

# **Breaking the Control of Religious Traditions**



**Taking Back Our Inheritance In Christ**



## Important Instruction For Using This Prayer Manual

This is an advanced deliverance manual prepared by 3rd Watch Ministries to be used in group or personal ministry. We do not advise going through these prayers alone or with people who have not been through some generational repentance and deliverance. We recommend that you start with the first manual in the series titled **Steps Toward Abundant Living**. That manual provides understanding and explains the need for generational and foundational prayers that bring restoration to your soul. God wants to bring healing to the deep generational heart wounds that occur in most families.

We have found that there is a stronger anointing when the manuals are used in a corporate setting. We suggest that the corporate group includes 2 or 3 discerning intercessors experienced in spiritual warfare and deliverance. *Lev. 26:8 says, five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight.*

Praying the covering prayer in the beginning of each manual will bind the enemy's ability to hinder the session. However, it is not uncommon to experience some agitation during and after going through a manual. This is a good thing because when we are in touch with our emotions God can more easily apply His healing to your soul (mind, will and emotions). Occasionally, a manual may need to be prayed through more than once. It has been our experience that each time we do a workshop and go through the teachings and renunciations we receive a deeper level of healing and experience a stronger revelation of God's love for us.

One of our ministry team has gone through the Freemasonry manual five times and each time receives a measure of deliverance so much so that her blood pressure is now normal. We have had many testimonies of the delivering power of our Lord Jesus because of the prayers and renunciations in the manuals. We have even seen churches delivered from potential church splits and the Jezebel spirit as the elders stood in the gap.

Remember Satan goes around as a roaring lion seeing whom he may devour, so you will indeed be put to the test. He comes to steal from you, kill your hopes and destroy all you have worked for. Don't give up!

Repentance is a very important tool against the enemy. As you go through the manuals and say "I repent" in reality you are acknowledging the need to be accountable for past sins and iniquities. You are also submitting your heart and mind to the change needed for restoration back to our Father. Because we come in humility before the Lord to take personal responsibility for the sins of our ancestors, our repentance works to break, shatter, cut-off, dissolve and destroy all holds the enemy has had in and on our lives through the generations. We have seen whole families come to the Lord.

Another tool the Lord has given us is journaling. We recommend spending some time each week waiting upon the Lord as He brings clarity and healing to memories that may be stirred up by the renunciations.

We at 3<sup>rd</sup> Watch believe that praying through the manuals is a form of intercession for our families, friends, city, state, country, even the nations. Before we teach or go through the manuals we encourage you to write the names of loved ones or friends on a piece of paper as a prophetic act including them in your repentance.

Daniel did this for the entire nation of Israel. *Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes. And I prayed to the Lord God and made confession and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and princes, to our fathers and to all the people of the land...Daniel 9:3-16*

*"Now therefore, our God hear the prayer of your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on your sanctuary, which is desolate. Daniel 9:17* God's grace is marvelous!

May the Lord bless you as you continue to gain your victory. *"That He might present her to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and without blemish."* Eph 5:27.

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## Covering Prayer

Father God,

In the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I come boldly before Your throne of grace to ask for Your blood covering, Your wall of fire, Your shield of faith and Your hedge of protection to be over, around and about me and my property. This includes extended family and all You have given me stewardship over.

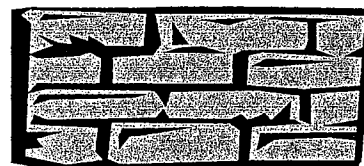
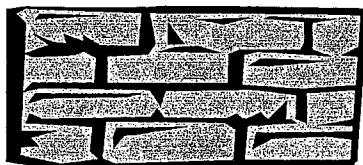
Lord, I ask You to send a host of Your warring and ministering angels to fill this place to overflowing. I also ask You to seal, with the Blood of the Lamb, all access through which Satan and his cohorts can draw strength.

In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I bind all spirits assigned to me and my family line and cut and sever all lines of communication to every area of my mind and body. I cancel all assignments to me and my family line today as I put on the full Armor of God that I may be able to stand as it says in Eph. 6:11-18.

Matt 12:29 tells me that I must first bind the strongman (ruling spirit) and then I can spoil his goods. Now in the Name of Jesus, I bind the following strongmen and their cohorts that would try to block and hinder my prayers and renunciations.

**ALL RULING SPIRITS, FEAR, DOUBT, UNBELIEF, VIOLENCE, FIGHTING, MURDER, RAGE, ANGER, HOSTILITY, ERROR, ANTICHRIST, RELIGIOUS SPIRITS, DIVINATION, WITCHCRAFT, WITCHCRAFT CONTROL, MIND CONTROL, OCCULT MIND CONTROL SPIRITS, ALL UNCLEAN SPIRITS, DOORKEEPER DEMONS, FAMILIAR SPIRITS OR SPIRIT GUIDES, ALL BLOCKING SPIRITS, HINDERING SPIRITS, FREE DEMONS (unassigned demons), DEAF AND DUMB SPIRITS, UNTEACHABLE SPIRITS, SPIRITS OF SLUMBER AND SLEEP, SPRITS OF CONFUSION, MOCKING SPIRITS AND ANY UNNAMED SPIRITS.**

As a minister of the Gospel, I ask that the full power and anointing of the Holy Spirit be loosed to me and that the gifts will work through me diversely Lord, as You see fit. I declare that discernment, words of knowledge, words of wisdom, discerning of spirits and miracles are available to me through Your Word.



### Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As I pray through this prayer manual I am not only repenting, renouncing and praying for my own sins but I also want to stand in the gap for any sins and iniquities that have not been repented for in my immediate family and those in my generational line.

I ask, Father, that you show me every stronghold that must come down. Please bring Your truth to all ungodly beliefs we have accepted as true.

I apply the blood of my Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth to my entire family line and I close any door from where there has been access through legal right. I ask for your blessing as I pray for the release of my family line from the grip of the enemy. In Jesus' name. Amen





## **Breaking The Control Of Religious Traditions**

What is it about mankind that makes us put so many obstacles between a loving God and ourselves?

Why do we have the need to control one another?

### **Control by the Roman Catholic Church**

The crusades were a series of military campaigns-usually sanctioned by the Papacy to destroy anything that stood in the way of the church's lust for possessions, especially land.

The cry for help from the church was such that it was said, "If you have faith in God, you must join the fight." To ensure as much participation as possible Pope Alexander II gave religious indulgences (a sort of get out of Hell free card) for those who were killed in battle.

The "church" dictated which groups were targeted for death.

If you participated in the Crusades you were entitled to have the title "Faithful of St. Peter" or "Knight of Christ."

The church started rumors of cruelty by the Muslims toward peasants. These rumors circulated very rapidly and fueled more hatred and fighting.

# THE CRUSADES

The Crusades took place between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century.

In the first Crusade Emperor Alexius I and Pope Urban II hired mercenaries to capture the Holy land from the Muslims.

Many Europeans (Christians) joined out of boredom. Because of the stabilization of Europe many of the Vikings, Slavs and Magyars had settled down and had little to do but fight amongst themselves. The Crusades were the perfect outlet for the warrior's need to fight.

**First Crusade:** This crusade was called into existence by the Pope and Emperor to defend the Empire (Christians) against the Turks (Muslims). The Pope and Emperor thought each was using the other to attain their goal. Crusader armies marched to Jerusalem and in 1099, reached the city and massacred the population.

**Second Crusade:** After a period of relative peace where the Christians and Muslims co-existed in the Holy Land, Bernard of Clairvaux called for a new Crusade because he felt the Turks were gaining control again. Clairvaux was a defender of the Jews and came against any who rose up against them. The second Crusade failed to accomplish anything so leaders returned to their own countries.



**Third Crusade:** In 1187 Saladin captured Jerusalem and Pope Gregory VIII preached a crusade. This crusade was led by some of Europe's most important leaders: Phillip II of France, Richard I of England (the Lionhearted) and Frederick I Holy Roman Emperor. Frederick drowned in

1190 and that left instability between France and England. They forged ahead and captured several cities but the size of the armies and lack of food and water to sustain such a group caused them to part ways. On Richard's way home he was shipwrecked which allowed Duke Leopold of Austria to capture him and demand a King's ransom.

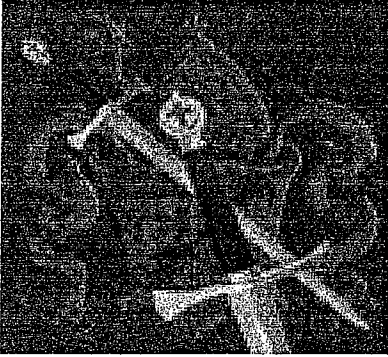
**Fourth Crusade:** Initiated by Pope Innocent III in 1202 had the intention of invading the Holy Land through Egypt. The invasion failed and so did the fourth Crusade.

**Albigensian Crusade:** This crusade was started to eliminate the heretics of Southern France. Gnosticism and Greek philosophy was spreading. The Crusaders accomplished their goal for a time it seemed and the heretics along with the line dividing Northern and Southern France were eliminated.

**Children's Crusade:** This crusade of 1212 was quite possibly fictitious but the story is that a group of French and German children arose in religious zeal and Pope Innocent III interpreted this to be a reproof from heaven as to the unworthiness of the elder leaders. None of the children ever reached the Holy Land.

The fall of Jerusalem, no longer an earth-shattering event to European Christians who had seen the city pass from Christian to Muslim control numerous times in the past two centuries, did not prompt an immediate call for a new crusade Pope Innocent IV and Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor were more concerned with the struggle in their own backyard.





After the seventh crusade they became so laborious and so many that it was difficult to know where one began and one ended. Thankfully, they finally came to an end.<sup>1</sup>

## **Renunciations**

- I renounce all allegiance to any Pope, King or Emperor.
- I renounce the spirit of Death and murder.
- I repent for all rumors I have started or been a part of.
- I repent for romanticizing the Crusades.
- I renounce the Crusades and all they stood for.
- I renounce all forms of control to me or by me and my family line.
- I repent for all covetous behavior in my life and family line.
- I renounce and repent for ever being mercenary.

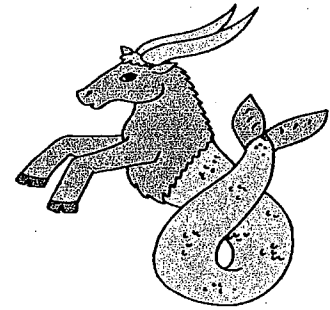
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<sup>1</sup> All crusade material was researched from The Story of the Church and Catholic Encyclopedia

## **Liberal Views Begin To Be Established By Educated Man**

Because of the far reaching travel of the crusaders Greek philosophy is introduced to Europe.

Greek philosophy weakened the old religions and new ways of thinking were introduced (Plato, Aristotle).



The Emperor began to be considered deity.

New religions, superstitions, magic and astrology became new ways to worship.

The Greek scriptures became the Bible to the early Christians.

The Humanist movement started in the 1300's and called for a new brand of teaching based on the classics. They had similar ideas for dissecting and studying the original Greek and Hebrew Bible. Thus their interpretations and commentaries were all the rage. Erasmus' first Greek Bible was printed only 1 year before Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses.

Humanism also saw the manifestation of the Renaissance. Magnificent art was greatly treasured by the Roman Catholic Church who spent untold sums upon these indulgences.

Many fundamental Catholic doctrines were abandoned by the new free thinkers and when the Reformation came along they were more than willing to accept the Protestant Church.

As the Roman Catholic Church began to loose its hold on people they began to introduce mysticism. The mystic teachings of Thomas Kemper were called for if you wanted a closer walk with God. Thomas Kemper wrote the book *Devotia Moderna* and in it said that internal reflection only was more important than trying to outwardly deepen your spiritual life with God.<sup>2</sup> This deepened the belief that outward shows of adoration and worship to

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<sup>2</sup> The Catholic Encyclopedia

God was blasphemous and a sin. This was another ploy to control and quiet the masses.

The superstitions and fears of the people were played upon in a effort to control and to have the church continue peacefully.

### **Renunciations**

- I renounce all worldly and humanistic views.
- I repent for and renounce worshipping the Emperor as deity.
- I renounce all superstitions, false religions, magic, astrology and any and all worship to any god or idol.
- I renounce any early writings that were not inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- I renounce the spirit of fear.
- I renounce all false peacemakers.
- I renounce and repent for keeping quiet in my worship of You Lord.

### **Arianism and the Church**

Arianism attacks the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Arius was skilled at manipulation and was a great logician.

He used his exceptional talents (given by God) to bring forth blasphemy.

He convinced many to turn from the teachings about the Trinity.



He was expelled from the church because of his heresies but took many with him.

Arius a priest from Alexandria in Egypt said that Jesus, the Son, was not equal to the Father but subordinate to Him. He further claimed, though Christ is NOT God He is the first exalted of creatures. This gave rise to a number of Theosophic systems known as Gnosticism. The intellectual centers were chiefly Alexandria and Antioch and speculation was carried on in Greece about the deity of Jesus but the Roman Church held steadfast.

Many fringe "Christians"; those holding on to their own comfortable beliefs, pagan morals and naturalistic religion bought right into this idea. As schools of Gnosticism faded they maintained that Jesus had a likeness or sameness as God the Father. All that they would acknowledge was an essence of the Christ.

The Catholic Church maintained that Christ was truly the Son, and truly God. They would never consent to separate Him from the Father.

Arius said God alone was without beginning, unoriginate; the Son was originated, and once had not existed. For all that has origin must begin to be.

Scripture says God will not be mocked so there came a man from Alexandria in Egypt named Athanasius. Athanasius was from an upper class home and was Archbishop of Alexandria. He stressed that the Father's begetting of the Son, or uttering of the Word, was an eternal relationship between them, not an event that took place within time. These writings laid the foundation for the fight against the heresy of Arianism, which Athanasius opposed all his life.

As a result of the defense of Jesus, Athanasius was banned from Alexandria ~~to~~<sup>to</sup> Tyre after the First Council of Nicaea, by Emperor Constantine I. He was, however, later restored by Constantine II. He was banned and restored as he came against ungodly ideas of the day. Athanasius defended the divinity of Jesus on so many occasions that it gave rise to the expression "Athanasius contra mundum" or "Athanasius against the world". Rumors were started by many who defended Arius but Athanasius lived an unblemished life, was kind to people and very loyal to friends. This made it

almost impossible to attack him and keep him down. He was restored on at least five separate occasions, perhaps as many as seven.

The Protestants of the time stayed out of the debate regarding Jesus as God because they contended that they would not entertain anything that was not directly spelled out in the Holy Scripture. They declined the Arian blasphemous and left the intrigues to the Catholics.<sup>3</sup>

Council after council was called to dispute the “new ideas” suggested about God and His creation. There were so many, that after awhile their dates were no longer written down and they are still a matter of controversy.

The Council of Nicea was called because of this situation. The Nicene Creed became part of the written mass.



Arian Poster

## Hitler and the Catholic Church

Hitler was raised Catholic by his parents and it's interesting to note that he was not even born in Germany.<sup>4</sup>

As he grew up he did pull away from the teachings of the church but did see a chance to use his knowledge of the church to further his efforts to control the world. He recognized their need for control and capitalized on it.

While it may be true that individual Catholics risked their lives to save the Jews from Nazi annihilation, the Church, as an entity, did not.

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<sup>3</sup> The Catholic Encyclopedia Vol 1 1907

<sup>4</sup> Mav Bonchuk Archives



Roman Catholic intelligence operations assisted thousands of Nazi war criminals.

There is historical evidence of the close cooperation between Hitler and the Vatican in the slaughter of innocents in Croatia. Once again we see the spirit behind the need to control mankind and to introduce the dictatorial leadership for the global New World Order Religion.

Hitler was influenced by the writings of the Kabala and people who identified with the mysticism of Thomas Kemper. Several quasi-Masonic lodges were founded throughout Germany and Austria. Hitler kept the fact of his involvement very secret because he did not want people to know where he got his ideas from.

Hitler did not have much of an interest in the occult but did surround himself with those who did. Many in his SS practiced occult arts, were involved with psychics and consulted mediums and astrologers for battle plans. They believed that supernatural powers and demonic forces would aid them in their rise to power.<sup>5</sup>

### **Renunciations**

- I renounce all Arian beliefs.
- I renounce all prejudice in my family line and ask Your forgiveness Lord for hating Your creation.
- I renounce all manipulation and control.
- I renounce and repent for any blasphemy against You Lord and for grieving the Holy Spirit.
- I renounce all idolatry of intelligence and intellectualism.

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<sup>5</sup> Mav Bonchuk Archives

- I renounce all Nazism and allegiance to Hitler.
- I renounce all fear and intimidation.
- I renounce all ungodly beliefs.
- I repent for any and all bloodshed in the name of Arianism.
- I renounce and repent for all murders done in the name of God.
- I renounce and repent for all Jews killed.
- I repent for my lack of discernment.



**Father in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth I tightly bind together all evil including demonic spirits that came in because of these sins and iniquities. I break every curse, all traumas and every generational tie.**

**You will take all assignments and every weapon you brought in with you and go directly to the feet of Jesus Christ. I expel you now.**

### **Man's Interpretation of Church Leadership**

Protestants are of the belief that there are 2 offices noted in scripture, that of Bishop and Deacon or Elder.

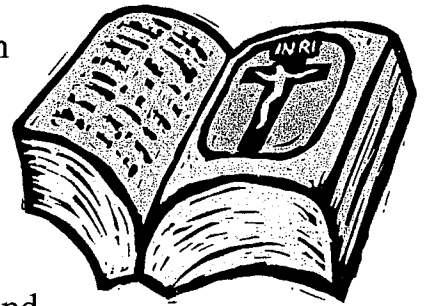
They believe that Deacons and Bishop are the same and the terms can be used interchangeably.

They felt that there was some evidence of the Prophetic but Teacher and Evangelist were less permanent.

The Apostles hadn't been dead so long that they were forgotten, but others were not filling their shoes so the idea was that the Apostolic office also died.

### **Renunciations**

- I repent for the belief that there are only two offices in the Bible.
- I repent for not studying the Bible for myself and just accepting what anyone has told me.
- I renounce and repent for ever thinking the Apostles and the Five fold ministry is dead.



### **The Church vs. Pagan Society**

The church regarded anything that was a pleasure as useless.

Since public displays of religion were everywhere especially seen in parades, festivals and even at private dinners the church considered public displays to be wicked idolatry and atheistic.

Christians were of the mind that to enjoy yourself was not being true to the Lord.

In essence they set themselves apart from the society of that day with many rules and restrictions.

## **Heresies**

(the Bible warns about heresy)

**The Gnostic Heresy** (gnosis means knowledge) Gnosticism was a mixture of astrology, reincarnation and Greek philosophy.

- Dualism-evil was identified with matter and good with the Spirit.
- Docetism-Jesus could not be truly thought of as a man. He must only be an apparition since sin could not be joined to the highest good. Since He was only an appearance, therefore, He also did not die so never rose from the dead.
- The Christ spirit left the man Jesus before his death or his death was simply a sham.

## **The Marcionite Heresy**

- The Creator God is not the one true God but a God of judgment who intended to send His Messiah to destroy the wicked and set up His kingdom on the earth.
- The Creator God thinks he is the one true God when He is not.
- The unknown God, the true God is a God of love and mercy and it was He who sent the Messiah.
- Once the Creator saw that Jesus was good, he decided to allow some souls to be released from condemnation.
- The Creator succeeded in deceiving the apostles about the true message of Jesus Christ. He convinced them to mix various Jewish elements with OT scripture.

- Marcion believed that matter was evil and that included bodily functions. This led to asceticism (self-denial). ENTER PENANCE
- The Marcionite church was set up as a rival to the Catholic Church.

### **The Unitarian Heresy**

- "God neither begets, nor is He begotten". This belief is actually from the Koran, 112. and is the what is now called Unitarianism. This group said God was God, but Jesus was a man indwelt by the Spirit of God at His baptism. Thus it is wrong to say that Jesus is God.

### **The Montanist Heresy**

- Montanus taught greater discipline and higher standards. (ENTER LEGALISM)
- He proclaimed that a New Age of the Spirit had begun.
- Asceticism and Celibacy were promoted among the Montanians.
- They were the Pentecostals of their day. Prophetic utterance was one of these ideas.

1544 Again control is the issue along with making up traditions for how we should act toward, think about and perceive our God. By the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century a great change had taken place in the church. The upside to their ploy was saying that unlike the "church" at the time of the Apostles, the "new church" was very organized. They touted that the "new church" had a bishop for each main area of the empire and there was a creed that established the way the New Testament was to be understood.

## Renunciations

- I renounce and repent for all belief in any part of the heresies mentioned today.
- I renounce and repent for ever thinking or saying that God is evil.
- I renounce that Jesus is an appearance and a sham.
- I renounce that God is not loving and merciful.
- I renounce and repent for ever thinking God did not want to be known.
- I renounce all mixing of tradition with the commands of God.
- I repent for thinking God is a liar and would intentionally deceive me.
- I renounce the idea that any bodily function is evil.
- I renounce that each part of the Godhead is not God.
- I renounce the New Age spirit.
- I renounce all additions or deletions in the Holy Scriptures by Marcion.
- I renounce Unitarianism.
- I renounce that God is only one person but with 3 modes of action.
- I renounce any false prophetic movement.
- I renounce corruption in the church.
- I renounce false martyrdom.

- I renounce all false positions held by any member in the church.
- I renounce that someone cannot have God be their father if they don't accept the church as their mother.
- All ties to any and all heresies are broken from this point on.
- I repent for not wanting to know You, Lord in a personal way.

### **The Protestant and Catholic Church at large.**

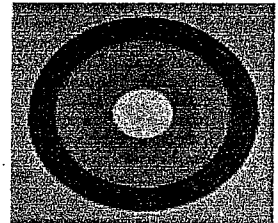
They believe they know the "truth."

They are tenacious in their traditions.

They have adopted their own man made rules (traditions) to control their followers.

They embrace heresy and Humanism.

They have missed the mark.



### **Renunciations**

- I renounce all traditions of men in Protestantism and Catholicism.
- I renounce any and all rules followed that were not set up by God.
- I renounce all forms of humanism and worldly mindsets formed.
- I renounce all idolatry of Mary in the Protestant religion carried over by Anselm from the Catholics.

## The Protestant Experience

Protestants and Catholics alike worked together during the Crusades.

The word protestant is taken from the root word "protest".



They protested against the Catholic Church and its traditions and actually separated from it because of Martin Luther and his revelation from God that **we are saved through grace by faith**. His nailing of the 95 theses on the Castle Church door started what is known today as the reformation. It is interesting that although they broke because of some traditions, they kept many others.

## The Catholic Experience

The Catholic Church is said to have been started by Peter the Disciple on his visit to Rome.

The people decided he should be the first Pope based on the scripture that says Upon this Rock (Petros) I will build My church...

The definition of Catholic Church (noun) is universal church. This would have been any of several churches to have maintained historical continuity with the original Christian church of the Apostles.

Historians claim Peter was never even in Rome.



## Roman Catholic Church - History or Heresy

The church decided that since it was established by the Savior and it was to be a visible organization consequently it should have ceremonies and symbols of sacred things. (ENTER PAGAN FEASTS AND STATUES) Here are many of the Roman Catholic traditions and their definitions followed by what is actually said in God's word (denoted by asterisk in bold print and scripture in italics).

1. **Prayers for the dead** - During November, the Church celebrates the communion of saints, intercedes for those who have died, and prepares to welcome the one Saint Francis called "Sister Death." These prayers are appropriate all through November, or any time throughout the year.<sup>6</sup>

**\*Scripture says in *Deuteronomy 18:10* There shall be none found among you anyone who makes his sons or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, one who conjures spells, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. "For all who do these things are abominations to the Lord..."**

***Hebrew 9:27*It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.**

**\*These scriptures are very clear and the verse in Hebrews shows that there is no indication that any prayer from those on earth can alter the spiritual condition following one's death.**

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<sup>6</sup> Roman Catholic Encyclopedia

2. **The sign of the cross** - Term applied to various manual acts, liturgical or devotional in character, which have this at least in common: that by the gesture of tracing two lines intersecting at right angles they indicate symbolically the figure of Christ's cross. Most commonly and properly the words "sign of the cross" are used of the large cross traced from forehead to breast and from shoulder to shoulder, such as Catholics are taught to make upon themselves when they begin their prayers, and such also as the priest makes at the foot of the altar when he commences Mass with the words: "In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti".<sup>7</sup>

**\*There is absolutely no scriptural basis for the sign of the cross or crossing oneself.**

3. **Veneration of angels and dead saints** - The communion of saints is the spiritual solidarity which binds together the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven in the organic unity of the same mystical body under Christ its head, and in a constant interchange of supernatural offices. The participants in that solidarity are called saints by reason of their destination and of their partaking of the fruits of the Redemption. The damned are thus excluded from the communion of saints. The living, even if they do not belong to the body of the true Church, share in it according to the measure of their union with Christ and with the soul of the Church. St. Thomas (whoever he is) teaches that the angels, though not redeemed, enter the communion of saints because they come under Christ's power and receive of His gratia capitis.<sup>8</sup>

**\*Once again scripture is very clear about this. The Bible says, "*And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy*" (Rev 19:10 KJV).**

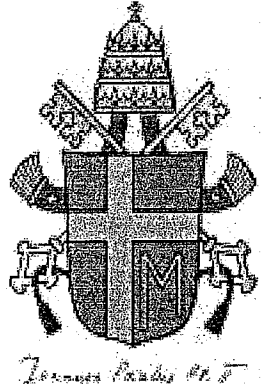
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4. **Worship of Mary and prayers directed to her as a mediator** – “We have an advocate in Mary that the father, Son, and Holy Spirit cannot say no to. It is impossible for them to say no to her!”<sup>9</sup>

Pope John Paul II has “dedicated himself and his Pontificate to Our Lady.” He bears the letter "M" for Mary in his coat of arms. And his personal motto, which is embroidered on the side of his robes in Latin, is the following: "TOTUS TUUS SUM MARIA", which in English translates to: "MARY, I'M ALL YOURS."



For those that think the "Totus Tuus Sum Maria" is a fictitious proclamation of Pope John Paul II, see this excerpt from a Los Angeles Times News Article.

“By awarding the Virgin a central place in the cathedral's narrative, the archdiocese is keeping faith with a long, if fluctuating, Catholic and Orthodox tradition of devotion to Our Lady, a tradition enjoying resurgence under Pope John Paul II. (The pope's personal motto, “Totus tuus sum, Maria,” or “I am all yours, Mary,” reflects his belief that the Virgin intervened to save his life from an assassin's bullet in 1981 so that he could help defeat European communism.

**\*The Bible tells us that we have only one mediator, one advocate. *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (John 2:1)***

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<sup>9</sup> Quote from Father Stephan Scheier

**\*Because Jesus is our advocate, Isaiah 61:10 describes our condition as being covered with a robe of righteousness. In this condition of justification, we need no mediator between ourselves and God but, because of our sinful human condition, we do still need an advocate. We still need one to plead our cause when unintentional sin enters our lives, when inherited human tendencies begin to soil our robe. And this is the role of advocate that Jesus plays in our lives.**

5. **Priests wearing collars** – priests began wearing the collar as a means of distinguishing themselves from the common man or laity.<sup>10</sup>

**\*Jesus was always seen among the common man. In Isaiah 53:12 it says, *because He poured out his soul unto death and He was numbered with the transgressors and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.***



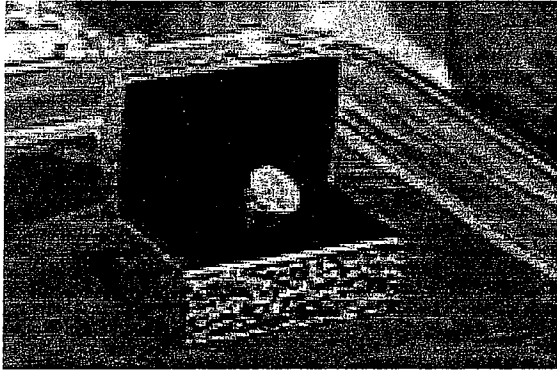
6. **Kissing the Pope's feet, ring, hand** - Pope Gregory VII declared that the Pope has the right to depose kings and emperors, to make laws, and to require secular rulers to kiss his feet. He said that nobody has the right to judge the Pope. Gregory also declared that, because of the merits of Saint Peter, every duly elected Pope is a saint.

Pope Innocent III reigned from 1198 to 1216. He called himself the Ruler of the World. He wore a gold crown covered with jewels. He sat upon a purple throne. His clothes sparkled with gold and jewels. His horse was covered with scarlet. Kings and churchmen kissed his foot. The Inquisition persecuted people who disagreed with him. Pope Innocent III became the most powerful man in the world

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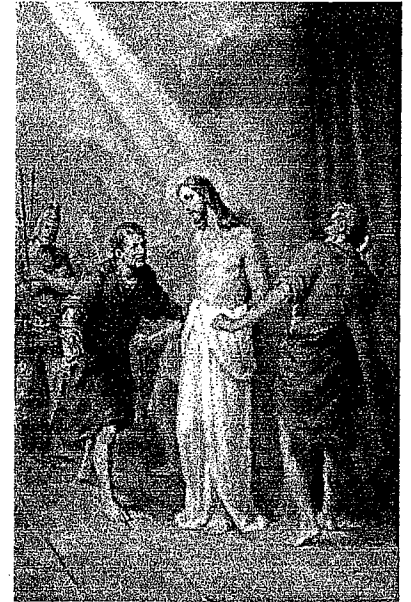
<sup>10</sup> Roman Catholic Encyclopedea

Popes, cardinals and bishops wear gold and jewels. They wear rings and crosses. The Pope has a special ring known as the "Ring of the Fisherman." He also has magnificent pontifical rings that he wears on special occasions. Cardinals have rings of sapphire and gold. They often have additional rings of their<sup>11</sup> own choosing and all are expected to pay homage by kissing the rings.



**Again there is no scriptural reference for kissing someone's ring or feet.**

7. **Worship of images and relics** - The "image-breakers" in the eighth and ninth centuries, tried to remove religious art that sought to represent God and the saints. One heresy went so far as to reject any depiction of the human body because they thought the human body was evil. However, the Church decided that such art could be permitted. Although Protestant often disagree, these items have long been a part of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions. The Council of Nicea, 787 AD said "The honor which is paid to the image passes on to that which the image represents, and he who reveres the image reveres in it the subject represented."<sup>12</sup>



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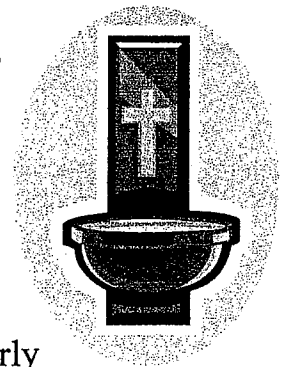
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**The third commandment tells us, “You shall not make for yourself any carved image, or any likeness of anything that is heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me.” Exodus 20:4 I would say that means ANY.**

8. **Purgatory** - Latin "purgare", to make clean, to purify. In accordance with Catholic teaching purgatory is a place or condition of temporal punishment for those who, departing this life in God's grace, are, not entirely free from venial faults, or have not fully paid the satisfaction due to their transgressions. The faith of the Church concerning purgatory is clearly expressed in the Decree of Union drawn up by the Council of Florence and in the decree of the Council of Trent.

\*2 Cor 5:1, For we know that if our earthly house, this tent (our physical body), is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Reading further, in 2 Cor 5:8 it says, “We are confident, yes well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

9. **Holy water** – The priest says, “I invoke blessing upon this water and this oil in the Name of Him Who suffered, who was crucified, who arose from the dead, and who sits at the right of the Uncreated. Grant unto these creatures the power to heal; may all fevers, every evil spirit, and all maladies be put to flight by him who either drinks these beverages or is anointed with them, and may they be a remedy in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy only Son.” As early as the fourth century various writings, the authenticity of which is free from suspicion, mention the use of water sanctified either by the



liturgical blessing just referred to, or by the individual blessing of some holy person.<sup>13</sup>

**In scripture water was for cleansing and washing whereas oil was for anointing. We see water being used in place of wine in many pagan rituals blaspheming the atoning work of the blood of Jesus.**

**10. Canonization** - The word "CANON" comes from the Greek word "KANON" meaning a standard or measuring rod.

The custom of canonization began in the early church by popular acclimation. Hence the custom of calling all the apostles "SAINTS". Being titled a saint declares that the individual lived a holy life, is in heaven, and is to be honored by the universal Church. Canonization does not make an individual a saint but it does recognize that God has already made that individual a saint.

Again scripture disagrees with traditions of men. The Lord Jesus himself say in Matt 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in your name and done many wonders in Your name? And I will declare to them, I never knew you. Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."

**11. Fasting on Friday and Lent** - In the first century, Jews fasted on Mondays and Thursdays. The original Christians were all Jewish and were used to the fasting as a spiritual discipline. Catholics moved the fast days to Wednesdays and Fridays, because Judas engineered Jesus' arrest on a Wednesday and Jesus was crucified on a Friday. Most often that fast took the form of avoiding meat in the diet. In those days, meat was a luxury food. You either had to buy it in a market or you had to own enough land to keep cattle. On the other hand, anyone could grow vegetables or forage for them, and anyone could catch a fish in a lake or a stream. You could buy better fish and vegetables, but the point is that you could eat without money if you were poor. So

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<sup>13</sup> New Advent Catholic Newsletter

meat was rich people's food and fish was poor people's food. That is why the most common form of fasting was to omit meat and eat fish.

The Wednesday and Friday fasts were a universal Christian custom in ancient times. The Roman Catholic Church downplayed the Wednesday fast, but kept the Friday fast until quite recently. Anglicans and Protestants also observed these fasts. In the 18th century, a man could not be ordained a Methodist minister if he did not fast on Wednesdays and Fridays, with the reasoning that a person who could not rule his own belly could certainly not rule the church.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the fasts were relaxed because they were not being observed and also because they realized that Lobster Thermidor or even a modest dinner at a seafood restaurant hardly lives up to the spirit of a fast.<sup>14</sup> I say the fasts were "relaxed" because in the Roman Catholic Church, the regulations for fasting are set by the bishops and can vary from place to place.

**\*The fast the Lord requires is in Isaiah 58.**

12. **The Mass** - In the religion Roman Catholicism, the Catholic Mass is very important. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist.

Mass can be described as the Eucharist or Holy Communion. According to the Catholic Catechism, the word Eucharist is a Greek term for the Jewish meal blessing of God's continuous care.

Eucharist is a celebration of God's continuing care and His presence. The Eucharist is also the most important part of Mass because it's the consecration and distribution of Holy Communion. Less commonly, it is known as Breaking of the Bread, Lord's Supper, or Divine Liturgy. All of these terms mean the same thing. The most common name, however, is Mass.

For centuries, every Catholic Mass was said in Latin. The word Mass comes from a Latin phrase, "ite missa est." This means, "said at the end of a ritual."

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<sup>14</sup> Catholic Encyclopedia



At the end of Mass, Catholics are sent out into the world to use the instruction of God in their daily lives.<sup>15</sup>

**\*The Acts church is our model and they went from house to house breaking bread. Acts2:44 Now all who believed were together and had all things in common and sold their possessions and good and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily in one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart praising God and having favor with the people.**

**13.Celibacy for the priesthood** - Until Christ came along, and then Paul, the only state of life known was marriage. The rabbis taught that a man was only half a man if he wasn't married by 20. But even in the Old Testament some of the prophets, like Elijah and Jeremiah, chose celibacy. By Jesus' time the great rabbis spoke of the possibility of "marrying Torah," that is, dedicating their whole life to the study of the Word. Paul was one who did and suggested after his conversion that it is easier for someone to serve Christ if unmarried and without family pressures. Jesus chose a life of celibacy. He is THE WORD, and infinitely more deserving of total dedication than the written word.

It should not be surprising; therefore, that Jesus should speak of some who would remain celibate ("eunuchs") for the sake of the Kingdom of God. St. Paul not only continued his pre-conversion celibacy as a Christian but recommended it for those who would be dedicated to serving God in this world. He was speaking to a general audience when he says, "everyone should live as the Lord has assigned, just as God called each one. I give this order in all the churches."

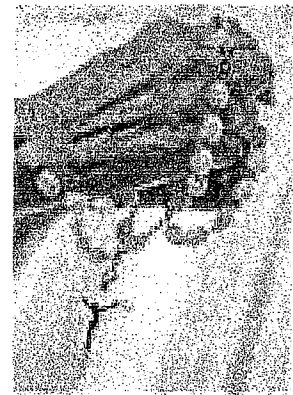
**\*The Roman Catholic Church uses Matt 19:12 as the foundation of their tradition of a celibate priesthood. They believe that this verse solidifies that Jesus is saying that one should remain celibate while serving the Kingdom of God. This verse speaks about eunuchs (emasculated men). Let's go back to where the disciples hear the**

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<sup>15</sup> Catholic Encyclopedia

answer to question about divorce in Matt 19:10. They deduce that it must be better no to marry if you are going to serve God. *In Matt 19:11 Jesus says, "not all can accept this saying, but only to those whom it has been given."* He never once says that God demands celibacy as a token of worship. He actually says that only those to whom it has been given can remain celibate.

14. **The Rosary** - says the Roman Breviary (a book with the regulations of the church), "is a certain form of prayer wherein we say fifteen decades or tens of Hail Mary's with an Our Father between each ten, while at each of these fifteen decades we recall successively in pious meditation one of the mysteries of our Redemption." The Feast of the Holy Rosary commemorates the seeking of instruction from Mary. Tradition says that the Rosary is an antidote to heresy and sin.<sup>16</sup>



**\*Again no scriptural basis exists for the rosary.**

15. **The Catholic Inquisition** - This term usually meant a special assembling of ecclesiastical judges for combating or suppressing heresy. These special judges were given special powers in matters of faith, supreme ecclesiastical authority, and permanent office. This power soon went to the heads of these judges and brutality and torture became the norm. Civil authority in the church was not a new concept but the extreme actions by the tribunal was anything but legislative.

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<sup>16</sup> The Catholic Encyclopedia

**16. Indulgences** - Baptism removes all stain of original sin, all eternal punishment for actual sins committed and all temporal punishment for those sins. The Sacrament of Penance removes only the eternal punishment for sin. It does not entirely remit the temporal punishment for our sin. We must do penance (more than the sacramental penance imposed by the priest) in order to remit the temporal punishment for our sins. We can do that in this life, or if we fail to do that, we will have a chance to do it in purgatory after we die (if we die in a state of grace). An indulgence can be plenary (complete and unrestricted) or partial. A plenary indulgence remits all the temporal punishment for sin. That means that if you were to die in a state of grace, having obtained a plenary indulgence, and not sinned since obtaining the indulgence, you would go straight to Heaven. A partial indulgence does not remit all the punishment for sin.

But the Church has an incredible treasure of graces at her disposal, built up through the superabundant merits of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints. Our membership of the Communion of the Saints entitles us to call on this treasury of graces. This is what the Church calls "Indulgences".<sup>17</sup>

**\*No scriptural basis for this belief.**

**17. Confession of sins to a priest** - Penance is a sacrament of the New Law (it's name has been changed to the Sacrament of Reconciliation) instituted by Christ in which forgiveness of sins committed after baptism is granted through the priest's absolution to those who with true sorrow confess their sins and promise to satisfy for the same. It is called a "sacrament" not simply a function or ceremony, because it is an outward sign instituted by Christ to impart grace to the soul. As an outward sign it comprises the actions of the penitent in presenting himself to the priest and accusing himself of his sins, and the actions of the priest in pronouncing absolution and imposing satisfaction. This whole procedure is usually called, from one of its parts, "confession", and it is said to take place in the "tribunal of penance", because it is a judicial process in which the penitent is at once the accuser, the

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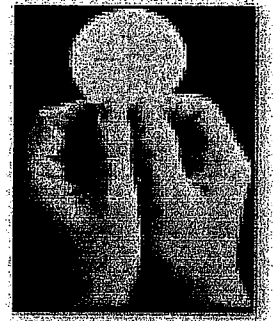
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person accused, and the witness, while the priest pronounces judgment and sentence. The grace conferred is deliverance from the guilt of sin and, in the case of mortal sin, from its eternal punishment; hence also reconciliation with God and justification.

***\*Psalm 32:5 says, "I acknowledged my sin to you, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.***

***\*1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

**18. Adoration of the wafer** - The origin of the Eucharist wafer comes from the practice of making and using small wafers in worship of the sun god in Egypt. Small wafers were made for the priests of Osiris and Baal who blessed them and then claimed that the wafer actually became the flesh of their god. The Catholic Church adopted this practice into their mass.



***\*Definitely no scriptural basis for this. Quite the contrary, the making of the wafer was a pagan belief.***

**19. The Bible forbidden to laymen** – the hierarchy of the early church said that the common man could not possibly understand the lofty teachings in the Bible; therefore, they set themselves up as the authority. If you dared to have question you had to accept their interpretation.<sup>18</sup>

**\*The Word of God is for all men without equivocation!**

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<sup>18</sup> The Story of the Church

20. **The scapular** – “Whoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire”<sup>19</sup>



**\*Another tradition to put man in bondage.**

21. **The Doctrine of 7 sacraments** – the early church thought the sacraments were needed for the people as guidelines. Another bit of control was established here because if you did not participate in the sacraments you were said to be committing a mortal sin. The word sacrament means sacred and hidden. In the Greek the word is mystery. This word is from a philosophy of Aristotle.<sup>20</sup>

**\*There is no scriptural basis for sacraments much less it being a mortal sin if the sacrament is ignored.**

22. **Tradition being equal to the Bible** - The Roman Catholic teaches that the Roman Catholic Church is the source of truth through Scripture, “sacred” tradition, and its teaching office. The Roman Catholic Church uses a number of biblical passages to support their idea of the infallibility of their pope and councils and to support the use of tradition as of equal weight with Scripture. Here are some of these passages:

“Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.” (2 Thessalonians 2:15, NKJV)

“But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.” (2 Thessalonians 3:6, NKJV)

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<sup>19</sup> Catholic Encyclopedia

<sup>20</sup> The Story of the Church

**\*These passages relate to the traditions they had received from Paul himself, whether oral or written. They do not relate to traditions handed down but to teachings that they themselves had received either from the mouth of Paul or from his pen. This is in contrast to the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church which have been handed down from the fourth century and not from the mouth or pen of one of the apostles.**

**Scripture says in Matt 4:4 It is written, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*" This does not mean that a specific group of people get to make up their own rules and traditions which change with every wind of doctrine.**

**23. The apocryphal books added to the Bible -** In Christianity, the Apocrypha, or what is also sometimes called the hidden or deuterocanonical books, are mainly a collection of ancient Jewish writings written somewhere around 200 years before Christ's birth and that were translated into the Latin Vulgate. The word Apocrypha which is used to describe these writings was actually coined by the 5th-century scholar named Jerome. These books were not a part of the Masoretic Text (which are copies of the collection of God inspired Hebrew text that the Jews themselves considered canonical.) Jerome designated them as "obscure or hidden books." Hidden or unseen by their absence or uncommon use by God's Covenant People. They were outside of the Holy canon.

The problem of course is why would God keep hidden the very words which were presumably to instruct the Old Testament Jewish congregation? The obvious answer is He wouldn't. The Jewish canon does not contain the Apocrypha. This is not insignificant, because as we know it was to the Jews that the Old Covenant books were entrusted. There is no evidence that Jesus, the disciples or Jewish leaders ever used these books. On the contrary, there is ample evidence that they didn't. We see they quoted liberally from the very same Old Testament books which Protestants use today, and which the Jewish people utilize to this very day, and never once quote from the Apocrypha. Likewise, the New Testament writers quote from almost all of

the Old Testament books, but do not ever quote from the Apocrypha. These are not trivial facts, and Jewish Historians and scholars almost uniformly deny Canonical status to these books. The early Church also rejected them as being God inspired writings. Moreover, these books were not written in the Hebrew language, but in Greek, which clearly differentiates them from the Old Testament inspired Hebrew Scriptures. In addition, many were penned during a time known as 'the period of silence.' This is from the time of Malachi to the first advent of Christ. It is a time in which direct revelations of the Word of God had ceased, and which lasted about 400 years.

The general Apocrypha consists of these fifteen books.

1. The First Book of Esdras
2. The Second Book of Esdras
3. Tobit
4. Judith
5. The Rest of the Chapters of the Book of Esther
6. The Wisdom of Solomon
7. Ecclesiasticus or the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach
8. Baruch
9. A Letter of Jeremiah
10. The Song of the Three
11. Daniel and Susanna
12. Daniel, Bel, and the Snake
13. The Prayer of Manasseh
14. The First Book of the Maccabees
15. The Second Book of the Maccabees

Though these books were considered non-canonical, slowly over the years they came to be regarded as part of the Catholic Bible.

**Revelation is very clear about this. *Rev 22:18 says, For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book...***

**24. Papal infallibility** - Infallibility belongs in a special way to the pope as head of the bishops. As Vatican II remarked, "it is a charisma the

pope enjoys in virtue of his office, when, as the supreme shepherd and teacher of all the faithful, who confirms his brethren in their faith, he proclaims by a definitive act some doctrine of faith or morals. Therefore his decisions and definitions of things are seen as just and held as irreformable because they are given with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, an assistance promised to him by blessed Peter.”

**\*No scriptural reference for a Pope.**

**25. Assumption of Mary** - According to Roman Catholic doctrine and the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mary, the mother of Jesus) "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."<sup>21</sup> This means that both Mary's soul and her physical body were transported into heaven.



**\*No scriptural reference for the assumption of Mary.**

## **26. Stations of the Cross**



The First Station  
Jesus is Condemned to Die.

The Second Station:  
Jesus Carries His Cross.

The Third Station:  
Jesus Falls the First Time.

The Eighth Station:  
Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem.

The Ninth Station:  
Jesus Falls the Third Time.

The Tenth Station:  
Jesus is Stripped.

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<sup>21</sup> Pope Pius XII Munificentissimus Deus, November 1, 1950



The Fourth Station:  
Jesus Meets His Mother.

The Fifth Station:  
Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross.

The Sixth Station:  
Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face.

The Seventh Station:  
Jesus Falls the Second Time.

The Eleventh Station:  
Jesus is Nailed to the Cross.

The Twelfth Station:  
Jesus Dies on the Cross.

The Thirteenth Station:  
Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross.

The Fourteenth Station:  
Jesus is Laid in the Tomb.

From the earliest of days, followers of Jesus told the story of his passion, death and resurrection. When pilgrims came to see Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where Jesus had been. These sites became important holy connections with Jesus. Eventually, following in the footsteps of the Lord, along the way of the cross, became a part of the pilgrimage visit. The stations, as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the holy sites. In the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating "replicas" of the way of the cross, with small shrines commemorating the places along the route in Jerusalem. Eventually, these shrines became the set of 14 stations we now know and were placed in almost every Catholic Church in the world.

75% of all Catholic rites and ceremonies have pagan origin. Scripture says, in Rev 18:4 "Come out of her, my people, that you may not take part in her sins, nor receive her plagues. The Roman Catholic faith finds their proof for the need of sacraments in tradition.

**\*Again we are not to pay homage or reverence any image.**

## **The Sacraments (the seven channels of grace)**

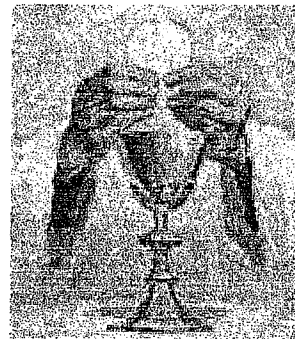
According to the Roman Catholic Church the sacraments are outward signs of inward grace. In recent years the sacraments have changed and several have been given new names. The sacraments used to be Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, Last Rites, Confession and Exorcism.

They are now called Baptism, The Eucharist, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, Reconciliation, Anointing the Sick and Holy Orders.

**Baptism** – usually done as an infant. Catholic Baptism is believed to remove the original sin caused by Adam and said to be the time you become born again. In some churches, water is simply poured. Depending on age, the person may be completely immersed in water, representing the reality of dying to an old way of life and rising with Christ into a new way of life in the community of Jesus' followers.



**The Eucharist or Holy Communion** – The fact of the **real** presence of the Lord Jesus is the central belief. The Catholic Church believes and teaches that each time the wafer is eaten that you are eating the actual flesh of the Lord Jesus. This is called totality of presence or transubstantiation. Once the person, usually 7- 9 years old makes their First Holy Communion, the person joins the rest of the community at the table of the Lord on a weekly basis.



**Confirmation** - Whereas water is the "stuff" of Baptism, in Confirmation it is oil that seals a person with the Holy Spirit. A saint's name is taken and after the Bishop pronounces you confirmed you kiss his ring in homage.



**Holy Matrimony** - God is love, and when you look at well-married people, you see that love enfleshed in a relationship that is the foundation of family, that is open to new life, that provides for children, that anchors a community in love.



**Holy Orders** - Jesus redefined leadership for all time when “He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist” (John 13:4-5). In Holy Orders, the church says, “Your family of faith needs deacons, priests and bishops to lead the way that Christ led, by washing the feet of his followers. By the faithfulness of your leaders to God's Spirit, you will know he is alive in your midst.”

**Reconciliation** - What do we do with the parts of our lives that are broken, where we feel crushed and dead, stifled and trapped? In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest stands in for Christ and the family of faith and offers tender compassion and forgiveness. This used to be called confession.



**Anointing of the Sick** - Jesus saw moments of illness and suffering as sacred opportunities to turn to God for healing. That's what the Church also does in the Anointing of the Sick. From the earliest days of the Church, its leaders would visit the sick, lay hands on them, anoint them with blessed oil and pray for healing.

**God wants us to live by His word not the traditions and whims of men.**

## Worship of the Catholic Mary

Most Roman Catholics believe they are worshipping Mary the mother of Jesus, in reality they are worshipping the Queen of Heaven or Jezebel one of the last Principalities to be thrown into the lake of fire. Rev 17 and 18.

BIBLICAL MARY	CATHOLIC MARY	THE GODDESS
Humble and obedient. Calls herself "the handmaid of the Lord."	The Pope officially gave Mary the title "Queen of Heaven" and established a feast day honoring Mary, Queen of Heaven. Semiramis mother of Tammuz.	Wiccans call their goddess the "Queen of Heaven".
Knew she needed a savior: "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior." (Luke 1:47)	"Immaculate Conception" (Mary was conceived sinless, without original sin) and "All-Holy" (Mary lived a sinless life).	Goddesses don't need salvation. They make the rules.
Normal wife and mother who had other children.	"Perpetual Virginity" (Jesus' brothers and sisters are considered to be cousins).	Goddesses don't have human children.
No biblical evidence that Mary didn't die like a normal person.	"Glorious Assumption" (Mary was bodily taken up into Heaven).	Goddesses don't die.
Jesus told John to take Mary into his home and take care of her as if she was his own mother.	Catholics are the adopted children of Mary. "Woman behold your son" (John 19:26) is taken to apply literally to every Catholic.	Witches are the adopted, "hidden children" of the Queen of Heaven.
Normal woman.	Sometimes pictured standing on a crescent moon, wearing a crown or with a circle of stars around her head.	Moon goddess.
Normal woman.	Supernatural (apparitions accompanied	Supernatural.

by miracles and healings). Lourdes etc.

Points people to Jesus.  
Mary said, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."  
(John 2:5)

Can make Jesus do things. A full page newspaper ad showing Mary and Jesus says, "He hasn't denied her anything in 2,000 years. What would you have her ask Him?" This is not official Catholic doctrine but it is a widespread attitude which is encouraged by pious literature.

Points to herself.  
Wants to be worshipped.

Knew that she needed a savior. (Luke 1:47)

Apparitions of "Mary" have promised that if people wear certain objects (such as a Scapular or Miraculous Medal) or say certain prayers then they are guaranteed to go to Heaven. The Catholic Church has not officially approved of these practices, but it has also not discouraged them.

Invoked to make supernatural things happen through witchcraft (the use of special objects and special verbal formulas).  
Goddesses don't need a savior

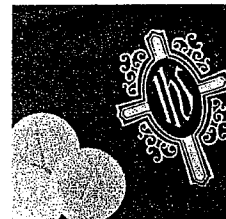


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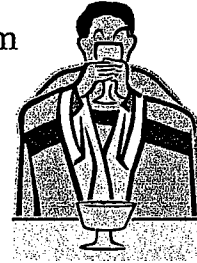
## **Renunciations**

- I renounce the sacrament of infant Baptism.
- I renounce the belief that this is the cleansing from original sin (the sin of Adam and Eve).
- I renounce the belief that this is one of the seven channels of grace through which I can hope to be saved.
- I renounce that I am born again through infant baptism.
- I renounce the exorcism of evil spirits by the priest through the anointing oil and placing salt in the mouth that offers protection from evil spirits.
- I renounce all membership to the Roman Catholic Church throughout my family line.
- I renounce any loyalty to the laws of the Roman Catholic Church.
- I renounce all loyalty to the Vatican and any and all Popes.
- I renounce the yoke of bondage put upon me by the Roman Catholic Church.
- I renounce the false sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession to the priest.
- I renounce all acts committed in obedience to the penance given for the forgiveness of sins.
- I renounce the act of contrition.
- I renounce and cut myself loose from the practice of this false religion.
- I renounce all worship of Baal.

- I renounce the unbiblical church structure; the Pope, Cardinals, Monks, Nuns.
- I renounce all statues, candles, holy water and all religious garbs that are used.
- I renounce the false communion known as the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.
- I renounce the faith that the wafer is the actual body of our Lord Jesus and the wine becomes His actual blood.
- I renounce and repent for dressing like a small bride and groom for the first communion.
- I renounce the divinity of Christ as the wafer and renounce the worship of an inanimate thing.
- I renounce the worship of the IHS. This stands for the Isis, Horus and Seb, three Egyptian deities.
- I renounce every mass I ever attended and ask Your forgiveness for walking on unholy ground.
- I renounce the belief that the priest has as much power to forgive sins as Jesus.
- I renounce the belief that Jesus is removed from Heaven in order to be crucified again during mass.
- I ask forgiveness for worshipping a false Jesus.
- I renounce and ask Your forgiveness Lord Jesus for bowing or genuflecting before the altar.



- I renounce the Council of Trent and the specific law that commands a death penalty to those who do not believe the wafer is God incarnate.
- I cut myself loose from this curse and confess the bread and wine are only symbolic of the body and blood of Jesus.
- I renounce the belief that by partaking of the Eucharist I am receiving Jesus.
- I renounce the continual sacrifice of Jesus during each mass and I confess He died once for all and was the perfect sacrifice.
- I renounce the sacrament of confirmation and renounce the kissing of the Bishop's ring and the taking of a saint's name and nature.
- I renounce all ties to that saint and ask you Lord, to break any and all soul ties established.
- I renounce the belief I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit by my being confirmed into the Catholic Church.
- I renounce my membership to this institution and break any and all oaths of loyalty taken.
- I renounce all loyalty to any priest or nun and renounce the wedding rings given at final vows to pronounce their marriage to Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
- I ask you Lord God to dissolve any soul ties that may have been established by me and a priest or nun.
- I renounce the statement from the Council of Trent that says, "Cursed is he that confesses assurance of salvation."





- **I am sure of my salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ for my sins upon the cross of Calvary. 1 John 5:11-13. I break this curse in the Name of Jesus and by the power of His shed blood.**
- I renounce the place called purgatory where souls are said to be kept in suffering before they can go to heaven.
- I renounce the lie that I can purchase with money the redemption of any person from purgatory.
- I renounce praying for the dead and recognize it as sin.
- I renounce all faith in Mary and renounce the deception that the Mary mentioned by the Roman Catholic Church is Mary the mother of Jesus. (the Mary mentioned is the Queen of Heaven, Asherah-Semiramis-Isis-Astarte or Venus.
- I renounce every prayer I ever prayed to Mary.
- I renounce every May Procession, the May Pole and all involvement in Mary worship.
- I renounce the Assumption of Mary (her being taken into heaven).
- I renounce any and all repetitive words such as the prayers of the rosary, Stations of the Cross, prayers to the Saints etc.
- I renounce the lie that the church was built upon Peter.
- I renounce Peter as the first Pope.
- I renounce the precepts upon which the Roman Catholic Church sits Apostolic Succession and Temporal Power.
- I renounce the whole system of the Roman Catholic Church including; control of world economy, the Jesuits, the Illuminati, the Mafia, the Club of Rome, Freemasonry, the International Bankers, the false Christ and the

antichrist. I ask Your forgiveness Lord Jesus, for any involvement with these groups.

- I renounce all identification with the Stations of the Cross.
- I reject and renounce all false burdens put upon me and any false burden I took willingly trying to be more like Jesus.
- I renounce all ungodly yokes put on me by Satan.
- I renounce the coronation of Mother Mary and her being known as the Queen of Heaven.
- I break all ties to the Queen of Heaven and renounce all loyalty to her.
- I renounce all fear (dread) of God.
- I renounce fear of nuns.
- I renounce all mortal and venial sins. Sin is sin.
- I renounce the administering of last rites. I am not responsible for their baptism and entrance into heaven.
- I renounce thinking I have to be Holy enough for God.
- I renounce thinking I have to pray enough to God.



**Father in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth I tightly bind together all evil including demonic spirits that came in because of these sins and iniquities. I break every curse, all traumas and every generational tie.**

**You will take all assignments and every weapon you brought in with you and go directly to the feet of Jesus Christ. I expel you now.**

## **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, in the Name of the true Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth and by the Power of His shed blood, I come asking forgiveness for having other gods before you. I have also followed the traditions of men and not your Holy ways. I wish to renounce and repent from all wrong doing and I ask you to cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

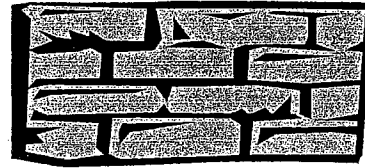
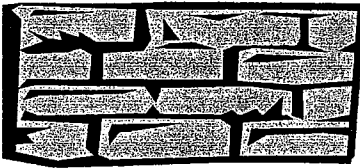
Jesus you said if we confess our sins, You are faithful to forgive them and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## **Declarations**

- I declare that I am bought with a price and that price was paid by Jesus and Jesus alone!
- I declare that the Blood of Jesus cleanses me now.
- I declare the Sword of the Spirit cuts me free right now from the Protestant and Roman Catholic Church.
- I declare because You have set me free, I am free in deed!

**“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to The Father but  
by Me.”**





### Concluding Praying

Heavenly Father,

Now that I have finished standing in the gap for my ancestral line and have numbered myself with the transgressors, I am removing myself from the gap until such a time as you call me again to intercede.

I call back every part of myself cleansed by the blood of Christ. I call back all Godly attributes, giftings, callings and generational blessings from every dimension.

I place everyone in my family line in Your care and ask that the work done here today be sealed by the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Amen.

