



RELIGIONS AND CULTS OF THE WORLD

WEEK 1 – ROMAN CATHOLICISM

- Catholic means _____.
- There are _____ Catholics in the world and _____ in the United States.

HISTORY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Catholics believe they are the one holy church started by _____.
- In _____, Roman Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity with the Edict of Milan.
- In _____ Emperor Theodosius I accepted Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire.
- By the ____ century Christianity had achieved near total dominance in Europe.
- In _____ the church underwent the Great Schism separating the Eastern branch known as the Eastern Orthodox Church from the western branch which became known as the Catholic Church.
- In _____ the church started a religious war in the Middle East called the Crusades.
- In the _____ century the battle against heretics called the inquisition became much more prevalent.
- In _____ Catholic priest Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation.
- In the mid _____ century, the Catholic Church held the Council of Trent during which all Protestants were declared anathema.
- In _____ the Catholic Church held the First Vatican Council officially establishing papal infallibility.
- In _____ the Catholic Church held the Second Vatican Council.

SEVEN REASONS FOR THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

1. Scripture alone is God- _____ – 2 Timothy 3:16
2. Scripture is what Jesus and the Apostles _____ to
3. Scripture is what the church is commended to in order to fight _____ – Acts 10:32, Joshua 1:8, Mark 12:24
4. Infallibility is never given to the _____ of the Apostles – 2 Timothy 2:15, Acts 4:19-20
5. Jesus _____ scripture with God’s word – Mark 10:35, Matthew 15:3, 9
6. Scripture promises it will never _____ – Psalm 119:89
7. Scripture holds the power against the _____ one – Hebrews 4:12

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

DOCTRINE	ROMAN CATHOLICISM	EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY
GOD/SUPREME BEING	One eternal God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit	One eternal God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit
SIN	All men are sinful and are therefore separated from God	All men are sinful and are therefore separated from God Romans 3:23
THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST	Jesus is fully God and came to earth as fully man to die on the cross for mankind	Jesus is fully God and came to earth as fully man to die on the cross for mankind
RESURRECTION	On the third day after His crucifixion, Christ rose from the dead	On the third day after His crucifixion, Christ rose from the dead – Matthew 28:5-6
SACRED TEXT	Bible including apocrypha	Bible alone
ORIGIN OF AUTHORITY	The Bible, apocrypha as well as many church traditions and Papal decrees	God alone as given through the revelation of His Word the Bible

THE PERSON OF MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS	A sinless virgin able to hear prayers and intercede on behalf of humans, above angels, second only to Christ	The Mother of Jesus, a virtuous woman but otherwise sinful like all other humans
TRANSUBSTANTIATION	Accepted	Rejected
PURGATORY	Affirmed	Denied
PRAYER TO SAINTS	Accepted	Rejected
SALVATION	Salvation by grace and works, notably the sacraments	Salvation by grace alone
BAPTISM	Initial point of salvation, performed on babies or children by sprinkling	A sign and declaration of salvation performed by immersion after salvation

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. **Baptism:** performed as early as possible by _____.
2. **Confirmation:** performed when a child or teenager has reached their age of _____.
3. **The Eucharist:** performed only by the _____ due to transubstantiation.
4. **Penance and Reconciliation:** process of confessing to a _____ and performing the required tasks or penance for your sins.
5. **Anointing of the Sick:** also known as last _____ is performed by the priest before a person dies to ensure their salvation.
6. **Holy Orders:** sacrament by which a man is dedicated to service in the _____.
7. **Holy Matrimony:** sacrament that unites a man and woman in _____.

HOW CAN WE WITNESS TO CATHOLICS?

- The pope has become the final authority instead of _____.
- Mary has become the intercessor instead of _____.

- Catholics do some things _____:
 - Take a stand on issues
 - Have a high reverence for God
 - Care for the poor and needy
 - Committed to attend church
- To witness, your knowledge of love of God's Word will make a big _____.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17:** explain the _____ of Scripture
- **Mark 7:6-9:** demonstrate the importance of God over _____.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9:** explain the meaning of _____ through faith.
- Most importantly, love them and _____ for them.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

Discernment, Deception & Deliverance Conference by Mike Gendron

www.communitybiblechurch.us/resources/messages/preacher/mike-gendron/