

Pope: Roman Catholic 'Church' only one true church

Repeating centuries of history, Rome has once again revealed its own dominion theology of primacy, and indeed, sole legitimacy, as the only true "church" on earth, in a document approved by the current false prophet occupying the antichrist Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI, on June 29, 2007.

This blasphemous, perverted assertion is in fact just the opposite of the Truth. The false religion of Romanism is NOT Biblical Christianity, but is in fact a "Christianized" form of the ancient pagan religion of historical Babylon.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM IS NOT BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

The Roman Catholic 'Church' is NOT a Christian Church

Hopefully, with this **re-assertion** by the Pope of Rome's **Counter-Reformation** principles from the still-in-effect, never-revoked, 16th century **Council of Trent**, evangelical, Bible-believing Christians in America will **wake up** to the **dangers** of **ecumenism** and **unequally yoking** with Roman Catholics in the cultural wars, **especially in the pro-life battle**, where great damage to the true Church of Jesus Christ (Y'shua Messiah) has already been done in America through such unbiblical practices (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

[Roman Catholic majority in SC's National RTL chapter annual march in Columbia](http://www.christianlifeandliberty.net/RTLAofSC-07-16.doc)
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Pope: Other Christians not true churches

www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2007-07-10-pope_N.htm?csp=34

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[excerpts, emphasis added]

LORENZAGO DI CADORE, Italy (AP) - **Pope Benedict XVI** has **reasserted the universal primacy of the Roman Catholic Church**, approving a document released Tuesday that says **Orthodox churches were defective** and that **other Christian denominations were not true churches**.

Benedict approved a document from his old offices at the **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith** that restates church teaching on relations with other Christians. It was the second time in a week the pope has corrected what he says are erroneous interpretations of the **Second Vatican Council, the 1962-65** meetings that modernized the church.

In the latest document - formulated as five questions and answers - the Vatican seeks to set the record straight on **Vatican II's ecumenical intent**, saying some contemporary theological interpretation had been "erroneous or ambiguous" and had prompted confusion and doubt.

It restates key sections of a 2000 document the pope wrote when he was prefect of the congregation, "Dominus Iesus," which set off a firestorm of criticism among **Protestant and other Christian denominations** because it said **they were not true churches but merely ecclesial communities and therefore did not have the "means of salvation."**

"Christ 'established here on earth' only one church," the document said. **The other communities "cannot be called 'churches' in the proper sense"** because they do not have apostolic succession - the ability to trace their bishops back to Christ's original apostles.

The document, signed by the congregation prefect, U.S. Cardinal William Levada, **was approved by Benedict on June 29**, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul - **a major ecumenical feast day**.

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www.thestate.com/353/story/114570.html

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The statement brought swift criticism from Protestant leaders. "It makes us question whether we are indeed praying together for **Christian unity**," said the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, a fellowship of 75 million Protestants in more than 100 countries.

"It makes us question the seriousness with which the Roman Catholic Church takes its dialogues with the reformed family and other families of the church," the group said in a letter charging that **the document took ecumenical dialogue back to the era before the Second Vatican Council.**

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FAITH UNDER FIRE

Pope: So, you're not Catholic? Then you're not in true Church

Benedict ignites holy war of words by stating other groups 'defective'

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[excerpts, emphasis added]

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"Christ 'established here on earth' only one church," said the document, reasserting the primacy of Catholicism.

It said other Christian communities such as **Protestants "cannot be called 'churches' in the proper sense"** since they don't have what's known as apostolic succession - that is, the ability to trace their bishops back to the original 12 apostles of Jesus.

Today's edition of the **London Times** gave the story prominence with a **headline reading: "If it isn't Roman Catholic then it's not a proper Church, pope tells Christians."**

Its online edition also features a messageboard where readers from all over the world are reacting to the pronouncement, including:

The pope is being honest in saying what all right thinking Catholics believe.

(Brian O Cinneide, Durban, South Africa)

Pope: Roman Catholics belong to the only one true church

<http://blogs.usatoday.com/ondeadline/2007/07/pope-roman-cath.html?csp=34>

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[excerpts, emphasis added]

Pope Benedict XVI has **reiterated** the Roman Catholic Church's position that other Christian denominations aren't true churches, meaning that his followers are the only ones who will achieve true salvation.

Here's what the **missive**, a complex document written in the form of questions and answers, says about **Protestant** and **Anglican denominations** that lack a direct connection to Jesus Christ's apostles: *According to Catholic doctrine, **these Communities do not enjoy apostolic succession in the sacrament of Orders, and are, therefore, deprived of a constitutive element of the Church.***

These ecclesial Communities which, specifically because of the absence of the sacramental priesthood, have not preserved the genuine and integral substance of the Eucharistic Mystery **cannot, according to Catholic doctrine, be called "Churches" in the proper sense.**

(link to Vatican website for full text of actual document:)

CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

RESPONSES TO SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING CERTAIN ASPECTS
OF THE DOCTRINE ON THE CHURCH

http://212.77.1.245/news_services/bulletin/news/20586.php?index=20586&lang=en#TESTO%20IN%20LINGUA%20INGLESE

[emphasis added]

The Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI, at the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, **ratified and confirmed these Responses**, adopted in the Plenary Session of the Congregation, **and ordered their publication.**

Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, June 29, 2007,
the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

(link to Vatican website:)

VATICAN - The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issues document

"Responses to some questions regarding certain aspects of the Doctrine on the Church"

www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=9957&lan=eng

[emphasis added]

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) - Today the **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith** issued a document with the title "Responses to some questions regarding certain aspects of the Doctrine on the Church" which bears the date of **June 29 2007**. The Document intends to clarify "the authentic meaning of some ecclesiological expressions used by the **Magisterium** which are open to misunderstanding in the theological debate", responding to five questions.

Pope Benedict XVI has simply re-asserted the principles of the 16th century Council of Trent:

Council of Trent

www.answers.com/topic/council-of-trent

[excerpt, emphasis added]

(1545 – 63) **19th ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic church**, which made sweeping reforms and laid down dogma clarifying nearly all doctrines contested by the Protestants. Convened by **Pope Paul III** at Trento in northern Italy, it served to revitalize **Roman Catholicism** in many parts of Europe. **In its first period (1545 – 47) it accepted the Nicene Creed as the basis of Catholic faith**, fixed the canon of the **Old and New Testaments**, set the number of **sacraments** at seven, and defined the nature and consequences of **original sin**; it also **ruled against Martin Luther's doctrine of justification by faith**. In its second period (1551 – 52) it **confirmed the doctrine of transubstantiation** and issued decrees on episcopal jurisdiction and clerical discipline. In the final period (1562 – 63) it **defined the mass as a true sacrifice** and issued statements on several other doctrinal issues. By the end of the 16th century, many of the abuses that had motivated the Protestant **Reformation** had disappeared, and the church had reclaimed many of its European followers.

[CCL Note: the Protestant Reformation birthed the Lutheran, Anglican, and Presbyterian denominations, and later the Methodists. The Baptists were not an off-shoot of the Reformation, but under various names, Bible-believing "baptist" Christians had existed since the beginning of the church that the Lord Jesus Christ (Y'shua Messiah) founded through His ministry on earth, that was birthed in Holy Ghost power at Pentecost in 33 AD. Despite the claims of Rome to the contrary, the false religion of Roman Catholicism was not the church that Jesus Christ (Y'shua Messiah) founded, and even with the persecution of Bible-believing "baptist" [non-infant-baptizing] Christians by Romanists, the true church has existed in continuity since the day of Pentecost ! Hallelu-Yah !]

Council of Trent

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Trent

[excerpts, emphasis added]

The **Council of Trent** is the **Nineteenth Ecumenical Council** of the **Catholic Church**. It was convened three times between **December 13, 1545** and **December 4, 1563** in the city of **Trent** (modern Trento, **Alto Adige**) as a response to the **theological** and **ecclesiological** challenges of the **Protestant Reformation**. It is considered **one of the most important councils in the history of the Catholic Church**, clearly specifying Catholic doctrines on **salvation**, the **sacraments**, and the **Biblical canon**. The council standardized the **Mass** throughout the church, largely by abolishing local variations. This was known as the "**Tridentine Mass**", from the city's **Latin** name *Tridentum*. The council also commissioned the first Catholic catechism, the **Roman Catechism**.

The Council of Trent was a major first step in the Counter-Reformation.

The main object of the council was twofold, although there were other issues that were also discussed:

- **To condemn the principles and doctrines of Protestantism** and to define the doctrines of the Catholic Church on all disputed points.

The history of the council is divided into three distinct periods: **1545–49, 1551–52 and 1562–63**.

It closed with "**Anathema** to all **heretics**, anathema, anathema."

Dear born-again, Bible-believing, evangelical Christian, **YOU** are a heretic in the eyes of Rome !

Five Reasons Why Roman Catholicism is not Biblical Christianity

www.ianpaisley.org/tiara.asp?printerfriendly=true

Evangelism to Roman Catholics by a former Roman Catholic priest:

The www.BereanBeacon.org website is the ministry outreach of former Catholic priest Richard Bennett.

The Pope Kissing The Koran

www.deceptioninthechurch.com/popekiss.html

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Do an on-line search of: "pope kissing the Koran" to pull up dozens of websites.

Question: How can the Pope, alleged by Rome to be the head of Christianity on Earth, kiss the Christ-denying Koran ?

Answer: Roman Catholicism is NOT a Christian religion, but is in fact a "Christianized" form of the ancient pagan religion of historical Babylon.

Quotes from "The Two Babylons - Romanism and Its Origins," by Alexander Hislop (1916):

www.chick.com/catalog/books/0185.asp

[highlighting emphasis added]

"It has been known all along that **Popery** was **baptised Paganism**; but God is now making it manifest, that the **Paganism** which **Rome** has baptised is, in all its essential elements, **the very Paganism** which prevailed in the ancient literal Babylon,..." (Introduction., p. 2)

"In the Apocalyptic visions,...., John sees the Apostate Church with the name Babylon the Great "written upon her forehead" Rev. xvii. 5)." (Introduction, pp. 2-3).

"Her judgment is now evidently hastening on; and just as it approaches, the Providence of God, conspiring with the Word of God, by light pouring in from all quarters, makes it more and more evident that Rome is in very deed the Babylon of the Apocalypse; that **the essential character of her system, the grand objects of her worship, her festivals, her doctrine and discipline, her rites and ceremonies, her priesthood and their orders, have all derived from ancient Babylon; and finally, that the Pope himself is truly and properly the lineal representative of Belshazzar.**" (Introduction., p. 3).

"If the position I have laid down can be maintained, **she must be stripped of the name of a Christian Church altogether;...**" (Introduction., p. 3).

See other books on the heresy of Roman Catholicism and related subjects to order at:

www.chick.com/catalog/catholicism.asp

Roman Catholicism is not Biblical Christianity. The religious system of Romanism is a "*Christianized*" form of the ancient pagan religion of historical Babylon.

Among the many unbiblical practices, beliefs, and doctrines of the Roman Catholic system of religion are: transubstantiation (witchcraft); the Rosary (praying to Mary); the Mass (the blasphemous "re-sacrifice" of Christ); papal infallibility; the claim of the "Immaculate [sinless] Conception" of Mary herself, prayer to a host of other "saints," baptism of infants, and on and on it goes.

That said, as a former Roman Catholic (raised and infant-baptized as an Episcopalian; infant baptism being another unbiblical practice), who made a profession of faith as a boy, but who then lived wickedly as a young man in high school, at West Point, and in the Army, before becoming active in Roman Catholicism in the 1980's, I would not be one to absolutely assert that it is completely impossible for a particular individual who at the moment is involved in the Roman Catholic system, to be a Christian (in spite of the false teaching of this false "church"), because salvation is a sovereign work of God, by the Holy Spirit. However, if such a one is a Truth-Seeker, and reading his or her Bible daily, and walking in obedience to the opportunities that the Lord may put before them to come to a knowledge of the Truth, then I believe that God can deliver such a one from the spiritual bondage of the idolatrous, blasphemous, unbiblical, and heretical Roman system, just as He did for me, by His grace and mercy, in 1989. Today I am a born-again Christian, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ (Y'shua Messiah) for my salvation, set free of the chains of Rome !

Saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ (Y'shua Messiah) alone,

Hallelu-Yah !

Jesus Christ (Y'shua Messiah) said,

"... I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18

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