

Can Catholicism Save You From God's Wrath?

Setting aside several legitimate issues (papacy, the mass...): biblically, Catholicism **cannot** save simply because it teaches you have to add your own works to the grace of Christ to obtain salvation (Canon 9: Council of Trent). The Bible teaches if you rely on works for your standing before God, those works have to be *perfect* or they will end in judgment (Galatians 3:10, James 2:10...) God is perfectly holy and can't allow even one sin to remain unpunished. If you are attempting to add your works to faith (any part or portion), they would need to be *perfect* or whatever "merit" you would offer would be tainted by sin.

That's why the Bible teaches grace (mercy) and works (merit) are *exclusive ways* of salvation (Romans 11:6, Galatians 5:4...). True, biblical saving grace is 100% mercy. Either you choose all of grace (by trusting totally in the finished work of Christ) or you receive none of it. Rely **totally** on the mercy of God or you will receive no mercy. The *only* text in the entire Bible Rome twists to try to prove salvation is also of works is James 2:24: which is clearly written about people who say they have faith but have no works (James 2:14). This is simply teaching that saving faith always **produces** works (Ephesians 2:10, 1 John 2:4..), but those works are not the basis for salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 4:5...). Again, the discussion in James is not about how to be saved, but what is a credible profession of true faith.

So essentially, Roman Catholicism not only has "another" gospel, but condemns the biblical gospel. In return, the Bible condemns theirs (Galatians 1:8-9). Again, there are many other heretical teachings coming from Rome that could be discussed, but I believe this is the root of those.

I pray you would look at your heart and know that before a Holy God, you need **complete** mercy by trusting only in the finished redemptive work (perfect life, death for sins, resurrection) of the Incarnate God Jesus Christ by faith alone. If you choose to be judged according to your works in any fashion before Him: that will end in eternal punishment in hell.

Council of Trent:

Canon 9- "If any one saith, that by faith alone the impious is justified; in such wise as to mean, that nothing else is required to cooperate in order to the obtaining the grace of Justification, and that it is not in any way necessary, that he be prepared and disposed by the movement of his own will; let him be anathema."

Scriptures:

Galatians 3:10- For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not abide by *all things* written in the book of the Law, to perform them'

James 2:10- For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Romans 11:6- But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Galatians 5:4- You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

James 2:24- You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

James 2:14- What use is it, my brethren, if someone SAYS he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

Ephesians 2:8-10- For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one can boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (You don't EARN a gift)

Romans 3:20- because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. (The primary purpose of the Law is to show you your need for grace/mercy)

Romans 4:5- But to the one who does NOT work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.

Galatians 1:8-9-

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! [9] As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

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