

Worshiping Saints

Bible	Roman Catholic Church
<p>1 Timothy 2:5 “For <i>there is</i> one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”</p> <p>1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”</p> <p>Matthew 11:28</p> <p>Exodus 20:3</p> <p>Matthew 4:10 “Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”</p> <p>Saints are ignorant of the affairs of the earth: Isaiah 63:16; Ecclesiastes 9:6; 2 Kings 22:20</p> <p>Pure idolatry: Romans 1:25/Galatians 4:8</p> <p>Supererogation rejected by Bible: Ezekiel 33:12-13 And Luke 17:10</p>	<p>1476 We also call these spiritual goods of the communion of saints the <i>Church's treasury</i>, which is "not the sum total of the material goods which have accumulated during the course of the centuries. On the contrary the 'treasury of the Church' is the infinite value, which can never be exhausted, which Christ's merits have before God. They were offered so that the whole of mankind could be set free from sin and attain communion with the Father. In Christ, the Redeemer himself, the satisfactions and merits of his Redemption exist and find their efficacy."⁸⁸</p> <p>1477 "This treasury includes as well the prayers and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are truly immense, unfathomable, and even pristine in their value before God. In the treasury, too, are the prayers and good works of all the saints, all those who have followed in the footsteps of Christ the Lord and by his grace have made their lives holy and carried out the mission the Father entrusted to them. In this way they attained their own salvation and at the same time cooperated in saving their brothers in the unity of the Mystical Body."⁸⁹</p> <p>Obtaining indulgence from God through the Church</p> <p>1478 An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity.⁹⁰</p> <p>1479 Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted.</p>

1) The Truth: