## The Roman Church Denies the Son's Person and Offices

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

-1 John 2:22

# Bible Roman Catholic Church

## **Knowledge of Christ's Soul:**

Mark 13:32 "But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."

Luke 2:52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

Hebrews 2:17 "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

## The Sufferings of Christ:

Luke 23:43, 46 "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise...And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

John 19:30 "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

Hebrews 10:14 "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

#### Christ as Mediator:

Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

1 Corinthians 2:8 "Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

Hebrews 9:14 "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

# **Knowledge of Christ's Soul:**

"The common opinion of Catholics always was that Christ's soul from its very creation was filled with knowledge and grace, so that he learned afterwards nothing which he did not know before." -Bellarmine 'De Christi Anima' in Opera Volume 1, page 266.

## The Sufferings of Christ:

"Christ being now dead, his soul descended into hell, and remained there just as long as his body was in the sepulchre...it is to be entirely believed that the soul itself really and by presence descended into hell." -Catechism of the Council of Trent, Article 5 see <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church, Section II, Chapter Two, Article 5</u>

#### **Christ as Mediator:**

"Christ, as God, is in all things equal to the Father. But even in the human nature He is above all men. Therefore, as man, He can be Mediator, but not as God." -Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae, Tertia Pars, Question 26, Article 2

1) The Truth: 1) Christ had a human soul capable of growth in intellect and power. 2) Christ's sufferings were upon his body and soul, and continued upon his body in the grave until the resurrection. There is no limbus of the fathers. Christ's

soul went immediately into paradise awaiting the resurrection of body and soul. 3) Christ is mediator according to both natures, as God-man.

2) In addition to above, the Roman Catholic Church denies Christ's Person, when it denies his manhood in their doctrine of the Lord's supper (this will be treated extensively in the future). The Roman Church also denies Christ's offices in the following ways: 1) His prophethood is denied by their papal infallibility, which belongs to the Bible alone, by adding and subtracting from Christ's prescribed worship and doctrines with human traditions, 2) His priesthood is denied by their doctrines of mass, satisfactions, merit, venial sins, and intercession of saints/Mary. 3) His kingship is denied by giving the Pope of Rome supremacy in the place of Christ on earth, his priests power to pardon sins, and the church courts/bishops ability to bind consciences above Scripture.

3) Quick/Brief Examples of the consent of the Church Fathers with the Bible:

Church Father	Source	Quote:	Year of our Lord
Ambrose	The Sacraments of the Incarnation of Our Lord, Chapter 7, paragraphs 71-72	"As he grew in the age of a man, so he grew in the wisdom of a man."	387
Irenaeus	Against Heresies, Book 5, Chapter 1, paragraph 1	"With his own blood the Lord redeemed us, who gave his own soul for our soul and his own flesh for our flesh."	180
(Pseudo?) Cyril of Alexandria	<u>De exitu animi</u>	"The innocent above, the guilty below; the innocent in heaven, the guilty in the abyss; the innocent in the hand of God, the guilty in the hand of the devil."	c. 412-444
Augustine	Sermo 47, "De Ovibus", section 21	"The Godhead without humanity doesn't mediate, humanity without the Godhead doesn't mediate. But what mediates between the Godhead in itself and humanity in itself is the human Godhead and divine humanity of Christ."	c. 354-430