

## The Bible Teaches

### Jesus is the only Mediator of salvation:

**1 Timothy 2:5-6** “For *there is* one God, and one **Mediator** between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”

### Jesus finished the work of redemption:

**Hebrews 10:10,14** “We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*... For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.” cf. Isaiah 53:11; John 19:30

### Jesus cleanses us from all sin:

**Hebrews 1:3** “When He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

**Revelation 1:5** “Christ... loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.”

### Salvation is proclaimed in the Gospel of Christ:

**Romans 1:16** “The Gospel of Christ... is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.”

**Acts 13:32,39** “We declare unto you glad tidings...that... by Him, all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

**Galatians 1:9** “If any *man* preach any other Gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

### Salvation is not merited by works, but received by grace:

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace are ye saved through faith... it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Titus 3:5** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

### Mary is co-mediator (mediatrix) of salvation:

**CCC 969** “Mary... by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and **Mediatrix**.”

### The work of redemption (reparation) is ongoing:

**CCC 1367,1414** “In the Mass... this sacrifice is truly propitiatory... the Eucharist is also offered in reparation for the sins of the living and the dead and to obtain spiritual or temporal benefits from God.”

### Purgatory is necessary for sin’s final purification:

**CCC 1030,1031** “All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified... undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification.”

### Salvation is polluted with added requirements:

**CCC 882-891<sup>1</sup>, 1129<sup>2</sup>, 1030<sup>3</sup>, 1371<sup>4</sup>, 1477<sup>5</sup>, 1493<sup>6</sup>, 1498<sup>7</sup>**

The unbiblical teachings pertaining to infallible papal authority<sup>1</sup>, sacraments<sup>2</sup>, purgatory<sup>3</sup>, Masses for the dead<sup>4</sup>, good works to merit salvation<sup>5</sup>, confession to priests<sup>6</sup>, and indulgences<sup>7</sup> join other corrupt teachings, such as celibacy (1579) and abstinence from meats (2043) which are identified as “doctrines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1-3).

### Salvation is merited by good works for yourself and others:

**CCC 1477, 1821** “[By] the prayers and good works of all the saints... they obtained their own salvation... Each one of us should hope... to obtain the joy of heaven as God's eternal reward for the good works.”

**CCC 2027** “We can merit for ourselves and for others all the graces needed to attain eternal life, as well as necessary temporal goods.”