

## **DID THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH GIVE US THE BIBLE?**

A source frequently cited by Roman Catholic apologists is that of an early 19<sup>th</sup> century work by the Right Reverend Henry Grey Graham entitled, [\*Where We Got the Bible: Our Debt to the Catholic Church.\*](#) In his Preface to the first edition Graham writes, “.....it is owing to the Roman Catholic Church that we have a Bible at all. And no one will be a bit the worse Christian and Bible-lover if he remembers this notable year that it is to the Mother Church of Christendom he must look if he would behold the real preserver, defender, and transmitter of the 'Word that endureth forever.'”

What this priest neglects to mention is the essential truth that there exists a sin much worse than not acknowledging the Roman Church as the preserver of the Word of God. It is the sin of disobeying that which it claims to preserve.

Such was the sin of the Israelites who preserved the Old Testament, yet murdered the Messiah predicted in their Hebrew Scriptures.

And such is the sin of the Roman Catholic Church who claims preservation of the Bible, yet cannot preserve the innocence of its most vulnerable members..... children who had not yet known or experienced the depths of Satan..... whose knowledge and experience of unspeakable evil has been gained at the hands of a [\*depraved pedophile priesthood for centuries.\*](#)

*But he that shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea (Matthew 18:6, Douay-Rheims).*

*And a mighty angel took up a stone, as it were a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying: With such violence as this shall Babylon, that great city, be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all (Rev. 18:21, Douay-Rheims).*

### **Real Preserver and Defender of the Word?**

Roman Catholic apologists would have us believe their Church and her leader, the Pope, preserves and defends Holy Scripture. However, in fact, the Roman Church has, for centuries, willfully omitted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment: *You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.* The following citation is taken from The Baltimore Catechism # 1, Imprimatur given by Archbishops of NY and Baltimore, April 6, 1885:

313. Q. Which are the Commandments of God? A. The Commandments of God are these ten:

1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother.

5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

To keep the Commandments at 10, they have divided the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment into 2 commandments.

Another grievous error is that of their Douay-Rheims Bible translation of Genesis 3:15: *I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel.* Mary is the one who crushes – has the victory over Satan, according to Catholic theology. This reading is in direct conflict with the original Hebrew which uses the masculine pronoun, indicating it is Jesus Christ who has the victory. Their attempt to elevate the role of Mary in our redemption is but one of many.

### **Our Bible Was Originally Written in Hebrew and Greek – Not Latin**

All Scripture was authored by God, written by men as they were led by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

Salvation is of the Jews, not the Roman Catholic Church (John 4:22).

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, the New Testament in Greek. Thus, they were preserved by Jews and Greeks, not

Roman Catholics. Nor were they the work of the Roman Catholic Church.

### **The Roman Church Did Not Certify the Canon of Scripture**

This is yet another lie perpetuated by the Roman Catholic Church. They claim Pope Damasus certified the canon of Scripture in 382 at the Council of Rome. God Almighty certifies what Scripture is canonical. For it is God Almighty who is its Author. Scripture is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16). Scripture is its own highest authority. Please review the Greek construction of 2 Peter 1:12, 19. Scripture is compared to a lamp shining in a dark place because it has light in itself. It is called a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path. It is Christ who gives sight to the blind Elect, that they may see the light and truth of Scripture, not a Church council.

Furthermore, the Old Testament is confirmed by itself, as well as by the New. It is certain there is a God, though the Church had never declared it. Likewise, it is certain the Scripture is the Word of God, though the Church had been silent on the subject. Jesus confirmed the canonicity of the Old Testament when, in Luke 24:44, He divides the Old Testament into Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. In Luke 16, Jesus relates how Abraham admonishes the rich man, "They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them," as much as to say, 'those who will not hear them will hear no man, not even the church.'

The books of the New Testament can be confirmed by the Old. The OT Messianic prophecies were fulfilled in the New. Therefore, the Old confirmed the New.

Of course, without the confirming testimony of the Holy Spirit, no man would believe unto salvation, let alone the canonicity of the Scripture. This internal witness to the truth of Scripture is yet another evidence of the promise, *they will all be taught by God*. 'They' are God's Elect, chosen for salvation before the foundation of the earth. No man, Pope, council or church controls the Holy Spirit (John 3:8).

Neither can any man, Pope, council or Church save you. I strongly urge all to seek the Lord passionately with all one's heart. Salvation is a personal issue. It matters not which Bible version is your authority. It only matters how you understand it.

### **Is the Roman Catholic Church the Defender of God's Word?**

Right Reverend Henry Graham, priest and apologist for the Roman Catholic Church, has declared it is his Church who is the real preserver, defender, and transmitter of God's Word.

The Roman Catholic Douay-Rheims Bible acknowledges the words of Christ, as written in [Matthew 12:30](#), are divine truth:

***He that is not with me is against me.***

This statement seems to be rather unambiguous, simple and straightforward.

Or does it?

The highest spiritual authority in the Roman Catholic Church is the Supreme Pontiff, also known as the Pope, Bishop of Rome, the Vicar of Christ, and Holy Father, to name a few of his 'holy' titles.

According to infallible Catholic doctrine, the Pope holds the [primacy](#) over all Christendom.

Therefore, common sense would dictate that *if* it is true the Roman Church is the defender of Holy Scripture the Pope *must be* the supreme defender of Christ and His teachings.

The Pope professes to be **with Christ**, for he claims to be [His Vicar](#) who comes in the name of Christ, blessed with the full authority of Christ.

Would it not be most shocking, dear reader, to discover the Pope to be, in reality, **against Christ**, though he vows, with utmost piety, his allegiance *to Christ*?

And what then should be the biblical title by which Christians should address this religious fraud once it is proved he is **against Christ**?

Easily verifiable evidence which proves the Pope is **against Christ** is found in the Roman Mass.



In [Matthew 4:3](#) we read the tempter, Satan, came to Christ encouraging Him to miraculously change stones into bread.

Thus is born the satanic seed of the doctrine of transubstantiation, the Roman Catholic 'miracle' which changes bread into God.

Pope Francis claims this miracle-working power.

According to Catholic orthodoxy, the Pope and his priesthood have been granted the power to transubstantiate an unleavened wafer into the literal flesh, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, wherever and whenever they like.

Such miracle-working power would make the Pope and Roman priesthood Gods, for only a God can create humans from inanimate clay, bone or stones ([Genesis 2:7](#), 22; [Matthew 3:9](#)).

But the Lord God declares, *I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God* ([Isaiah 45:5](#)).

By receiving the Eucharist, participants literally 'eat' Christ.

The doctrine of transubstantiation teaches cannibalism, a curse which God placed on the Israelites who forsook Him for false gods ([Leviticus 26:29](#); [Deuteronomy 28:53](#); [2 Kings 6:28-29](#)).

Thus, those who partake of the Roman Catholic ritual called the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are not receiving God's blessing as promised by the Pope. Rather they are receiving God's curse.

More importantly, the Mass mocks the holy selfless perfect sacrifice of Christ, since it claims to be exactly the same sacrifice that Jesus Christ offered on Calvary.

Yet God's Word clearly states Christ's sacrifice was made once for all ([Hebrews 10:10](#)), for He offered one sacrifice for sins forever (verse 12). His last words on the cross, *It is finished*, also testifies to these truths.

Not only is the doctrine of transubstantiation ludicrous on the grounds of common sense, it contradicts another significant Scriptural truth.



Every time a priest 'celebrates' Mass, Jesus is alleged to be present. Yet Christ declares, *Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not* ([Matthew 24:23](#)).

When Christ appears, all the world will know and acknowledge it.

To further emphasize the divine nature of the transubstantiated wafer, the Pope encourages its worship.



The Bible has a term for such worship: idolatry.

Idolatry is condemned in the strongest terms. In fact, those who commit idolatry prove their hatred of the true God ([Exodus 20:5](#)).

Now I ask the unbiased reader, Is the Pope **with Christ** or **against Christ**? If he is **against Christ**, what is the biblical designation for such a world renowned, revered and beloved

Christ-professing leader?

## **Does Jesus Teach We Are to Eat His Literal Flesh?**

[I have used the Douay-Rheims Bible to prove my points to eliminate the accusation of bias.]

Proper hermeneutics requires context and basic knowledge of grammar. Jesus uses metaphor in John 6 as well as in several other famous passages where He likens himself to a door, a vine, a good shepherd, a light, bread, etc. Consider the context of John 6.

Jesus explains He is the true bread from Heaven, far superior to the manna which only temporarily sustained the body. Jesus, on the other hand, sustains the soul, giving it life eternal because Jesus is the 'living bread.' The bread which Jesus gives is His flesh. He gave His flesh at Calvary. Eyes of faith and belief in His Gospel are the means by which we are to metaphorically 'eat' Jesus.

“And this is the will of my Father that sent me: that every one who seeth the Son and believeth in him may have life everlasting. And I will raise him up in the last day” (John 6:40; Douay-Rheims).

Jesus explains that 'eating His flesh' and 'drinking His blood' are to be understood metaphorically and spiritually. They are not literal because eating literal flesh is of no value toward gaining eternal life:

“It is the spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life” (John 6:63; Douay-Rheims).

### **Jesus Is To Remain in Heaven Until the Last Day**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops answers the question: ***“Why do we speak of the “Body of Christ” in more than one sense?***

“First, the Body of Christ refers to the human body of Jesus Christ, who is the divine Word become man. During the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As human, Jesus Christ has a human body, a resurrected and glorified body that in the Eucharist is offered to us in the form of bread and wine.”

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Of course, this is yet another outright lie which contradicts the clear Word of God as translated by the Douay-Rheims Bible:

*Repent therefore and be converted, for the blotting out of your sins, so that times of refreshing may come from [the] presence of the Lord, and he may send Jesus Christ, who was foreordained for you, whom heaven indeed must receive till [the] times of [the] restoring of all things, of which God has spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since time began (Acts 3:19-21).*

The resurrected glorified Christ will remain in Heaven until the Last Day, at which time every eye will see Him return to Earth in flaming fire, with clouds (Rev. 1:7; 2 Thess. 1:8).

### **Is the Roman Catholic Church the Transmitter Who Disseminated the Word of God to the World?**

No. The Roman Church has been the confiscator, persecutor and murderer of those Christians who dared translate, disseminate and preach God's Word.

**[Roman Catholic Decrees Prohibiting Vernacular Bible Translations – iconbusters.org](#)**

**[Catholic Church Forbids Bible to Laity Under Penalty of Death – iconbusters.org](#)**