

**CATHOLICISM:** "By his death and resurrection Jesus Christ has 'opened' heaven to us." Catholics follow the voice of the Church for guidance to "obtain" heaven. See— (CCC-1026, 1030) See also \*(CCC-816)

**CHRISTIANITY:** Jesus is the door to heaven: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep—I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved—I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (John 10:7–11)

**CATHOLICISM:** "Are You Saved? A Catholic Response to a Common Protestant Question," The Coming Home Network, 07/05/17. "Salvation in the fullest sense is an ongoing process that won't be complete until after we die—We could choose someday to jump overboard—We still have-the-ability-to turn away from God again—Simply believing in Jesus isn't enough—Faith is useless, then, without good works." —Paul Thigpen (CCC-162; 1459)

**CHRISTIANITY:** Salvation and Assurance, come from Scripture and the indwelling Comforter the Holy Spirit. "Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." (1 Thess. 1:5) "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Rom 8:16) Good works are useless before saving faith. "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." (Isa. 64:6) "Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." [Without good works your faith is useless in glorifying God and leading souls to Christ. Simply believing in Jesus is enough, for salvation.] "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins—And hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus—For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:9–10, 1, 6, 8–9)

**CATHOLICISM:** "In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: 'Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.'" (CCC-1327) "I will spend all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament."—St. Faustina, a mystic who recorded her visions of Christ. Divine Mercy

**CHRISTIANITY:** "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ga 6:14)

**CATHOLICISM:** "The social duty of Christians is to respect and awaken in each man the love of the true and the good. It requires them to make known the worship of the ONE TRUE RELIGION which subsists in THE CATHOLIC and apostolic CHURCH." (CCC-2105) "For it is through Christ's Catholic Church ALONE which is the universal help toward salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained." \*(CCC-816)

**CHRISTIANITY:** "We Preach NOT OURSELVES but Christ Jesus the Lord—We Preach CHRIST CRUCIFIED—Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (2 Cor 4:5; 1 Cor 1:23–24) "And that he might reconcile both (Jew & Gentile) unto God in one body by the Cross, having slain the enmity thereby." (Eph 2:16) "As it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God—Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 15:3–7, 13)

**CATHOLICISM:** "The renovation of the World will be brought about only by the Holy Eucharist."  
—Pontiff Leo XIII

**CHRISTIANITY:** "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him [Jesus] therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." (Heb 13:14–15)

**CATHOLICISM:** "The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist."—Pontiff St. Pius. "When we go to Communion—we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus. The consecrated host is Jesus himself, who comes to dwell in our hearts!" —Francine Bay—Henning Zang, *Stories of the Blessed Sacrament*, page 27, Ignatius Press.

**CHRISTIANITY:** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Jesus is our ROCK: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb 13:8)

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world." (Col. 2:8)

CCC-1260 "Since Christ died for all, and since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers, in a way known to God of the Paschal mystery.'

Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such persons would have desired Baptism explicitly if they had known its necessity."

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." (Acts 10:34–35) Westgerdes, read the entire chapter to learn how God miraculously reached out to Cornelius who was seeking to know God and God responded by sending Peter to preach the gospel to him.

The Christian response would be that God would send the seeker a witness to preach the Gospel to them so that they could explicitly believe on Jesus the Christ as their Saviour. This is another example as to how the gates of hell have prevailed against Catholicism because they are not preaching the saving gospel of Christ's death, burial and resurrection but are instead preaching salvation through the sacrament of Baptism.

Quotes from the Old Testament concerning the ROCK: "For, who is God, save the LORD? And who is a ROCK, save our God." (Ps. 22:23) "He is the ROCK ... A God of truth and without iniquity." (Duet 32:4) "Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my ROCK." (Ps 28:1) "The LORD liveth; and blessed be my ROCK." (2 Sam 22:47) "Sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the ROCK of our salvation." (Ps 95:1)

Jesus is God. He is named the ROCK 35 times in the O.T. and seven times in the New Testament.

Paul: "All [did] drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual ROCK that followed them: and that ROCK was CHRIST." (1 Cor. 10:4) Jesus: "Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

“He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a **ROCK**: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a **ROCK**. But he that heareth, and doeth not—the ruin of that house was great.” (Luke 6:47–49; Matt. 7:24–27) (See also Rom. 9:33; 1 Pet. 2:6–8)

**Jesus:** “But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, *Thou art the **CHRIST**, the Son of the living God.* And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this **ROCK** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should *tell no man that he was Jesus the **CHRIST**.*” (Matt. 16:15–20)

**Jesus** was calling himself the **ROCK**, the **CHRIST**.

**GW**—The so-called Pope and successor to Peter is, now like past Popes, building a One World Religion. No longer is he proclaiming that Jesus is “the **CHRIST**, the Son of the living God.” **The gates of hell have prevailed over Catholicism** but **not the Christ** (Jesus), **nor his followers** who have believed, and been born again/baptized with the Holy Spirit. They like **Peter** can boldly say:

“**Lord**, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the **words [not sacraments]** of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that **CHRIST**, the Son of the living God.” (John 6:68–69) **Paul:** “**And that** he (Jesus) might reconcile both (Jew and Gentile) unto God in one body by the **cross**, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and **preached** peace to you which were afar off (Gentiles), and to them that were nigh (Jews). “For through him we both have access by **one Spirit** unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens** with the **saints**, and of the household of God; And are **built** upon the **foundation** of the **apostles** and **prophets**, **Jesus CHRIST** himself being the **CHIEF CORNER STONE**; In whom **all** the building fitly framed together growth unto an **holy temple** in the Lord: In whom **ye** also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Eph. 2:16–22)

**By the Holy Spirit** we become members of the Church and the **Bride of Christ**. The Holy Spirit indwells every true believer and Christ loves every believer as **his bride**.

“**Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church**, and gave himself for it—For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church**: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones—For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and **they two shall be one flesh**. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning **Christ and the church**.” (Eph 5:25, 29–32)

**CATHOLICISM:** The **KEYS** of the Kingdom of Heaven.

“In the forgiveness of sin both **PRIESTS** and **SACRAMENTS** are instruments which our Lord Jesus Christ—wills to use in order to **efface** our sins and give us the grace of **justification**.” / “The **LITURGY** is the **summit** toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the **font** from which all her **power** flows.”

(CCC-976–987; 1070–74, 1069)

**CHRISTIANITY: JESUS:** “I will give unto thee the **KEYS** of the kingdom of heaven—how that **HE (CHRIST)** must go unto Jerusalem, and **suffer**—and be **killed**, and be **raised** again the third day.” (Matt 16:19, 21)

**Paul:** “Brethren, I declare unto you **the Gospel** ... by which also ye are saved ... unless ye have believed in vain—**CHRIST** died for our sins according to the scripture—he was **buried**—he **rose** again the third day according to the scriptures—he was seen.” (1 Cor. 15:1–5)

**Peter:** “Preaching peace by Jesus **CHRIST**—whom they **slew**—Him God **raised** up the third day and shewed him openly—through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.” (Acts 10:36–43)

**Paul:** “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to **PREACH** the **gospel**: not with wisdom of words, lest the **CROSS** of **CHRIST** should be made of none effect—it pleased God by the **foolishness** of **preaching** to **save** them that **believe**—we **preach CHRIST Crucified** ... who of God is made unto us wisdom and ... **redemption**: He that glorieth, let him **glory** in the Lord.” (1 Cor. 1:17–23, 30–31)

“Without **faith** it is impossible to please him: for he, that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that **diligently seek him**.” (Heb. 11:6) “**All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **That the man of God may be perfect**, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Tim. 3:16–17)



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## We Agree! The Tomb is Open.

### But What Comes Next?

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**CATHOLICISM:** “Baptism is *birth* into the **new life** in Christ—it is **necessary for salvation**, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.” / “**Baptism** indeed is the **seal** of eternal life.” / “The Church and the parents would *deny* a child the **priceless grace** of becoming a child of God were they not to confer **Baptism** shortly after birth.” / “It is by *faith* in the Gospel and **Baptism** that one renounces evil and **gains salvation** that is the **forgiveness of all sins** and the gift of the **new life**.” (CCC-1277, 1274, 1250, 1427)

**CHRISTIANITY: A Believer’s water baptism** comes *after they have been saved*. Immersion **represents** the new Christian’s **faith** in Jesus’s payment for the debt of their sin, baptism pictures Jesus’s **death**, **burial**, and **resurrection**. The **new life** or being born again comes through the **baptism** and **sealing** of the **Holy Spirit**. The Spirit’s baptism comes **immediately** at the moment of **saving faith** in **CHRIST** as Saviour and Lord. (See Acts 10:39–48)

**CATHOLICISM:** Jesus’s crucified body and shed blood are **reoffered** to God during the sacrifice of the **Mass**, **offered daily**, many times, throughout the world, *in an unbloody manner, Jesus does not die again nor is he re-crucified*. Your suffering, and good works may be, added, to the **Mass offering**.

If needed, to “**achieve** the holiness necessary to enter heaven” Purgatory provides the final cleansing.

See—(CCC-1362–1372) (CCC-1030–32)

**CHRISTIANITY: Jesus, sacrificed once** upon the Cross, dying, and shedding his sinless blood for the sins of the world. His **one offering** pays your sin debt in full. By faith in his victory, you are gifted with eternal life; all your sin is, removed “As far as the east is from the west.” (Ps 103:12)

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