

Roman Catholic Gospel:

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Q. What is absolutely necessary for me to be saved?

A. ... no more basic question ... Hebrews 11:6 ... seems to be a minimal answer: “For anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” ... Peter preached ... they asked, “What are we to do?” Peter ... “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (see Acts 2:37-38).

... outside the Church there is no salvation. This does not mean that one must be identifiably a Catholic. It does mean ... salvation is available only through Jesus Christ ... the grace of Christ ... always works through His mystical body, the Church ... Christ redeemed the world through His natural body and no other, so He continues to pour His salvation into the world through His supernatural Body and no other ... non - Catholic communions can be means of salvation ... the truth they offer is Catholic truth.

To have access to the full means of grace, the full truth of the Gospel, full access to the guidance of Christ in matters of faith and morals, one must be incorporated into the one true Church, the Catholic Church. The Second Vatican Council ... *a warning* to anyone who comes to know what the Catholic Church is and refuses either to enter her or to remain in her. That person - “*could not be saved.*”

*** ... even if one is fully incorporated into the Church and accepts all her teachings and her guidance, that does - *not guarantee salvation.*** “Even though incorporated into the Church, one who does not however persevere in charity [in love and service of the Lord Jesus Christ] *is not saved*” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, No. 14).

Just ... published ... “What Must I Do to Be Saved?” by Marcus Grodi (CHResources, \$6.95) ... The small book demonstrates how foreign to the scriptural record is the individualistic “Jesus and I” approach to salvation. He shows how the sweep of the Old Testament record on this subject finds its completion and fulfillment in the Catholic Church.”