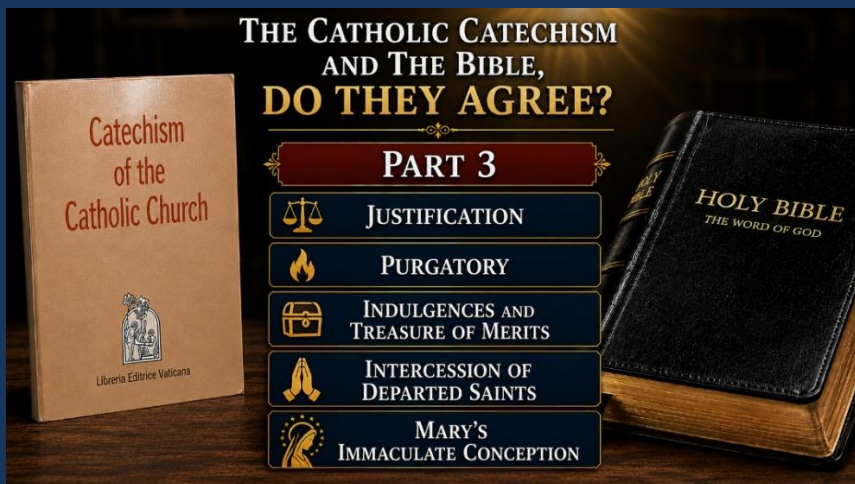


Saturday, 8/1/26 at 4:00 | Sunday, 8/2/26 at 9:00



Part 3

Text: NAS 1995

Introduction

Dear Friend: This sermon, Part 3 of 3, completes our focus on the **Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)**.

Why such a series? I wanted to write a resource that we could use to help Roman Catholics see the inconsistencies between their catechism and the Bible – *hoping the Holy Spirit would lead them to* rightly know God's truth, turn from all inconsistencies, and trust in Christ alone for eternal life!

This final part includes five more key areas of disagreement between the CCC and the Bible.

MORE – Key Areas of Disagreement

TOPIC: Justification – Being Right in God's Sight: By faith alone or faith + works

- **CCC 1813** “The theological virtues [*faith, hope, and love*] are the foundation of Christian moral activity... They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life.”
- **Romans 4:5** “...to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness...”
- **Romans 6:23** “...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- **Titus 3:5** “[God] saved us, **not** on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, **but** according to His mercy...”

Conclusion: Merit focuses on self; faith focuses on Christ and His finished work!

TOPIC: Purgatory

- **CCC 1030:** “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified... after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.”
- **1 John 1:7** “...the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
- **Luke 23:43** “... [Jesus said:] today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”
- **2 Corinthians 5:8** “...absent from the body... at home with the Lord.”

Conclusion: We are pure through Jesus!

TOPIC: Indulgences and Treasury of Merits

- **CCC 1471:** “An indulgence is a remission [reduction] before God of the temporal punishment due to sins..., which the faithful Christian... gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which... dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.”

“An indulgence... removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.” The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

- **1 Peter 1:18-19** “...you were not redeemed with perishable things... but with... the blood of Christ.”
- **Hebrews 10:14** “...by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.”

Conclusion: We are perfected through Jesus!

TOPIC: Intercession of Departed Saints

- **CCC 956:** “...those who dwell in heaven... do not cease to intercede with the Father for us...”
- **Isaiah 63:16** “...You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us And Israel does not recognize us.”
- **Romans 8:34** “Christ Jesus... is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”
- **1 Timothy 2:5** “...there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus...”

Conclusion: Christ is the only mediator!

TOPIC: Mary's Immaculate Conception

- **CCC 491:** “The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception... preserved immune from all stain of original sin.”
- **Luke 1:47** “... [Mary said:] my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.”
- **Romans 3:10, 23** “There is **none** righteous, not even one...”
- **Hebrews 4:15** “...we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

Conclusion: Mary was saved through Jesus!

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John 20:31 “...these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

Dear Friend: May this brochure inspire you to ♦read the Bible, ♦believe it is true, ♦be sorry for your sins, ♦rejoice in Jesus’ finished work, ♦trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, and ♦live with assurance, peace, and joy!

Let Us Pray: Dear Holy Spirit, You are the Lord and giver of life, so we pray for Your saving work in the minds and hearts and lives of *many around the world!*

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