY
BIBLE

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1. God's Perfection - He is Holy

Our Eternal Creator is majestic in holiness (Ex. 15:11). Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne (Ps. 97:2). He is a righteous judge and cannot let the guilty go unpunished (Psalm 7:11). Divine justice must be satisfied.



2. Man's Problem - He is a Sinner

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Your iniquities have separated you from your God (Isaiah 59:2). The soul who sins shall die (Ezekiel 18:4). The lake of fire is the second death (Revelation 20:14).

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3. God's Provision - A Glorious Savior

The Lord Jesus Christ, God's eternal Son, left the glory of heaven, to be conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin to take on human flesh. He lived in perfect obedience to the God's Law then was crucified as the perfect sacrifice to satisfy divine justice for sinners. He bore man's sins, suffered God's wrath, died in man's place and was raised on the third day to show divine justice was satisfied.

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4. Man's Part - Repent and Believe the Gospel

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation (2 Cor 7:10). If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and with your mouth that you confess and are saved (Rom. 10:9-10).

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Questions to Ask Catholics

- How do you hope to get to heaven?
- When and how were you born again?
- Where will you spend eternity?
- Are you relying on what Christ has *done* or what you are *doing*?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- Is purgatory necessary to purge your sins?
- Why do priests continue on an altar what Jesus finished on the cross?

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Catholics and Christians are Divided on...

- the purity of the Gospel
- how one is born again
- how one is justified
- how one is purified of sin
- who mediates between God & man
- the efficacy, sufficiency and necessity of Jesus Christ

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What Must We Do?

- Remain sanctified by the truth. Resist the call for ecumenical unity (John 17:17)
- Stand firm, contend for the faith, never let a lie go unabated (Jude 3).
- Evangelize those who are perishing (Rom. 10:13-17).

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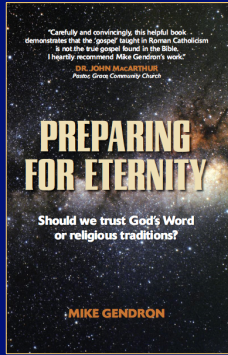
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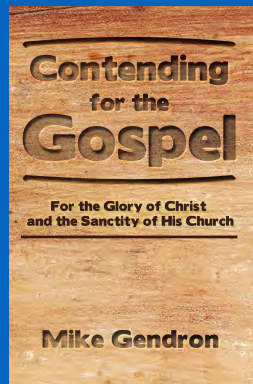
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