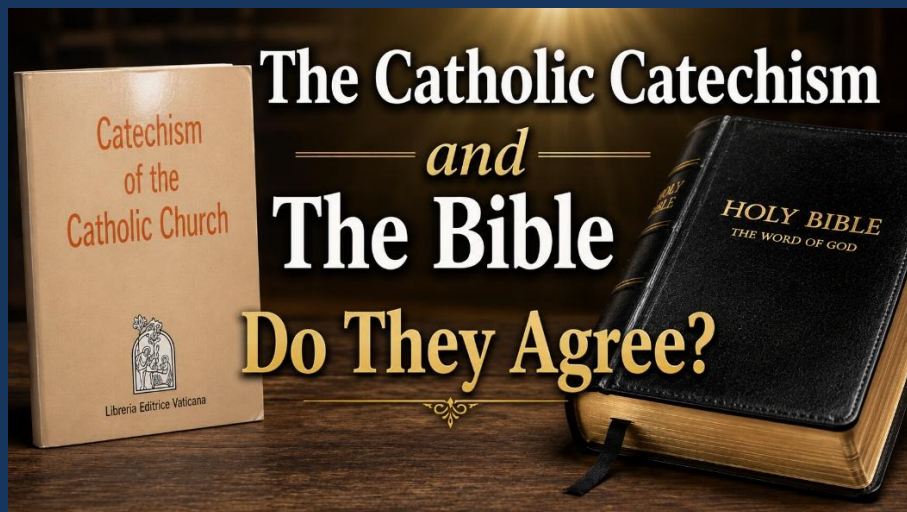


Saturday, 7/18/26 at 4:00 | Sunday, 7/19/26 at 9:00



Part 1

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Introduction

Dear Friend: My purpose is to compare the teachings of the Catholic Catechism with the teachings of the Bible. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit, through God's Word, would ♦show us God's truth, ♦set us free from sin, and ♦give us the assurance of eternal life.

Notes:

- This new brochure is about the two books, **not** the beliefs of any individual person.
- RCC in the USA: 50 to 67 million!

Please keep reading to understand these two important books: where they agree and where they disagree.

Identifying the Two Books

- **The Catholic Catechism** (CCC) – This brochure refers to the English version published in **1994**. It is the first universal catechism for the RCC (Roman Catholic Church) since the Roman Catechism of **1566**, written after the Council of Trent.
- **The Bible** – The 66 books of the OT and NT are the written word of God. How is that possible? The Holy Spirit moved men to write the words of God (**2Pe 1:21**). Therefore, the Scriptures are **true**, **trustworthy**, and **sufficient** for teaching the way of salvation (**Isa. 40:8**; **Pro. 30:5**; **2Ti. 3:16-17**).
 - ❖ **2 Peter 1:21** “...no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”
 - ❖ **Isaiah 40:8** “The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”
 - ❖ **Proverbs 30:5** “Every word of God is tested [*and found to be pure*]...”
 - ❖ **2 Timothy 3:16-17** “All Scripture is inspired by God [*God-breathed*] and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

Many Areas of Agreement

These doctrines form the broad foundation of historic Christianity and should be appreciated before examining the important differences discussed below.

1. There is one true God – The Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. Angels are real; Satan and demons are evil angels who opposed God.
3. Heaven and hell are real places.
4. All people are sinners and need salvation.
5. Jesus Christ is true God and true man:
 - ♦conceived by the H.S., ♦born of the Virgin Mary, ♦lived a sinless life, ♦died for all people, ♦rose bodily from the dead, ♦ascended into heaven, ♦reigns as Lord and King, ♦will return in glory, ♦will raise all people, and ♦will judge the living and the dead.
6. God calls all people to repentance, faith in Jesus Christ, and holy living.
7. Human life is sacred from conception until natural death.
8. Baptism was instituted by Christ and is a means of God's grace.
9. Parents have the responsibility to teach the Bible to their children.

10. Christians are to love God above all and their neighbors as themselves.
11. Miracles recorded in Scripture truly occurred.
12. The Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ and includes His real presence.
13. The Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds summarize the Christian faith.

Next Week

- Important Aspects of Truth
- Key Areas of Disagreement – Part 1
 - ❖ TOPIC: Source of Truth
 - ❖ TOPIC: OT Holy Scriptures – 39 or 46 Books
 - ❖ TOPIC: Papal Supremacy

Let Us Pray: Dear Father in heaven, we praise You for Your holy word and the agreement you have given us with other Christian denominations. Wherever we have differences, help us to resolve them with patience and caring and kindness through our careful and Spirit-led study of Your word of truth!

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