

WHY I AM NOT NOR EVER COULD BE A ROMAN CATHOLIC GALATIANS 1:6-10

Before I start with my list of reasons let me assure you that I know and love some dear born again Roman Catholics. In fact, some of my closest spiritual advisors were baptized Roman Catholic priests (emphasis on were):

J. Wycliffe
J. Hus.
J. Calvin
M. Luther

*Gal. 1:6-10

1 P 2:24

2 C 11:3

And even today I have met warm and loving folks who are born again but stay in the church. How? It's like AIDS - AIDS is deadly killer. It strikes good and bad. Romanism is deadly so many good people are touched by it but it doesn't lessen the evil of the blasphemous doctrine of Romanism. Let me explain:

1.
Roman Catholicism is false, anti-Christian doctrine because of the Mass

Now what does Rome teach on this vital subject? Listen to the creed of Pope Pius IV, which is a summary of the findings of Rome's Great Council of Trent: Article Five

"That in the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist there is truly, really and substantially the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that there is made a conversion of the whole substance of the wine into the Blood; which conversion the Catholic Church calls Transubstantiation. I also confess that under each kind alone Christ is received whole and entire, and a true Sacrament."

I have a Mass Book here and in it the priest and congregation are instructed thus:

"After the words of Consecration, the priest, kneeling, adore the Sacred Host; rising, he elevates It--Look up at the Sacred Host with faith, piety and love, saying: 'My Lord and My God'--and then placing it in the coporal, again adores It."

The priest and the congregation actually worship the little pancake god and call it "My Lord and My God." No wonder I call it the mockery of the mass. Yes, and what a mockery of God, of Christ, of the Holy Ghost, and Calvary it all is! Paisley.

Trent declares:

...in this divine sacrifice...is contained and immolated in an unbloody manner the same Christ who once offered Himself in a bloody manner...this is truly propitiatory.... For the victim is one and the same...now offering [Himself] by the ministry of priests...not only for the sins...of the faithful who are living, but also for those departed in Christ but not yet fully purified (i.e., still suffering in purgatory for their sins). (P. 146)

If anyone says that in the mass a true and real sacrifice is not offered to God...[by] priests [who] offer His own body and blood...[or] that the sacrifice of the mass is...not a propitiatory one...let him be anathema (p. 149).

This blasphemous gospel necessarily alienates evangelicals because it contradicts the specific teaching of Scripture:

Nor yet that he should offer himself *often* [as Catholicism teaches]...but now *once* in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself...we are sanctified by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ *once for all*...for by *one offering* he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. ...Now...there is *no more offering* for sin. (Heb. 9-25-10: 18, and many other verses). Hunt.

The epistle to the Hebrews speaks of the once for all sacrifice of Christ on the cross, not a daily sacrifice on altars. It cannot be argued exegetically that the Mass is a *real and true sacrifice of reconciliation* and that *Christ still sacrifices Himself daily by the hands of the priest* (Council of Trent) as the Bible repeatedly affirms in the clearest and most positive terms that Christ's sacrifice on Calvary was complete in that one offering. And that it was never to be repeated is set forth in Hebrews, Chapters 7, 9 and 10. There we read: "Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the peoples: for this he did *once*, when he offered up himself" (7:27) "...by his own blood he entered in once, into the hold place, having obtained eternal redemption for us: (9:12). "...And without shedding of blood is no remission...Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of thers; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but not *once* in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself...So Christ was *once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation: (19:22-28)*. "By the which we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ *once for all*. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered *one sacrifice* for sins *for ever*, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by *one offering* he hath *perfected for ever* them that are sanctified" (10:10-14).

Dr. Loraine Boettner, in his classic book "Roman Catholicism", asks the reader to "Notice that throughout these verses occurs the statement 'once for all', which has in it the idea of completeness, or finality, and which precludes repetition. Christ's work on the cross was perfect and decisive. It constituted one historic event which need never be repeated and which in fact cannot be repeated. The language is perfectly clear: 'He offered one sacrifice for sins for ever' (10:12). Paul says that 'Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more' (Romans 6:9); and the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews says that 'By one offering he had perfected for ever them that are sanctified' (10:14)...We are told that Christ has sat down as token that His work is finished. Depend upon it, He never descends from that exalted place to be a further sacrifice upon Rome's altars or on any other; for of such sacrifice there is no need.... Thank God that we can look back to what our Lord did on Calvary and know that He completed the sacrifice for sins once for all, and that our salvation is not dependent on the whim or arbitrary decree of any priest or church. Any pretense at a continuous offering for sin is worse than vain, for it is a denial of the efficacy of the atoning sacrifice of Christ on Calvary.

So first, I am not Roman Catholic because of the anti-Christian blasphemy of mass. Don't partake of it if you know Christ!

2.
Roman Catholicism is false and anti-Christian because of their doctrine of many.

Open to Mt. 6:7.

The Fifteen Promises of Mary to Christians Who Recite the Rosary:

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection (omnipresence? Omniscience? _____) and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
3. The rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell (no word of God), it will destroy vice decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will life them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means (_____).
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
10. The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the rosary are my son, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Grace be unto you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ/

Mary is co-redemptrix of the human race...because with Christ she ransomed mankind from the power of Satan. Jesus redeemed us with the blood of His body, Mary with the agonies of her heart...The church and the saints greet her thus: "You, O Mary, together with Jesus Christ, redeemed us."...

God has ordained that no grace will be granted to us except through Mary...No one will be saved or obtain mercy except through you, O Heavenly Lady. ...No one will enter heaven without passing through Mary as one would pass through a door. ...O Mary, our salvation is in your hands, etc.

This is not the gospel; it is blasphemy! Yet such are the beliefs of Pope John Paul II, whose theology Fournier says he "does not question" (p. 204). Fournier declares that Mary was kept from sin, which denies the gospel that "all have sinned" and that Christ died for all mankind. If God could keep Mary, then he could have kept Eve and all human beings from sin, thus eliminating the need for Christ to die.

...Protestants would continue to affirm Catholic Christology. Again terribly false! Catholicism's Christology is heretical.

- (1) It denies Christ's exclusive role as mediator between God and man, making Mary "coc-mediatrix",
- (2) It denies the exclusivity of His redemptive work, making Mary "co-redemptrix" (Vatican II credits Mary with a perpetual "salvific role; she continues to obtain by her constant intercession the graces we need for eternal salvation"); and
- (3) It denies the sufficiency of His redemptive work, declaring that the redeemed must, in addition to Christ's suffering for them upon the cross, suffer for their own sins here and/or in purgatory, etc. A great deal more heresy is involved in Catholic Christology, such as presenting Him as perpetually an infant or child subject to His mother, but lack of space prevents further detail. The "Christ" of Roman Catholicism is just as false as its

"Mary" -- as much "another Jesus" as that of Mormonism or any other cult. Let's admit it!

Jesus Christ plainly taught that Mary was on the same plane with all other Christians who would do the will of God.

In Mark 3: 31-35, we read:

"There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, they mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother."

Do not avoid the truth here on the authority of Jesus Christ, "Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." And when one heard Jesus and cried out, "Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked," Jesus answered, "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it" (Luke 11:27, 28). There is no hint in the Bible that New Testament Christians ever regarded Mary as more than another good woman. She had no authority among the apostles. No one was taught to pray to her, to do her homage, to adore her, or to partake of the unscriptural worship which Catholics do, but call it by other names. Thus the Roman Church has brought a plague upon itself by adding the commandments of men and traditions of men to the commands of God.

3. The Roman catholic Church has perverted the Bible and substituted tradition of preachers or oelders.

Since the Bible clearly teaches that now there is to be no more sacrifice for sins, and since the Old Testament priesthood has been succeeded by one priest, Jesus Christ, who has offered one sacrifice forever, then there is no teaching of a priesthood to offer sacrifices in the New Testament. There are elders, preachers. Some of these enlders had official positions as pastors or supervisors of local congregations. It is true that in the spiritual sense, all Christians are to be "kings and priests unto God" (I Pet. 2:9; Rev. 5:10). But there was no official priestly work done by anyone as an officer of a church, as an elder or bishop in Bible times. It was not even specified that an elder or bishop should even be present when people took the Lord'Supper. It had no official significance. It was a simple little object lesson, a ceremony of remembrance. And there is not a single hint anywhere that the Lord's Supper had any saving power. It was not a sacrifice. It was never called that in the Bible. That is a false doctrine, manufactured by the Church of Rome, which contradicts the Bible, adds to the Bible, and so brings the plagues of the Bible upon the Roman Church.

I have not room here to discuss all the innovations, all the strange and unscriptural doctrines and practices which have been invented by Roman Catholic hierarchy. In the Bible there was no pope and no papal authority, no papal infallibility. There were no prayers to Mary, no doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception nor of her body's ascension to Heaven. There were no penances, no indulgences, no confessions

to priests, no orders of monks or nuns. All of this is manufactured, not only without the Bible but contrary to the plain teachings of the Word of God.

4. The Bible plainly forbids making any image for worship and bowing down to any image.

In Exodus 20:4 and 5 the Scripture says:

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."

And any honest reader knows that that Scripture forbids using an image in worship, bowing down to it, praying before it, and serving it. And yet the Catholic Church not only has images, but encourages people to pray to images, to the crucifix, to images of Mary, to images of saints. Here Roman tradition violates the Bible, and the commandments of men take the place of the commandments of God. That is sin.

5. Fifth reason I am not Roman Catholic is because of the sin of the sacraments.

The first of the 7 sacraments is baptism, which is performed upon 98% of Catholics as infants. It is declared in Canon 849 to be the means "by which men and women are freed from their sins, are reborn as children of God...." The *Basic Catechism* declares that baptism "is necessary for salvation...cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians...." Another sacrament is the Mass, which the *Catechism* declares to be "one and the same Sacrifice with that of the Cross, inasmuch as Christ...continues to offer himself...on the altar, through the ministry of his priests." Canon 904 states that "the work of redemption is continually accomplished in the mystery of the Eucharistic Sacrifice," thus denying Christ's triumphant "It is finished!"

Tradition: Mt. 15:3-6

What a particular Catholic may believe is not the issue, but rather the official teaching of Roman Catholicism. That is found in *The Canons and Decrees of the Council of Trent* (1545-64) and *Vatican II* (1962-5). Trent denied every Reformation doctrine, from *Sola Scripture* to salvation by grace through faith alone. It pronounced 125 anathemas (eternal damnation) upon anyone believing what evangelicals believe and preach today. "No one can know with the certainty of faith...that he has obtained the grace of God [anathema to all who claim they know]" (Trent, 6th Ses., Chap. IX). "If anyone says that the sacraments of the new law are not NECESSARY FOR SALVATION...but that without them...men obtain from God through faith alone the grace of justification...LET HIM BE ANATHEMA" (Trent, 7th Ses., Canon 4).

Vatican II far from making changes, reaffirmed Trent: "This sacred council...proposes again the decrees of...the Council of Trent" (Vol. 1, p. 412). As for the "sacraments of the new law," which Trent said were "necessary for salvation," Vatican II declared: "For it is the liturgy through which, especially in the diving

SACRIFICE of the Eucharist, the WORK OF OUR REDEMPTION IS ACCOMPLISHED" (Vol. 1, p. 1).

6. Sixth, because of the horrible lie of purgatory.

Documented Proof

Here are a few more quotes from Vatican II, which prove conclusively that Roman Catholicism is a counterfeit gospel: "Sins must be expiated...through the sorrows, miseries and trials of this life...otherwise...in the next life through fire and torments...[because] our souls need to be purified...in purgatory the souls of those who died in the charity of God and truly repentant but who had not made satisfaction with adequate penance for their sins and omissions are cleansed after death with punishments designed to purge away their debt" (Vol. 1, pp. 63-4).

The Bible declares: "When he [Christ] had by himself PURGED our sins (Heb. 1:3)...By his own blood he entered in ONCE into the holy place, HAVING OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION for us (9:12)...without the shedding of blood is no remission [of sin] (9:22 - suffering in purgatory won't do it!)...now where remission of these is there is NO MORE OFFERING (SACRIFICE) for sin (10:18)...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ONCE FOR ALL (10:10)...for by ONE OFFERING he hath perfected FOR EVER them that are sanctified" (10:14). Catholicism denies this Biblical Gospel!

Although Rome teaches that one must be "purged" by suffering for one's own sins, it offers "indulgences" to reduce or eliminate that suffering. "Indulgences" can thus discharge what Christ's death could not. Vatican II has 20 complex rules concerning when and how an indulgence may be obtained. For example: "The faithful who use with devotion an object of piety (crucifix, cross, rosary, scapular or medal) after it has been duly blessed by any priest, can gain a partial indulgence. But if this object of piety is blessed by the Pope or any bishop, the faithful who use it with devotion can also gain a plenary [full] indulgence on the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, provided they also make a profession of faith using any APPROVED FORMULA" (Vol. 1, pp. 77-8). "The Church...commands that the usage of indulgences...should be kept...and it CONDEMS WITH ANATHEMA those who say that indulgences are useless or that the Church does not have the power to grant them...[for] the task of WINNING SALVATION" (Vol. 1, pp. 71, 74).