

From Protestant Pastor to Catholic Professor

Protestant Doctrine

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Salvation by Faith Alone

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Faith Alone?

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For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast.

- Ephesians 2:8-9

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Does Behavior Matter?

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And he said to all, 'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'

- Luke 9:23

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Does Behavior Matter?

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And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

- Matthew 18:9

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Call to Holiness

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You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- Matthew 5:48

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Sola Scriptura

The Bible Alone

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High Priestly Prayer

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The glory which you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

- John 17:22-23

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Mary Queen of Heaven

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And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery... she brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne.

- Revelation 12:1-5

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Christian Tradition

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So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:15

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Authority of Interpretation

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On no account persuade yourselves that it is right and proper to follow your own private judgment.

- Ignatius to the Magnesians, §7

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Role of the Bishop

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Let no man do anything connected with the Church without the bishop. Let that be deemed a proper Eucharist, which is [celebrated] either by the bishop, or by one to whom he has entrusted it.

- Ignatius to the Smyrneans, §8

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Marking of the True Church

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Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the multitude [of the people] also be; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.

- Ignatius to the Smyrneans, §8

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Warning of Heretics

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Now note well those who hold heretical opinions about the grace of Jesus Christ which came to us, note how contrary they are to the mind of God. ... They abstain from Eucharist and prayer, because they refuse to confess the Eucharist to be the flesh of our savior Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins and which the Father by his goodness raised up.

- Ignatius to the Smyrneans, §6-7

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The Eucharist

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Jesus took flesh from the flesh of Mary ... and gave us the same flesh to be eaten for salvation. But no one eats that flesh unless first he worships it ... not only do we not sin by worshipping [it], we do sin by not worshipping [it].

- St. Augustine

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All Scripture is Inspired

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All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN IMAGE

Session 09

- Should the religion we believe and practice be a matter of our culture and upbringing, or is it a question of finding the truth about God and how to serve Him? If it is a question of truth, what are our sources of truth?
- What issue(s) did I find to be a compelling reason for joining the Catholic Church? Are there other such issues? Is there a strong reason that motivated you or someone you know to enter the Church? Can you come up with a list of common reasons that lead people to become Catholic?