



What is Catholicism?

1. Catholicism (Catholic Church) is a religious Church that shares a large number of Biblical beliefs with mainstream Christianity: However, many of the official doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church are either un-Biblical or extra-Biblical.
2. The Catholic Church is the largest religion in the world.

What do Catholics Believe?

1. The Catholic church believes in the authority of the 'Magisterium'.
 - ✓ The Catholic Church teaches that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and that is the basis for establishing truth, doctrine, and practice.
 - ✓ But the Catholic Church also teaches that the Magisterium (the authority of the Church) is another source of truth and authority.
 - ✓ The teachings of the Catholic Church are derived from two sources, firstly the Bible and secondly the Sacred Tradition. Both are ultimately governed and interpreted by the Magisterium of the Church.
2. The Catholic church believes in 'Indulgences'.
 - ✓ Indulgences are another way of attaining salvation from the punishment sins.
 - ✓ According to the Catholic church, indulgences are needed because Christ's sacrifice was insufficient for the full payment of the penalty of sin.
 - ✓ Indulgences may be purchased with money or through acts of penitence (remorse), acts of charity, or other means.

NOTES:

The Roman Catholic Church encourages their followers not to read their Bibles.

The official Roman Catholic doctrine of salvation is that the grace of God is infused into a baby at baptism making him/her justified before God.

Catholicism believes that salvation is a lifelong process whereby God and men cooperate in the securing of forgiveness of sin. This is achieved only after death (and/or cleansing from sin in purgatory), and is dependant on man's personal securing of objective righteousness before God; otherwise, there would be no salvation.

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3. The Catholic church believes in 'Transubstantiation'.
 - ✓ Transubstantiation is the teaching that during the consecration in the Lord's Supper (Communion), the bread and wine, are transformed into the actual body and blood of Jesus.
4. The Catholic church believes in a place called 'Purgatory'.
 - ✓ The Catholic Church believes that people who die in God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified, have to go to a place called purgatory.

The Roman Catholic Church Is the Cult of Mary

- The Catholic church calls Mary the Mother of God.
- The Catholic church calls Mary the Mother of the Church.
- The Catholic church calls Mary the spouse of the Holy Spirit.
- The Catholic church calls Mary the gate of heaven because no one can enter that kingdom without passing through her!
- The Catholic church regularly practices praying intercessory prayers to Mary.
- The Catholic church believes that the prayers of Mary delivers souls from death.
- The Catholic church believes in the 'Immaculate Conception' which means that Mary was sinless.
- The Catholic church believes that Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ.
- The Catholic church believes that Mary's body was raised from the grave shortly after she died, that her body and soul were reunited, and that she was taken up and enthroned as Queen of Heaven.

"Can a Catholic Be Saved?"

Are Roman Catholics Christians? They are, if they have trusted in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of their sins. However, if a Roman Catholic believes in the official Roman Catholic teaching on salvation, then he is not a Christian since the official Roman Catholic position is contrary to Scripture.

Catholicism teaches that it is okay to offer prayers not only to God, but also to creatures such as Mary, Joseph, and others who have entered heaven.

By grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast

Ephesians. 2:8-9