

## **PRIESTS HAVE SACRAMENTS THAT BLOCK SALVATION**

Jesus said he was the way to God. Not was. Not will be. Is. There were no sacraments then when he said that.

Catholicism is pure sacramentalism. The idea is that rites established by Jesus put grace in your soul and bring you to God and forgive your sins.

Catholicism gives priests the power to give sacraments that supposedly seal you to God.

If you need priests to let you near Jesus then the priests are in effect the only way to God if only that they are the only way to the only way to God. Jesus promised delivery from oppression and the danger of oppression including religious oppression. That was why in God's plan he had to be the only way to God. The priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church denies this. If the priesthood are needed for salvation then clearly what objection could there be to the idea that you need some man's permission to go to Jesus? The Catholic priesthood gives you permission to become baptised and be a Catholic, it gives you permission to go to Heaven after forgiving your sins in confession and need I go on? What objection could there be that you need to go to Lourdes or pray to a certain statue before Jesus can save you? The doctrine of Jesus being the only way is about Jesus being easy access to God for everybody with nobody getting in the way.

The Catholic Church says he is the only way and so that his role doesn't mean he cannot have people who are the only way to him such as priests. But saying that means nothing when it is a doctrine buried under piles of other doctrines and distractions. A core truth is no good when it is buried deep under doctrine and practices.

Jesus said, "I am the way". He didn't say, "I will be the way", meaning that he would become the way when he is crucified for sins. He was the way when he spoke. He told people who didn't know of his plan to atone for sin that he was the way for them and the way they must use NOW. For them, he could be the way only if he was treated as the only spokesman for God and the man who had to put you right with God and the direct line to God. Priests who claim to mediate between Jesus and the people are committing a heresy so great that they are NOT true Christians.

The Catholic Church leads only to eternal damnation according to the Bible and its own principles so Protestants have to detest anything Roman Catholic which is not the same as hating Catholics.

## **CONCLUSION**

Catholics deny the Bible doctrine of salvation and so their religion is a hindrance not a help to salvation.

If a Catholic comes to Christ, he or she must formally defect from the Catholic Church. Upon defection, the obligation to pay money to the Church, to believe the doctrines of the Church and to obey the Church ceases. It means you are respecting yourself as a Christian free from the Church. It means you are not supporting the Church any more for as long as your name is recorded as Catholic you are supporting the Church and letting it be declared that you are part of the Church. The Bible says that if you are Christian and have sex with a prostitute you become one with her. In the same sense, you are one with the Church as long as you have your name on its rolls. It is true that you have left in your heart but you must do more than that. You must formally defect. If you do not, then your salvation and accepting Christ were somehow self-deception and not real.

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