

# Thy Word is Truth

John 17:17

## Biblical Truth

The Light of God's Word

**The Bible only is the Standard for Truth**

"...**the scripture cannot be broken.**" John 10:35  
"Sanctify them through Thy truth: **Thy word is truth.**" John. 17:17  
"That ye might learn in us **not to think...above that which is written**, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another." I Corinthians 4:6  
"**Add thou not unto his words**, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." Proverbs 30:6

"**All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**" II Timothy 3:16-17  
"**Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition**, which ye have delivered..." Mark 7:13

**Salvation is by Grace Alone through Faith**

"**Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**" Romans 3:24

"**For by grace are ye 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

"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive **abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, **Jesus Christ.**" Rom 5:17  
"**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...**" Titus 3:5-6

"I do not frustrate the grace of God: **for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**" Galatians 2:21

**Faith is the Gift of God and comes by the Word of God**

"**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**" Acts 16:31

"For unto you **it is given** in the behalf of Christ, not only **to believe on him**, but also to suffer for his sake." Philippians 1:29

"**So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**" Romans 10:17

**Christ's Sacrifice was His alone and once offered**

"...Jesus said, '**It is finished:**...' " John. 19:30

"But this man, **after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God" Hebrews 10:12

"...when He had **by Himself** purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" Hebrews. 1:3

## New Catechism

*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1994)

## Topic

**The Basis of Truth**

**Truth is based on Scripture, Tradition, and the Pope**

"**Sacred Tradition** and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together and communicate one with the other." *Catechism of the Catholic Church* Para 80  
"And [**Holy**] **Tradition** transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit." Para 81

"As a result the [Roman Catholic] Church...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." Para 82  
"**The Supreme Pontiff**, in virtue of his office, **possesses infallible teaching authority** when, as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful...he proclaims with a definitive act that a doctrine of faith or morals is to be held as such." Para 891

**Salvation by Grace Alone**

**For Salvation, Grace becomes merely a help, and is given through the sacraments of the Church**

"Grace is the **help** God gives us to respond to our vocation of becoming his adopted sons. It introduces us into the intimacy of the Trinitarian life." Para 2021

"The Church affirms that for believers **the sacraments** of the New Covenant **are necessary for salvation**. '**Sacramental grace**' is the **grace of the Holy Spirit**, given by Christ and proper to each sacrament." Para 1129

"**One who desires to obtain reconciliation with God** and with the Church, **must confess to a priest all the unconfessed grave sins** he remembers after having carefully examined his conscience." Para 1493

**Faith is God-given and sustained**

**Faith comes through the Mother Church**

"**It is the Church that believes first**, and so bears, nourishes and sustains my faith." Para 168

"Salvation comes from God alone; but because we receive the life of **faith through the Church, she is our mother:**..." Para 169  
'**Believing**' is an **ecclesial act**. The Church's faith precedes, engenders, supports and nourishes our faith. **The Church is the mother of all believers. 'No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother.'**" Para 181

**Christ's Sufficient Finished Sacrifice**

**Christ's Sacrifice continues, and is also of the Church**

"In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is **contained and is offered in an unbloody manner.**" Para 1367

"The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the [Roman Catholic] Church. **The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head**. With him, **she herself is offered** whole and entire." Para 1368

## **Biblical Truth** The Light of God's Word

### **God is the Only All Holy One, and the Only Source of Holiness**

“**Holy, Holy, Holy**, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.” Isaiah. 6:3

“Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? **For Thou only art Holy**: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee...” Revelation. 15: 4

“**There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside Thee**: neither is there any rock like our God.” 1 Samuel. 2:2

“**I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another**, neither my praise to graven images.” Isaiah 42:8

### **In Salvation the Lord Jesus Christ Alone Mediates**

“For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.**” I Timothy. 2:5

“**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name [Jesus Christ] under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.**” Acts 4:12

### **God Hates Idolatry**

“**Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**, or any likeness of anything...**Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.**” Exodus. 20:4-5

“And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even Ten Commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake...**Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure....**” Deuteronomy 4:13, 15-16

“**Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen**” 1 John. 5:21

### **This Pagan Practice is Forbidden in the Bible**

I am the LORD thy God...**Thou shalt have no other gods before me.** Exodus 20:2-3

“There **shall not be found among you any one**...that useth divination, or an observer of times, or a **consulter with familiar spirits**, or a wizard, or a **necromancer**. [one who calls up the dead].” Deut. 18:10-11

“And the soul **that turneth after such as have familiar spirits** [divination; contacting the dead], and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, **I will even set my face against that soul**, and will cut him off from among his people. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus. 20:6-7

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## **New Catechism**

*Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)*

## **Topic**

### **God, the Only All Holy One**

### **Mary is also the All-Holy One, and the Source of Holiness**

“By asking Mary to pray for us, we acknowledge ourselves to be poor sinners and we address ourselves to **the ‘Mother of Mercy,’ the All Holy One.**” Para 2677

“From the [Roman Catholic] Church he learns the example of holiness and recognizes its model **and source in the all-holy Virgin Mary....**” Para 2030

“**The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God ‘the All-Holy’ (Panagia)**, and celebrate her as ‘free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature’” Para 493

### **One Mediator**

### **In Salvation “Mary” Also Mediates**

“Taken up to heaven **she did not lay aside this saving office** but by her manifold intercession **continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation....** Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the [Roman Catholic] Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and **Mediatrix.**” Para 969

### **Idolatry**

### **The Roman Catholic Church Rationalizes Idolatry**

“The Christian veneration of images **is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols.** Indeed, the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype, and **whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it.**” Para 2132

“**Basing itself on the mystery of the incarnate Word, the seventh ecumenical council at Nicaea (787) justified...**the veneration of icons - **of Christ, but also of the Mother of God, the angels, and all the saints. By becoming incarnate**, the Son of God introduced a new ‘economy’ of images.” **Para 2131**

### **Communion with the Dead**

### **This Practice is Recommended by Rome**

“*Communion with the dead.* In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead...**Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping “them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.”** Para 958

“The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer...Their intercession is their most exalted service...**We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world.**” Para 2683

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