



**Christianity vs. The World**  
**Catholicism – Counterfeit Faith**  
**1 Peter 2:9-10**  
**August , 2014**

**The True Identity (9)**

**1 Tim. 2:5 - For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,**

**Exo. 19:5-6 - ...you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**

**Catholic view of God – extra biblical and extra deities.**

**- Mary- mother of Jesus -**

“Let all the children of the Catholic Church, who are so very dear to us, hear these words of ours... let them continue to venerate, invoke and pray to the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, ...Let them fly with utter confidence to this most sweet Mother of mercy and grace in all dangers, difficulties, needs, doubts and fears. Under her guidance, under her patronage, under her kindness and protection, nothing is to be feared; nothing is hopeless... while bearing toward us a truly motherly affection and having in her care the work of our salvation... she has been appointed by God to be the Queen of heaven and earth, and is exalted above all the choirs of angels and saints, and even stands at the right hand of her only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, she presents our petitions in a most efficacious manner. What she asks, she obtains. Her pleas can never be unheard.” - 1854, Pope Pius IX

- Proclaimed as mother of the church (by Pope Paul VI, 1965)
- Proclaimed to be mediatrix (mediator of sin; CCC- 969) \*
- Proclaimed to our advocate, intercessor and helper (CCC-969)
- CCC teaches that the 2nd Commandment forbids blasphemy against Mary.

Catholic View on Revelation – Tradition is equal to or supersedes scripture.

The True Ideology (10)

Catholic View on Christ and Salvation – grace and faith plus works- no assurance or security.

Grace begins with infant baptism (CCC-977), continued by the sacraments and good works (CCC-1127 and 2027).

But the Bible says: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast;" (Eph. 2:8-9).

- Grace is earned, can be lost and found by sacraments (CCC-1129).
- Grace can be lost by mortal sin (CCC-1033;) but restored by penance.

Ro. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Salvation comes from the church (CCC-846).
- Faith alone does not bring salvation (CCC-980, 1129)
- Anyone separated from Rome has no part of eternal life (Pope Leo XII).

Purgatory = a place of temporary punishment where the Christian is cleansed from sin before he can enter into heaven.

The Bible teaches:

2 Cor. 5:8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Jo. 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

The Bible says: Heb. 9:24-27.

\* - (CCC-###) These are references to the paragraphs in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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**Food For Thought:** according to the apostle Peter, when writing persecuted believers, God's real, rather than counterfeit disciples- those truly saved and sanctified, will live like Christ because of who they are- people in Christ, loved and elected by God and Christ.

- 1. By what names does Peter call Christians in this passage? Which of these terms can you relate to the most?**
  - 2. How does Roman Catholicism differ from the doctrines and theme of this passage ?**
  - 3. According to our key thought and vv. 11-12, how is our new status with God to influence the way we live?**
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**Bible Text**  
**1 Peter 2:9-10**  
**(ESV)**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Summer at C.C.C Continues!**

**Next Sunday: Summer at C.C.C will conclude our current series with *Christianity vs. the World - Atheism*.** Sunday's message will deal with the characteristics of the beliefs and yes, religion, that God does NOT exist or that there is little or no proof of His existence. We'll give you reasons to believe that God is "not dead", but real and why, so bring your skeptical, atheistic or agnostic friends and family members to the service.

**Have your Friends and Family Ever Wondered: - *What is the difference between Christianity and Jehovah's Witnesses? Mormonism? Islam? Catholicism? Judaism? Atheism? Why does it matter?***

**Invite friends and family to the *Summer at CCC* in the quest to make disciples and get answers to such questions**

***August 31<sup>st</sup> - Christianity vs Atheism***

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*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)*