

# **“What the Bible Says About Catholicism”**

## **Selected Scriptures**

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1. **God is triune** 👍
  - A. “*Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD Almighty*” (Isaiah 6:3)
  - B. “The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], Imprimi, Joseph Ratzinger, 1995, p. 69*)
  
2. **The Bible is the final authority** 👍
  - A. “*Thy Word is truth*” (John 17:17)  
“*All Scripture is God-breathed*” (2 Timothy 3:16)  
“*Jesus answered, ‘It stands written’*” (Matthew 4:4)
  - B. Authority in Roman Catholicism:
    1. The Roman Catholic Church [CCC, p. 546]
    2. The Pontiff/Pope [CCC, p. 546]
    3. Tradition/The unwritten Word of God [CCC, p. 31]
    4. The Bishops/The *Magisterium* [CCC, p. 546]
    5. The Apocrypha (7 books) [CCC, p. 40]
    6. The Bible (correctly interpreted) [CCC, p. 32]
  
3. **There is only one mediator** 👍
  - A. “*there is...one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus*” (1 Timothy 2:5)  
“*the Spirit Himself intercedes for us*” (Romans 8:26)
  - B. “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” [CCC, pp. 274-75]
  
4. **Every person is a sinner** 👍
  - A. “*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23)  
“*there is no one who does not sin*” (1 Kings 8:46)  
“*no one is good except God alone*” (Mark 10:18)  
“*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us*” (1 John 1:8)  
“*sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned*” (Romans 5:12)
  - B. “the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory and exalted...as Queen over all things” [CCC, p. 274]

5. **Jesus' death is totally sufficient for all sin** 🖱

A. "Jesus...said, 'It is finished [tetelesthai]' "  
(John 19:3)  
"but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified"  
(Hebrews 10:12-14)

B. Sin is atoned for in Roman Catholicism by: 1) The Sacrifice of the Mass [CCC, p. 319]; 2) Baptism [CCC, p. 319]; 3) Mary's prayers [CCC, p. 275]; 4) Penance [CCC, p. 405]; 5) Obedience/good works [CCC, p. 411]; 6) Prayers of the saints [CCC, pp. 412, 723]; 7) Indulgences [CCC, p. 411]; 8) The fires of purgatory [CCC, p. 291]

6. **Prayer is directed to God alone** 🖱

A. "When you pray...pray to your Father Who is unseen" (Matthew 6:6)  
"call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12)

B. Prayer in Catholicism is directed to God, Mary, statues, idols, angels and dead Christians [CCC, p. 573]

7. **Salvation is through Christ alone** 🖱

A. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me' "  
(John 14:6)

B. In Catholicism, salvation is earned through the Mass, Mary, the Sacraments, prayer, purgatory and the Roman Catholic Church [CCC, pp. 212-13]

8. **Salvation is by grace alone** 🖱

A. "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, so that no one may boast"  
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

B. In Catholicism salvation is earned through works and faith [CCC, p. 302]

9. **You can have assurance and security right now** 🖱

A. "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13)  
"those whom He justified, He also glorified"  
(Romans 8:30)

B. In Catholicism there is no assurance or security in this life [CCC, pp. 506-07]

10. **Death brings instant heaven or hell** 🖱

A. "absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8)  
"the rich man died...In hell he was in torment"  
(Luke 16:23)

B. "all who die...purified...undergo purification...in Purgatory" [CCC, p. 291]