



II Timothy 2:9
...But the Word of
God is not bound.

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TRACT DEPOT; DELIVERED!

When I put out the last "The Gospel Catholic", I included a prayer request for setting up a tract depot and permanent display at Christian Lake Bible Conference in Stratford, NY. My desire was to raise the funds to set this up and have it in place by spring when their campground activities begin. We were so blessed to receive a gift from a donor which covered the expense of the tracts and the display sign that will accompany the table.



This will allow us to distribute tracts to many different campers, churches and pastors who attend the services during the summer.

We received the tracts in December and I took my son, Stephen, on a quick road trip up to New York the week between Christmas and New Year's to deliver the tracts. What a fun experience to share with him, delivering over 10,000 tracts that will reach thousands of people, many of whom we will never meet!

Above is a picture of the table, ready for the finishing touches and to the right is a picture of the tabernacle where services are held. This camp is a place where one of our former directors, Bro. Donald Maconaghie, used to preach as well as the current chairman of our board, Pastor. J. Paul Reno. Thank you for your prayers and support; God has allowed another project to come to fruition!



AM I GOING TO HEAVEN?

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- ☐ 5. Good works
- ☐ 6. Trying to obey the Golden Rule
- ☐ 7. Tithing or giving money to the church
- ☐ 8. Church membership
- ☐ 9. Regular church attendance
- ☐ 10. Prayers
- ☐ 11. Fasting
- ☐ 12. Baptism
- ☐ 13. Holy communion
- ☐ 14. Born of Christian parents
- ☐ 15. Confirmation
- ☐ 16. Penances
- ☐ 17. Extreme unction
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Am I Going to Heaven?

By William MacDonald

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2. Now proceed to the next pages and find out whether you are on the way to Heaven.

Explanation:

If you have checked...

No. 1—you are definitely not on the way to Heaven. The Bible states unmistakably: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His [God's] sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20).

"That no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith" (Galatians 3:11).

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No. 2, 3 or 4—you are basing your hopes on something which, according to God's Word, will never save you.

"*Not by works of righteousness* which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:5).

No. 5, 6 or 7—you will never see Heaven's golden streets, for the emphatic declaration of God is:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: *not of works*, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9).

No. 8, 9, 10 or 11—you are bound for Hell, not Heaven. Although these things are all good in themselves, and although they might seem to you to be sufficient to save you, God declares in His sacred Word:

"We are all as an unclean thing, and *all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags*; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away:" (Isaiah 64:6).

No. 12 or 13—you are utterly mistaken and deluded. Baptism and communion are for those who are already saved, for those who are true believers (Acts 2:41; I Cor. 11:2, 23-32). These ordinances cannot save anyone and were never intended to do so.

No. 14—you are resting your soul on a false hope. Children born into Christian homes need to be saved like anyone else. This is stated plainly in John 1:12,13. "As many as received Him [Christ], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, *not of blood*, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." "Not of blood" means "not of one's parentage." One must be born of God to be saved.



No. 15, 16, 17 or 18—you should wake up before it is too late. None of these things are even mentioned in the Bible. They are merely inventions of men, and it is nothing short of ridiculous to hope to reach Heaven by any of these means.

Therefore, the inescapable conclusion is that the way to Heaven is not found in any one or in any combination of the items listed on page 2. Even if you did all of these things, you would still fail in your attempt to enter Heaven's gates at last.

What, then, is the divinely ordained way of salvation? The Bible gives a very definite answer. The one and only means of spending eternity with God in Heaven is **FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ALONE**.

It was because man could not save himself by any means that God sent His only begotten Son to die as a substitute for sinners. If man could have achieved righteousness in some other way, then obviously the Saviour need not have died.

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When the Lord Jesus died on Calvary and rose again on the third day, He finished the work necessary for salvation. Now all that God requires is that we should feel our need of Him and receive Him as our Lord and Saviour.

Thus we read over and over in the Bible that the way to Heaven is by believing on the Son of God.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31).

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life” (John 3:36).

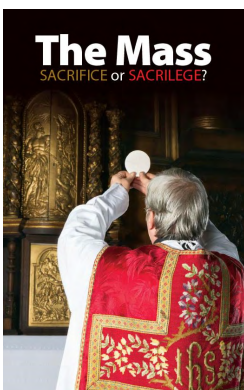
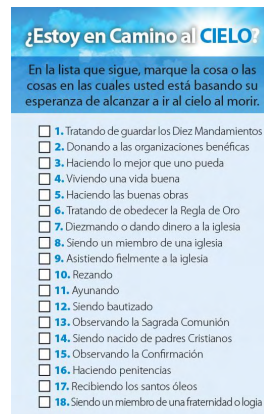
“He that believeth on Him is not condemned” (John 3:18).

In short, man is a sinner and cannot reach Heaven by so-called good works, good character, personal effort, or merit of any kind. His only hope of salvation rests upon the finished work of Christ upon Calvary's cross. Thus, when the sinner trusts the Savior, he is saved and, on the authority of God's Word, is bound for the promised land—Heaven.

Now the question is, "Will you accept God's way of salvation?" Will you renounce the dead works in which you are now trusting, and base your hopes for Heaven henceforth upon the finished work of Christ?

The choice is yours. You may continue to trust in those things listed on page 2. If so, you will go to a Christ-less grave, and wake up in a lost eternity. Or you may believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. Your eternity depends upon it.

Editor's note; this tract is available in English and Spanish. The Spanish cover is pictured to the right.



THE MASS

SACRIFICE OR SACRILEGE?

BY ALEX DUNLAP

Differences Between the Lord's Supper and the Catholic Mass

The entire account given in the New Testament of the matter in which our Lord Himself instituted the ordinance of the Lord's Supper is found in Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:23-25; Luke 22:19,20; I Cor. 11:23-25. We now compare what He did and said, with what the priest says and does when

he celebrates Mass.

1. JESUS CHRIST spoke in a loud distinct voice, so that the disciples heard Him. But the priest mutters over in a low secret whisper what are called the words of consecration so that few present can hear or understand what he says.

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2. JESUS CHRIST said, "This chalice is the New Testament in My Blood." But the priest says that He said, "This is the chalice of My blood of the New and Eternal Testament, mystery of the faith," which is not true, as we may learn from the sentences quoted in the Scriptures from before.

3. JESUS CHRIST broke the bread, before He pronounced the words, THIS IS MY BODY, which the Catholics call the words of consecration, and by virtue of which they say that the bread is transubstantiated into the body of Christ. BUT THE PRIEST pronounces these words first, and then handles the Host, to make the people think he breaks the body of Christ; so that if the pronouncing the words of consecration be what changes the bread into Christ's body, the bread our Lord broke was not so changed and therefore was a different thing from the Host.



4. JESUS CHRIST gave the bread into the hands of the disciples. BUT THE PRIEST puts the wafer into the mouth of each communicant himself.

5. JESUS CHRIST gave His disciples a cup of wine, saying, DRINK YE ALL OF THIS. St. Paul said to the Corinthians "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (I Cor. 11:23). And again, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye shall show the Lord's death until He comes."—vs. 26. So that it is as plain as possible that all present did drink as well as eat. BUT THE PRIEST alone drinks the wine, and the laity only eat the wafer.

Editor's note; since Vatican II, some masses allow for the laity to drink the wine.

6. JESUS CHRIST gave the disciples what the Scripture calls bread, and what was in the chalice He called wine, or the fruit of the vine. BUT THE PRIEST in the Mass gives the people what he says is not bread, but the body of Christ and drinks himself what he says is not wine, but the blood of Christ.



7. JESUS CHRIST did not elevate either the bread or the wine. BUT THE PRIEST lifts up the Host, and the people worship it.

8. JESUS CHRIST did not speak of any sacrifice being offered to God in this ordinance which He then instituted, BUT THE PRIEST professes to offer in the Mass the Body of Christ as a sacrifice for the sins of the quick and the dead.

9. JESUS CHRIST said no prayers for the dead. BUT THE PRIEST prays for those who "sleep the sleep of peace." Now this prayer must have been added to the Mass before purgatory was invented, because if a soul is tormented in the fire of purgatory, it cannot be the sleep of peace; and if it is in heaven, it has no need of prayers.

10. JESUS CHRIST said nothing of saints or angels. BUT THE PRIEST mentions both, blessing the incense through Michael the Archangel, and praying God to command an angel to carry the consecrated Host to Heaven.

11. JESUS CHRIST said, "Do this in remembrance of Me." BUT THE PRIEST says, "solemnizing and communicating in the first place the remembrance of THE GLORIOUS MARY, EVER VIRGIN."

12. JESUS CHRIST instituted this ordinance as a remembrance of His death and suffering, whereby remission of sin is granted to those who believe on His Name.

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BUT THE PRIEST says Mass for the purpose of obtaining from God some temporal blessing, as the cure of a sick person, or of sick cattle, preservation of the crops from frost or blight; and the Mass of St. Giles, of St. Francis, St. Catherine, and others. There are also loud Masses and low Masses, great Masses and small Masses, day Masses, episcopal Masses, Masses in white, in green, in violet, and all other colors.

13. JESUS CHRIST instituted the ordinance after supper. BUT THE PRIEST says Mass fasting.

14. JESUS CHRIST says nothing about the Cross on which He was to die. BUT THE PRIEST, in the Mass on Good Friday, which is called the Mass of the presanctified, says to the people, "Behold the wood of the Cross, come let us worship." And an anthem sung on that day contains these words, "We worship Thy Cross, O Lord." And speaking to the Cross, they say, "Faithful Cross, the only noble among the Trees."

15. JESUS CHRIST did not command the bread to be carried in procession, or says what was to be done with the crumbs. BUT THE PRIEST CARRIES THE HOST in procession, in all places where the Roman Catholic religion is established. There is a canon in their Church, to tell what is to be done when a mouse eats or bites the "body of Christ;" another, to direct what is to be done when it is lost, or carried away by the wind; another orders the priest to swallow a fly or spider if it falls into the cup, unless it turns the stomach; and that if the blood freeze, to wrap the chalice in hot cloths. But the most notable one is that which directs that if the priest be sick and vomit he is to separate the portions of the Host from the rest of the vomit and swallow them again! Who can believe that things so absurd and so nauseous are to be derived from the simple account of the New Testament? Here are fifteen particulars in which the celebration of Mass contradicts the institution of the Lord's supper by Jesus Christ Himself. It is plain to see that the Church of Rome has, without any authority from Scripture, altered some things, left out some things, and added some things, so as to make the Mass quite different from the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Thus no Catholic ever receives the Lord's supper properly. He has never commemorated Christ in this ordinance, for he is taught to commemorate the Virgin Mary. The service he attends is not founded on the Scriptures, but on the commands of a counterfeit Christian Church. We remind all Roman Catholics that Christ has said, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"—(Matt. 15:9).

We invite you to be converted to the true Christ of the Bible, Who never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Trust Him as your all-sufficient Savior, and Lord of your life. Be saved from Hell, and cleansed from sin by His blood. Then unite with a Fundamental, Protestant, Bible-teaching church in your community. --

Alex O. Dunlap "And every priest standeth daily . . . offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sin." (Hebrews 10:11)

Editor's note; This tract is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian and on our smartphone/tablet application.



DEAR READER,

Thank you so much for reading this edition of “The Gospel Catholic”. As I read back over my letter from the last edition, I was amazed at the developments in the last three months. Let me get to the news right away!

On a personal note, our little one due in April is a boy! Reuben Andrew is developing well, and we are excited. Stephen was so happy to learn that we are having a boy. (He doesn’t always show it outwardly.) Rachel is doing well and we pray for a safe delivery. Lord willing, next edition will have baby pictures.

Ministry wise, we are humbled to think of the two tract depots set up in 2015 and the 133,500 tracts printed. When we sent the last “The Gospel Catholic” out, we were at 109,500, but God allowed us to surpass last year’s total by 8,500. Please pray for the thousands of souls who will read them and that they will run to the Savior.

We have learned of an opportunity to help a small church in CT. City-Wide Baptist Church in New London is wanting to pass out a packet to each home in their town in the upcoming months. They need 10,000 of two different tracts. Please pray that we can provide the tracts for them. We currently have \$207 towards this project and need an additional \$700 for the first 10,000. The church will begin distribution as soon as they have the materials. Because of their size, their finances are limited. Please pray with us that we can get them started. The picture to the right is of their church.



In the next year, we want to start tract depots in two different places along the Texas—Mexico border. I hope to visit El Paso, TX in the upcoming months and am in contact with a couple of people about establishing one in the Rio Grande Valley near Brownsville, TX. The benefits of these would be that many pastors and missionaries cross the border often and they would be able to get access to tracts instantly. It would also give them a variety from which to choose and this could be particularly beneficial. Please pray as each depot will cost just under \$3,000 to establish and more to maintain. If you would like to give towards either the tract depots or the project in CT, please designate your offering “Tract Depot” or “City-Wide”. Thank you!

I would ask you to pray for the Iglesia Bautista de Berea (Berea Baptist Church) in Greenville, SC. They need a pastor. Their pastor, Bro. Bob Garrett passed away in December. He and his daughter did most of our translation for our Spanish materials. I was privileged to attend the funeral. Please pray for the Garrett family as they grieve and the church as they seek a pastor.

Thank you for your prayers and support for this work! God has been so good to us and we pray for His continued blessing in 2016. God bless and remember that, “Jesus Saves, Keeps and Satisfies!”

Yours for the Kingdom,

Mark T. Reno, Director

The Gospel of Grace

God's Word, the Bible, Tells We Need To Be Saved

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." *Matthew 18:11*

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." *Romans 3:23*

"Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." *John 3:3*

Even Religious Works Cannot Bring Salvation

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." *Titus 3:5*

"...not of works, lest any man should boast." *Ephesians 2:9*

"... all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." *Isaiah 64:6*

"This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." *John 6:29*

Jesus Christ – God Himself – Has Provided Everything For Our Salvation

"Who (Jesus) His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree..." *1 Peter 2:24*

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." *John 14:6*

We Must Accept Christ To Be Saved

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed..." *John 3:18*

"...and him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." *John 6:37*

We Are Saved By Faith Alone

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." *Romans 3:28*

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ...for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. *Galatians 2:16.*

"For by Grace are ye Saved through Faith"

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