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Also, “like” us on Facebook for news and updates. I try to do a live video each week!

God bless, MTR

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## **Roe V. Wade:** **FINALLY Overturned**

The Supreme Court of The United States announced in June that they were overturning the nearly 50 year ruling on Roe V. Wade. The Roman

Catholic Church has been in an upheaval about it ever since as the issue of abortion has caused great dissension in the rank and file. On June 3rd, NCR (National Catholic Reporter) published an article stating that, “68% of US Catholics say Roe should be left alone, poll says”. They also quoted from a poll taken this spring that, “63% of Catholic adults say abortion should be legal in all or most cases.”

The Roman Catholic Church has long portrayed itself to be a supporter of the traditional family and family values, but we are seeing that this is far from the case. In the United States, Gallup estimates that under 6% of the population is homosexual, bisexual or transgender and yet most polls of priests show that the number of homosexual priests is at least 15%, with numbers often hitting 30-40%, according to a New York Times article in 2019.

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The dilemma facing Roman Catholics now is that their leadership isn't in agreement on how to handle those who support abortion.

The archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore Cordileone, publically banned U.S. Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, from receiving “communion” and three other bishops in the surrounding areas joined the ban in case she thought to go to Mass outside of San Francisco. However, when Pelosi and her husband were in Rome for vacation, they went to the Vatican and were offered the

“communion”. This occurred 5 days after Speaker Pelosi had said this in regards to Roe V. Wade

being overturned: *“Today, the Republican-controlled Supreme Court has achieved the GOP’s dark and extreme goal of ripping away women’s right to make their own reproductive health decisions. Because of Donald Trump, Mitch McConnell, the Republican Party and their supermajority on the Supreme Court, American women today have less freedom than their mothers.”* **Roe V. Wade: FINALLY Overturned, continued on page 4**





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The most notable thing missing from Mrs. Pelosi's arguments is that the "rights" of more than 30 million unborn girls who were mercilessly slaughtered in the last 50 years don't matter to her.

Another strong Catholic is the President, Joe Biden. In 2019, a priest in Florence, South Carolina denied the then presidential candidate communion because of his support for abortion. However, when visiting the Vatican, President Biden was quoted by many news sources saying that the Pope told him he should continue to receive communion.



I was speaking to a resident in a nursing home run by nuns and they were telling me that when the announcement was made on national news about the overturning of Roe V. Wade, the nursing home made no mention of it, much less celebrated it. The RCC is truly in a turmoil over the issue and has a great amount of division over abortion. Regardless of what they do or don't do, we need to stand strong for the lives of the unborn because it is the right thing to do. Deuteronomy 30:19b says, **"...Therefore chose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."**





# The Testimony of Mary

One of the missionaries we work with sent us a dear testimony of a lady named Mary. She had grown up in a small interior village in Brazil and was a staunch Catholic. She would close up her shop to attend every event or class held at the local Catholic church.

She was invited to a Christian “couples” class and even though she was single, she came. Mary let the missionary know she was Catholic and was assured she would be more than welcome. Over the following weeks, this little lady would bring others to hear the Gospel, even though she hadn’t accepted it for herself.

She began to attend Sunday School and would comment how she loved the fact that the missionaries studied the Word of God and would ask questions... wanting to see what the Bible said and not just taking someone else’s word for it.

Over time, she began to open up and explain that she was receiving persecution from the other members of the Catholic church in the village and began to go to fewer and fewer events there. On one Tuesday night Bible study, there was a change in speakers and the man who filled in spoke plainly and clearly about the difference between religion and having a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He slowly explained grace and mercy in the context of salvation. At the end of his study, he drew attention to Romans 10:9-10 and the need to believe and confess the Lord Jesus. After it was over, he answered some questions for Mary and then she left. That was the last time the missionaries saw her alive.

Less than 48 hours later, Mary had a brain aneurysm and went into a coma. The missionaries spoke to a pastor who was at the hospital and he had been told by a niece who witnessed to her tirelessly that Mary had been saved Wednesday night, and couldn’t wait until Sunday when she’d be able to confess Him before the others who would be attending services. Friday morning, she passed away into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The missionaries and some of the Bible study group were able to have a short service before the Catholic service for Mary’s funeral. It saddened the missionaries to see the rituals the Catholics went through. These were the same chants and readings that Mary had been doing all her life before she came to a saving knowledge of the truth. In her last hours, she had renounced these very beliefs and had placed her trust only in the Lord Jesus Christ and received eternal life which she is now enjoying. There were some changes in her life even before being saved: 1. She had a custom of speaking of Mary (Jesus’ mother) as the holiest one and she stopped doing that. 2. She quit praying the rosary. 3. She called a relative to tell her she had believed on Christ for her salvation. 4. Once she went to Sunday School, she never returned to Sunday morning Mass.

Thank the Lord for Mary’s sweet testimony even though she was never able to give it publicly. Please pray for Mary’s family, still so steeped in tradition and needing the same Savior that Mary called upon just before her death.



# Roman Catholicism Vs. Fundamental Christianity

## (Teaching of the pope: Vicar of Christ)

Definition of vicar: *"A person who acts in place of another; a substitute. A person who is authorized to perform the functions of another; deputy."*

### The Roman Catholic Position (Quotes from the Vatican website from the Catechism)

891 "The Roman Pontiff, head of the college of bishops, enjoys this infallibility in virtue of his office, when, as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful – who confirms his brethren in the faith he proclaims by a definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals.... the infallibility promised to the Church is also present in the body of bishops when, together with Peter's successor, they exercise the supreme Magisterium," above all in an Ecumenical Council.<sup>418</sup> When the Church through its supreme Magisterium proposes a doctrine "for belief as being divinely revealed,"<sup>419</sup> and as the teaching of Christ, the definitions "must be adhered to with the obedience of faith."<sup>420</sup> This infallibility extends as far as the deposit of divine Revelation itself.<sup>421</sup>

882 The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful."<sup>402</sup> "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered."<sup>403</sup>

### The Christian Position

**John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

**John 16:23 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.**

**1 Corinthians 2:11-13 11. For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

**12. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**

**13. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;**

### Commentary

Jesus said it would be expedient for Him to go back to heaven so God would send the Comforter. (John 16:7) Jesus never controlled massive wealth or a recognized nation. He dressed like a simple man and lived in simple surroundings, unlike the pope. Jesus was rejected and hated because He told the truth.





Dear Reader,

Thank you so much for taking time out of your day to read this edition of *The Gospel Catholic*. We are in the midst of a very busy, but enjoyable time and wanted to briefly update you on what's going on in the ministry.

**Tracts to Colombia** The shipping container including our 470,000 tracts has just left for South America. Pray for safe passage, distribution, and the souls who will read them!



**Tract Paper** We are still waiting on a supply of tract paper for printing the 600,000 tracts. Please pray for: 1. Tract paper for Beacon of Truth. 2. Logistics for printing and shipping to the desired countries, distribution by pastors and missionaries and souls to be saved. 3. Funds to be able to print more tracts. If you want to contribute, please label your gift, "**Tracts**".

**Annual Rally** Please remember to pray for the Annual Rally being held in my home church, Bible Brethren Church, on September 8th at 7pm. If you are interested in having future rallies at your church, please contact us!

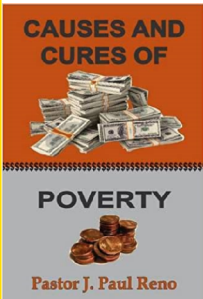
**Former Nun** One of the nuns we have helped has let us know that she may have to move out of the home in which she currently lives. Because of the sensitivity and uncertainty, I won't share any more details now but please pray for RM. We are still forwarding financial gifts to her to help her with her living expenses.

**Personal** We are finishing up a stretch of travelling where we will have been travelling for 32 days in less than a month and a half. We have been to 9 different churches, conferences and camp meetings. One of our favorite stops was at Christian Lake Bible Conference (pictured at left and right) where I had the opportunity to speak



9 times at a campground my Grandfather and Dad had spoken at many times. We also have made our annual trip to the Midwest but will be glad to enjoy some time at home. Thank you for praying for our safety and provision on these trips; God has been so good to us!

**Book Offer** In my home church, I just finished a series on the home and in the aspect of finances, I used a lot of material from a book my Dad had written some years ago, "***Causes and Cures of Poverty***". It deals with money from a biblical context. Due to inflation and the recession, I thought we might step out of the norm for this edition's book offer. If you would like your own copy, please contact us or send in the card included in your envelope. If you are unable to make the suggested donation, please let us know anyway and we will send you a copy as supplies permit. God bless, and let's be faithful stewards for Him!



Yours for the Kingdom,

Mark T. Reno, Director

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# The Gospel of Grace

## God's Word, the Bible, Tells Us 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*

## 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 Repent From Sin and Accept Christ To Be Saved

"... for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." *Matthew 9:13*

"... the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." *Matthew 1:15*

"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*

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

## We Are Saved By Grace Through 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"**

**HAVE YOU....**Been converted to the Lord Jesus Christ? Is He your personal and all-sufficient Savior? If not, you are invited to trust Him NOW. Today is the day of salvation. Then unite with a Christ-centered, Bible teaching, Missionary-minded, Separated, and Fundamental, New Testament Christian Church.

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