

Pastor's Pen

A Jealous Husband!

For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy, for I betrothed you to one husband, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:2

There has been a push within some evangelical circles to try to mend the rift between Roman Catholics and Protestants that occurred in 1517 when Martin Luther, a teacher, and a monk, published a document he called Disputation on the Power of Indulgences or 95 Theses. The document was a series of 95 ideas about Christianity that he invited people to debate. These ideas were controversial because they directly contradicted the Catholic Church's teachings.

Martin Luther would eventually be excommunicated by Pope Leo X on 3 January 1521. Three months later, Luther was called to defend his beliefs before Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms, where he was famously defiant. For his refusal to recant his writings, the emperor declared him an outlaw and a heretic. Excommunication meant banishment from the church. An individual who was excommunicated was effectively barred from achieving salvation. It is interesting to note that the Catholic Church has never removed his excommunication.

2019 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of a symbolic yet significant initiative — the 1994 agreement, Evangelicals and Catholics Together: "The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium." It was the brainchild of the American Catholic intellectual Richard John Neuhaus and the Southern Baptist Evangelical author and Prison Fellowship founder Chuck Colson. The Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT) represented a heretical movement by so-called evangelicals. Their statement contains the following:

"Affirming a common Christ as Lord and Saviour, ECT declared that "Evangelicals and Catholics are brothers and sisters in Christ." Recognising the saving power of the cross and the authority of a divinely-inspired Bible, ECT affirmed "together that we are justified by grace through faith because of Christ," and that "Christians are to teach and live in obedience to the divinely inspired Scriptures, which are the infallible Word of God."

The Roman Catholic Church is not a Christian Church. A Christian Church will plant its flag on the hill of Grace Alone, through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone. We have nothing in common with any other church that does not believe, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, so that no one may boast(Eph.2:8-9)." The Roman Catholic Church believes salvation comes from faith in Jesus *AND* good works. The following was taken from a G3 post written by Josh Buice

"According to official Catholic doctrine, in order for a person to be saved, it's quite a tedious task. It involves steps such as actual grace, faith, good works, baptism, participation in the sacraments, penance, indulgences, and keeping the commandments. In short, the doctrine of soteriology taught by the Roman Catholic Church is a works based system where a person must work their way to God."

Charles Spurgeon said this about the Roman Catholic Church, "Any church which puts in the place of justification by faith in Christ another method of salvation is a harlot church." The Roman Catholic Church is not a Christian Church, and I agree with Spurgeon it is a harlot church. Let us be ever vigilant against those that would dare turn His bride away to become a harlot.

"I marvel that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ for a different gospel, which is really not another, only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Quote of the Week



"Live in Christ, die in Christ,
and the flesh need not fear death."

-John Knox

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to the gospel we have proclaimed to you, let him be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is proclaiming to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let him be accursed! For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a slave of Christ. For I make known to you, brothers, that the gospel which I am proclaiming as good news is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ." Galatians 1: 6-12

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

The Mass?
Charles Spurgeon

Where, then, did the mass come from, and of what avail is it? The Lord's Supper was intended to be the remembrance to us of our Lord's sufferings; instead of which it has been prostituted by the Church of Rome into the blasphemy of a pretended continual offering up of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, a continual sacrifice. According to the Romish doctrine the offering upon Calvary is not enough- the atonement for sin is not finished- it has to be performed every day, and many times a day, in the Catholic churches, by certain appointed persons, so that that sacrifice is always being offered.

Oh! brethren, the mass is a mass of abominations, a mass of hell's own concocting, a crying insult against the Lord of glory. It is not to be spoken of in any terms but those of horror and detestation. Whenever I think of another sacrifice for sin being offered, by whoever it may be presented, I can only regard it as an infamous insult to the perfection of the Savior's work. Popery swarms with worshipers of the god whom the baker bakes in the oven, and whom they bite with their teeth.



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old Testament
New Testament
Young Parents
Young Adults
Sunday Morning @ 9AM

Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Bible Study
Every other Saturday:
Women of Grace | 9am

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
every other week @ Chambers & Cox's
& @ Patrick's
Every Friday @ 7pm @ Royall's

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and forgot to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study
AWANA @6:30PM

Service Times

Sunday Service 10:30AM
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 3/13/2022

General Offering	6,558.20
Building Fund	651.20
Uganda	100.00
Benevolence	200.00
Total	\$7,509.40

Attendance	187
Sunday School	129
Online	38

Build the Body Ministries

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