

Take a look at commitment during Easter

In the July 11, 2007, Daily Standard there appeared an article on 2A which shared in part that, "Pope Benedict XVI reasserted the primacy of the Roman Catholic Church approving a document released Tuesday that says ... Catholicism provides the only true path to salvation."

In response, even though a little late, I would like to point out that Biblical or true Christianity asserts the primacy of the written word of God which tells us that Jesus provides the only true path to salvation.

Much like the religion of Judaism the early church was deceived and infiltrated by false teachers to the point where the religion of man has taken precedent over the written word of God and the true Messiah has been rejected (Acts 20:17-35).

Today Roman Catholicism has amassed such an array of false teaching that Satan has succeeded in turning their hearts and minds away from the power that is in the blood that Jesus shed on the cross (Hebrews 9:22).

We are sinners, we deserve death, we couldn't be resurrected to life eternal. But God still loves us. The whole of mankind wasn't guilty of original sin only Adam was. But because we were born through Adam, his sin and sinful nature were passed on to us. God knew that if by one man all men were declared sinners than through one man, Jesus Christ who is fully God and fully man, all men could be declared righteous (Romans 5: 12-21).

Now we need to be born again in Christ. We could not be physically born again, our new birth had to be spiritual through the power of the Holy Spirit (John 1:12, 13). This new birth the Bible says takes place when a person puts their faith in Christ as their Savior (John 3:37-39). Jesus' blood was offered and accepted in our place as our payment for our sin. Because Jesus was sinless, death could not hold him. He was not guilty. He was resurrected to life eternal.

Now individuals young and old are faced with a choice. Do they want to live in the darkness of sin whether that sin be immorality or religious pride or do they want to live in the light of Christ and His word.

The Roman Catholic can avail themselves to all that Catholicism has to offer and still must live in doubt as to the destiny of their eternal soul. They have the bloodless water of baptism to wash away their original sin and bring about the new birth. They have the bloodless sacraments (even though it is taught that Jesus' blood is re-offered at every Mass it is still considered a bloodless sacrifice or offering because Jesus does not suffer again). They

have their bloodless indulgences, penances, good works, devotions, scapulars and medals. Finally they have their bloodless Purgatory where they are assured of receiving their final cleansing or purification from the remnants of what they owe God for their sin. However, Purgatory can be escaped through the bloodless praying of the rosary in devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Praise be to the Lord God Almighty that Jesus promised the gates of hell would not prevail against the church, the true church that teaches us our salvation is achieved through faith in Jesus Christ and His shed blood alone.

The true Church is not limited to a denomination or an organized mega church but is made up of individual believers no matter what church or denomination they may be in even if that church or denomination is teaching falsehood.

However I would encourage true believers and non-believers to leave a false church or denomination and seek fellowship in a true Bible believing church. True spiritual security is not found in numbers but in a personal knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ, which comes from knowing Gods written word and responding with faith and obedience to the truth found therein (John 6:68, 1 Peter 1:23-25).

God's desire for his children is: that they maintain their faith in Christ alone for their salvation (Galatians 2:11-3:14), that their character becomes more Christ-like by following the fruits of the spirit and not the fruits of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19-24), that they grow in holiness by being sorry for, confessing and stopping their sinning (1 Peter 1:13-20), and that they involve themselves in true or pure religion which is to watch your tongue, do good deeds for others and to remain uncorrupted by the world (James 1:26, 27; Matthew 25:31-46; 1 John 3:16,17 and Philipppians 3:4-9).

Apostle Peter writes about receiving a rich welcome into heaven, (1 Peter 1:1-11) and God's word declares in the book of Psalms, and in 2nd Corinthians that he has removed our sin from us (Psalms 103:8-12, 2nd Corinthians 5:19-21).

That is the message of the True Christian Church to the world God loves. There is no religion or ritualistic regiments we must follow or perform (Mark 12:28-31, 1 John, 3:23, 24). This Easter season take a closer look at Jesus sacrifice.

Read God's word, Believe in Jesus Christ, and love one another (Jeremiah 9:23, 24).

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