

COMPARING THE APOSTATE ROMAN CHURCH AND MESSIAH YESHUA'S TRUE CHURCH p.1

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APOSTATE CHURCH OF ROME

RC TRADITION AND SCRIPTURE TOGETHER AS SUPREME AUTHORITY - Tradition above the Word of God when the two conflict

POPE IS HEAD OF THE ROMAN CHURCH

FALSE CLAIM PETER THE FIRST POPE

based on misinterpretation of Matt 16:13-18 - "You are Peter (Petros), and upon this rock (petra) I will build My church"- the Greek shows the difference between Peter and The Rock -petra is not the same as Petros (Peter)

No Scriptural or historical evidence for Peter as head of the church, the first Bishop/Pope of Rome, or that popes are successors of Peter

FALSE CLAIM RC MAGISTERIUM ONLY AUTHORITY that can interpret the meaning of the Word of God; the Magisterium claimed to be the only and infallible teaching authority based upon false claims Peter first pope, etc.

RC TRADITIONS CONTRADICT GOD'S WORD "different spirit", "different gospel", "another Jesus" (Mark 7:6-9,13; 2 Cor 11:4; Gal 1:8,9)

SALVATION THROUGH RCC SACRAMENTS: Baptism, Confession/Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick

Unbiblical beliefs: baptism removes sin, required for salvation; confession to priest; penance, indulgences for acts of piety help pay for sins; no assurance of salvation

RC PRIESTHOOD PERFORMS SACRAMENTS offering Mass, forgiving sins principal functions of RC priesthood; celibacy required, yet Peter, claimed to be the first Pope, married (Matt. 8:14)

RC VIRGIN MARY MEDIATRESS OF ALL GRACE unbiblical claim she's the unique channel of grace and blessings of God; go through Mary to get to her son Jesus (not the Mary or Jesus of the Bible but "another Mary", her son "another Jesus")

TRUE CHURCH OF MESSIAH YESHUA

THE WORD OF GOD IS SUPREME AUTHORITY (Acts 17:11; Gal. 1:8,9; 1 John 4:1; 2 Tim 3:16,17)

MESSIAH YESHUA IS HEAD OF HIS CHURCH (Eph 5:23; Col 1:18)

PETER NOT THE FIRST POPE

Messiah Yeshua is The Rock the True Church is built upon (Matt 16:15-18; 1 Peter 2:6-8; Psalm 18:31; Isaiah 44:8; 1 Sam 2:2)

Peter, apostle to Jews; Paul, apostle to Gentiles (Gal 2:7,8); Paul greets 28 leaders & members of the Roman church, not Peter (Rom 16; 2 Tim 4:11); "Peter's Tomb Recently Discovered in Jerusalem" by F. Paul Peterson

MAGISTERIUM NO VALID CLAIM TO AUTHORITY OR INFALLIBILITY because Peter was not the head of the apostles and the church; RC bishops are not the apostles' successors; and the Pope is not Peter's successor (Prov 30:6; Isa 29:13; Mat 15:3-9; Mark 7:8,9,13; Col 2:8)

GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT THE ONLY INFALLIBLE AND AUTHORITATIVE TEACHER (John 14:26; 16:13,16,17; Rom 8:14; 1 Cor 2:10-13; 1 John 2:27)

SALVATION A FREE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE

No sacraments God's Word; no salvation/grace through sacraments; salvation/justification by faith/trust alone (Rom 3:21-4:8; 5:1,2; 6:23; 10:8-17; 11:6; Eph 1:7,8); baptism not required for salvation (Luke 23:43); only God can forgive sin (Ezra 10:11; Mark 2:7; Col 2:13; Isa 43:25); good works the result of salvation, not cause (Eph 2:8-10); assurance of salvation (1 John 5:13)

PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS: All believers are members of Messiah Yeshua's priesthood of the New Covenant (1 Peter 2:9; Rom 12:1; Rev. 1:6).

YESHUA IS THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN MAN AND GOD, (John 14:6; 1 Tim 2:5)

YESHUA THE HIGH PRIEST OF THE NEW COVENANT in the order of Melchizedek (Heb 5:5,6,10; 6:19,20; 7:17)