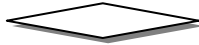


# So Close! ...And Yet So Far?



## ***The Teachings Of Jesus In Dialogue With Other Beliefs***

### **Part 10: "The Religion That Knows It Is" ROMAN CATHOLICISM**



#### **Introduction – A Pure & Simple Faith**

Luke 18:9-14; Matthew 6:5-8; 2 Corinthians 11:3

#### **What Can We Learn From Catholics?**

- i) Belief in the \_\_\_\_\_ is biblically honest.  
**Matthew 28:19**
- ii) Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to our life.  
**1 Peter 2:24**
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_ is good for the soul.  
**James 5:16**
- iv) Unity is good for the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**1 Corinthians 1:10-17**
- v) Creativity is close to \_\_\_\_\_ heart.  
**Genesis 1:1...**

#### **What Can Catholics Learn From Jesus?**

- i) God's final authority on earth is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**2 Timothy 3:16-17**  
**1 Corinthians 4:6; Matthew 15:3 & 6**

- ii) Only Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.  
**Matthew 16:18-19**  
**Ephesians 2:20**  
**Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18**  
**1 Peter 5:1-4**  
**2 Corinthians 12:12**
- iii) Christians don't need priests or saints, we \_\_\_\_\_  
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**1 Peter 2:5, 9**
- iii) After we die, there's no \_\_\_\_\_ option.  
**Hebrews 9:27**
- iv) We receive God's grace through \_\_\_\_\_ alone.  
**Acts 16:30-31**  
**John 3:16, 36; 5:24**  
**1 Corinthians 1:17**  
**Romans 1:16; 4:5**  
**Ephesians 2:8-9**

#### **Conclusion – Would you like the gift?**

**Romans 6:23**

#### **HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...**

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, share one new thought you learned or were again challenged by.
2. Read **Romans 10:1-4**. a) To what extent do you think these words could be applied to the Catholics you know? How so? b) To what extent could these words be applied to yourself?
3. Read **Romans 3:221-4:5**. a) What is your favourite verse in this passage? Why? b) Why are **3:28** and **4:4-5** particularly important lessons for our Catholic friends to hear? c) Why are these important lessons for you to hear?
4. Read **James 1:26-27** and pray for yourselves and those you know to discover and practise true "religion".

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