



A Different Salvation

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1 Timothy 4:1 (NIV) - 1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Galatians 1:6-7 (NIV) - 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a **different gospel**—**7** which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) - 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the **reason for the hope** that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

THREE QUESTIONS

1. What is your final authority?
2. Who do you say Jesus is?
3. How are you saved?

WHO ARE CATHOLICS?

Matthew 16:18-19 (NIV) - 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Ephesians 2:20 (NLT) - 20 Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

Matthew 18:18 (NIV) - 18 “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Galatians 2:16 (NLT) - 16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be



made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”

CATHOLICISM GROWTH

1910: 291 million

2026: 1.4 billion

WHO DO THEY SAY JESUS IS?

WHAT IS THEIR FINAL AUTHORITY?

“As a result the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, ‘does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with **equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.**’” – **Catechism of the Catholic Church, 82**

“The task of giving an **authentic interpretation** of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone. Its authority in this matter is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ.’ This means that the task of interpretation has been entrusted to the **bishops** in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome.” – **Catechism of the Catholic Church, 85**

“The Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, **supreme**, and **universal power** over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise **unhindered.**” – **Catechism of the Catholic Church, 882**

“It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.” – **Catechism of the Catholic Church, 95**

“If, then, any shall say that the Roman Pontiff has the office merely of **inspection or direction**, and not full and **supreme power** of jurisdiction over the universal Church, not only in things which belong to faith and morals, but also in those which relate to the discipline and government of the Church spread throughout the world; or assert that he possesses merely the principal part, and not all the fullness of this supreme power; or that power which he enjoys is not ordinary and immediate, both over each and all the churches,



and over each and all the pastors and the faithful: let him be **anathema**. This is the teaching of Catholic truth, from which no one can **deviate without loss of faith and salvation.**" – **Vatican I**

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV) - 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

HOW ARE YOU SAVED?

2 Corinthians 5:21a (NIV) - 21 God made him who had no sin **to be sin** for us, so that **in him** we might become the **righteousness** of God.

1 John 5:13 (NIV) - 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may **know** that you have eternal life.

"If one considers his own weakness and his defective disposition, he may well be fearful and anxious as to the state of grace, as nobody knows with the certainty of faith, which permits of no error, that he has achieved the grace of God." – **Council of Trent, Session 6, Chapter 9**

John 19:30 (NIV) - Jesus said, "It is finished."

Romans 8:1 (NIV) - 1 Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus,

Galatians 1:6–7 (NLT) - 6 I am shocked that you are **turning away** so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that **pretends** to be the Good News **7** but is not the Good News at all. You are being **fooled** by those who **deliberately twist** the truth concerning Christ.

Galatians 3:11–12 (NLT) - 11 So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through **FAITH** that a righteous person has life." **12** This way of **FAITH** is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."

Galatians 3:24–25 (NLT) - 24 Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through **FAITH**. **25** And now that the way of **FAITH** has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

"If anyone says that by faith alone the sinner is justified, so as to mean that nothing else is required to cooperate in order to obtain the grace of justification and that it is not in any



way necessary, that he be prepared and disposed by the movement of his own will; let him be **anathema**.” – **Council of Trent, Session 6, Canon 9**

“If anyone says that the faith which justifies is nothing else but trust in the Divine mercy, which pardons sins because of Christ, or that it is trust alone by which we are justified, let him be **anathema**.” – **Council of Trent, Session 6, Canon 12**

“If anyone says that the **righteousness received** is not preserved and also not increased before God by good works, but that those works are merely the **fruits** and **signs of justification** obtained, but not a **cause** of its increase, let him be anathema.” – **Council of Trent, Session 6, Canon 24**

Galatians 5:1 (NLT) - 1 So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Galatians 5:2-4 (NIV) - 2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. **3** Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. **4** You who are trying to be **justified** by the law have been **alienated** from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

James 2:17-18 (NIV) - 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is **dead**. **18** But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” **Show** me your faith without deeds, and I will **show** you my faith by my deeds.

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) - 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Romans 1:17 (NLT) - 17 “It is through **faith** that a righteous person has life.”

"Unless I am convinced by Scripture... I cannot and I will not recant. Here I stand." - **Martin Luther**

Sola Scriptura — Scripture Alone

Sola Fide — Faith Alone

Sola Gratia — Grace Alone

Solus Christus — Christ Alone

Soli Deo Gloria — To God Alone Be the Glory

Luke 23:43 (NIV) - 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, **today** you will be with me in paradise.”



HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

SHARE THAT THERE IS...

NOTHING TO ADD

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) - 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

SHARE THAT THERE IS...

NOTHING TO EARN

Romans 4:5 (NIV) - 5 However, to the one who **does not work** but **trusts** God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is **credited** as righteousness.

SHARE THAT THERE IS...

NOTHING TO FEAR

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