GROWING IN GRACE LETTERS! – Calling saints in Christ, (in our homes and with one another in Church), to walk in the Steps of Jesus! (1 Peter 2:15-25) Edited by James Bell, a servant of Jesus Christ!

9 16 25 V1n19 THE FALSE GOSPEL OF CATHOLICISM!

R.C. Sproul: "When our involvement in social issues brings us into contact and camaraderie with Roman Catholics, we need not draw back. But we must not assume that we are brothers and sisters with them in the gospel. They are members of a church that has ANATHEMATIZED the gospel, so we ought to pray for them and seek to reach them for Christ." NOTE: "When you anathematize, you declare your hatred for that person or thing. You denote something to be evil." Romanism HATES and DENYS THE BIBLICAL GOSPEL OF GRACE and views it as evil. They teach another gospel, which is not the gospel, which this article exposes.

It is not wise to be ignorant or un-informed about the Roman Catholic RELIGIOUS SYSTEM and their core false doctrine that has over ONE BILLION people ENSLAVED with a FALSE GOSPEL.

AS TO THE 'MASS' ... The Catholic Catechism states: In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." Roman Catholicism falsely claims: "Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of

love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."

"this is my body", it is at that instant, through the miracle of transubstantiation, that the bread and wine which we offer ... becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true Presence in the form of bread and wine. It is Christ.

What does the Catholic actually do during 'Eucharistic Adoration'? "You may sign up to be an "adorer" which allows you to schedule yourself for one or more hours per week to pray before the very presence of Our Lord, exposed in the monstrance. [FOR CATHOLICISM, a monstrance is an often gold-plated or silver vessel used to display the consecrated Eucharistic Host for the adoration and veneration.] 'Eucharistic Adoration' means that you can have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers …, pray a rosary or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing simply keeping Him company, just as you would with a dear friend."

[REMEMBER: This is all done before a PIECE OF BREAD, WHICH THE CATHOLIC now believes that the Priest has turned into actually being JESUS!] 'Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration' is permanent exposition and adoration of Jesus in

the Blessed Sacrament in a chapel that remains open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. AGAIN, CATHOLICISM CLAIMS THAT HE [JESUS] IS REALLY THERE! ... Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament [the bread given by the priest]! When you look upon the Sacred Host [the bread given by the priest], YOU LOOK UPON JESUS, the Son of God. Jesus will spend all eternity thanking you and loving you in heaven for your faithful commitment here on earth of spending one hour each week with Him [who is in the bread] in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The following is from,

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In Roman Catholicism, the Mass is equivalent to <u>The Lord's Supper</u>, the communion offering. The word "mass" is derived from the Latin missa. The mass is a series of rituals centered around the communion supper. It is also called the Eucharistic Supper.

According to the *New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism*, vol 2, question 357, "The mass is the sacrifice of the new law in which Christ, through the Ministry of the priest, offers himself to God in an unbloody manner under the appearances of bread and wine. The mass is the sacrifice of Christ offered in a sacramental manner . . . the reality is the same but the appearances differ." Question 358 asks "What is a sacrifice?" The

answer given is "A sacrifice is the offering of a victim by a priest to God alone..." From the Baltimore Catechism we can conclude that the mass is the offering of Christ by a priest. According to Roman Catholicism, Christ instituted the Mass when he said, "This is my body, and "This is my blood," (Matt. 26:26,28). Furthermore, Roman Catholicism teaches that when Jesus said "Do this in remembrance of me," He gave the apostles and hence his future priests the power to change bread and wine into His body and blood, (*Baltimore Catechism*, Vol. 2, Q. 354).

Therefore, during the ceremony of the Mass during the part of the liturgy known as the consecration, **the priest changes of bread and wine into Christ's body and blood** (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1105).

In checking out the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (*CCC*)., *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, and *The Council of Trent*, we find the following: The Eucharist is referred to in several ways.

- 1. **As a sacrifice** "the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist," (*CCC*, 1055) and "the Eucharist is also a sacrifice," (*CCC*, 1365).
- 2. **As a divine sacrifice** "For it is in the liturgy, especially in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, that "the work of our redemption is accomplished," (*CCC*, 1068).
- 3. **As a representation of the sacrifice of Christ** "The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross," (*CCC*, 1366).

- 4. "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice," (*CCC*, 1367).
- 5. "And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner," (*CCC*, 1367).

It is propitiatory (removes the wrath of God)

"this sacrifice is truly propitiatory," (*CCC*, 1367).

To all who deny its propitiatory nature, The Council of Trent pronounces <u>anathema</u>:

"If any one saith, that the sacrifice of the mass is only a sacrifice of praise and of thanksgiving; or, that it is a bare commemoration of the sacrifice consummated on the cross, but not a propitiatory sacrifice; or, that it profits him only who receives; and that it ought not to be offered for the living and the dead for sins, pains, satisfactions, and other necessities; let him be anathema." (*Trent: On the Sacrifice of the Mass: Canon 3*);

It is called the sacrifice of Christ which is offered via the priest's hands: "The sacrifice of Christ the only Mediator, which in the Eucharist is offered through the priests' hands," (*CCC*, 1369).

It is capable of making reparation of sins: "As sacrifice, the Eucharist is also offered in reparation for the sins of the living and the dead," (*CCC*, 1414).

It is to be considered a true and proper sacrifice: "The Catholic Church intends the Mass to be regarded as a 'true and proper sacrifice,'" (*The Catholic Encyclopedia*, topic: "Sacrifice of the Mass").

Is the Mass a re-sacrifice of Christ?

Roman Catholics are quick to say that the Eucharist is not a resacrifice of Christ. They want to make it clear that Christ was offered once for all and that the Mass is not a re-sacrifice but a "representation" of the sacrifice. We certainly do not want to misrepresent Roman Catholic theology, but we must ask how it is possible for the Mass to not be a re-sacrifice of Christ when the Mass is called a divine sacrifice (*CCC*, 1068) that is done over and over again.

We are told that "the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice"; (CCC, 1367); that it is an unbloody offering that is propitiatory, (CCC, 1367); that it can make reparation of sins, (CCC, 1414); and is to be considered a true and proper sacrifice (The Catholic Encyclopedia, topic: "Sacrifice of the Mass").

We must conclude that it is a sacrifice that occurs over and over again; and since it is said to be a true and proper sacrifice that is propitiatory,

then logically it must be a re-sacrifice of Christ. If it is not, then how can it be called a sacrifice of Christ?

Biblical Response

AGAIN, the Roman Catholic will say that the Mass is not a resacrifice. But it is difficult to conclude otherwise when we examine what the official Roman Catholic documents say.

Indeed, The Mass is said to be a sacrifice of Christ and is repeated, thus we must conclude that it is a continuing sacrifice, a re-sacrifice of Christ since the Catholic Church says that this very sacrifice is propitiatory (removes the wrath of God); and it is only the actual sacrifice of Jesus that can accomplish propitiation.

The BIBLE tells us plenty about the ONE TRUE sacrifice of Christ. Please consider the following verses:

Sacrifice offered once

"For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself," (Heb. 7:26-27).

"So Christ also, <u>having been offered once to bear the sins</u> <u>of many</u>, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him," (<u>Heb.</u> 9:28).

"By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all, ¹¹ And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹² but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God," (Heb. 10:10-12).

Sacrifice repetition of no value

"For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near." (Heb. 10:1).

"And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;" (Heb. 10:11).

We can see that the Bible tells us Christ offered himself once, and that there is no need for repetition of his sacrifice.

The failure of the Roman Catholic Church has been to distort the biblical doctrine of the Lord's Supper into a constant and

repetitious sacrifice of Christ. It should be plain to the reader that <u>the Roman Catholic position is not only un-biblical but</u> anti-biblical.

[The Roman MASS is the core expression of their FALSE RELIGION. Romanism is the major CULT of all the expressions of false Christianity.

[ALL OF THIS MAKES IT VERY SAD AND ALARMING that a number of so-called 'Evangelical' leaders (Rick Warren, Beth Moore, Russell Moore, etc.) are influencing others to receive Catholicism

PROTEST:

Many Catholics are in fact, EVANGICAL, and do not believe the Catholic doctrine of the MASS.

REALITY: WITHOUT QUESTION, SUCH ONES will be led by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God TO renounce and leave Catholicism!]

WE CLOSE WITH GRAND GOOD NEWS:

We are made right by the blood of Christ— not by the offering of a Roman Catholic priest who CLAIMS TO CHANGE the bread and wine into the literal body and blood of Christ. "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him," (Rom. 5:9). "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," (Rom. 5:1).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Services, September, 2025: 21st, 28th Sunday School @ 9:30am; classes all ages

WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:45am

MONTHLY SPECIAL MEETINGS:

September 21— LORD'S SUPPER / HOME GROUPS

September 28— EVENING WORSHIP @ 5PM

EVERY SATURDAY @ 8:00am— Men's Bible Study (Doors open by 7:30am— Enjoy Coffee / Juice / Donuts / Hardee's Biscuits!)[AT THE back of the Church building, come in at double doors; turn LEFT at first Hallway...]

STUDY starts @ 8:00am—

[9/20/25-- ROMANS, CHAPTER 1]

NEXT Ladies Bible Study— September 30 @ 11:00am (LESSONS from JOB) – (Downstairs, BIG Bible Study room)

EVERY TUESDAY @ 10:00am – 10:30am LADIES PRAYER MEETING (Back door, first room on right)

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