

24. Catholic teaching says that Mary is another mediator in addition to Jesus through whom we pray.
24. The Catholic Bible says, "For there is one God; and one mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5).
25. Catholics teach that Jesus was the only child of Mary, and that she remained a virgin after the birth of Jesus.
25. The Catholic Bible says, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brethren James and Joseph and Simon and Jude? And his sisters, are they not all with us?" (Matt. 13:55, 56).
26. Catholics claim that infants inherit sin from their parents.
26. The Catholic Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, the same shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, and the father shall not bear the iniquity of the son" (Ezekiel 18:20).
27. Catholics teach that because of inherited sins infants are born in sin.
27. The Catholic Bible says, "And Jesus, calling unto him a little child, set him in the midst of them, and said: Amen, I say to you, unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:2,3).
28. Catholics teach and practice the baptism of infants who cannot yet be taught the Gospel.
28. The Catholic Bible says, "Going, therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19).
29. Catholics teach sprinkling as a substitute for immersion in water as baptism.
29. The Catholic Bible says, "And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch. And he baptised him" (Acts 8:38).
30. Catholics in many other ways revolt against and continue not in the doctrine of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.
30. The Catholic Bible says, "Whosoever revolteth and continueth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that continueth in the doctrine, the same hath both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9).

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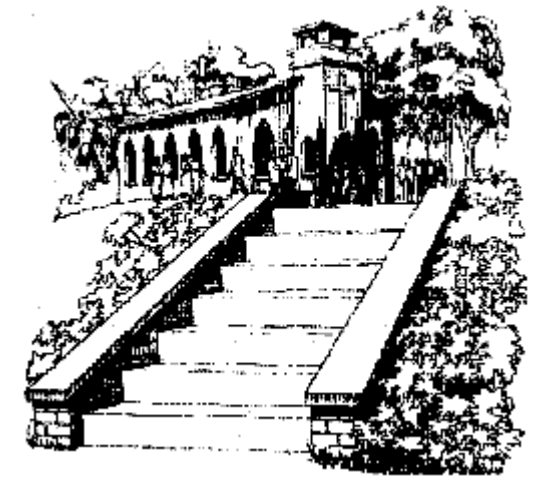
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Honest Roman Catholics who have received Catholic teaching for many years will find that their officials do not want them to open-mindedly question their teachings in the light of their Bible. Instead, the officers in years past have claimed the right to do the common member's interpretation for him.

But the Catholic Bible says for Catholics to "carefully study to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15, Roman Catholic Douay Version).

Listed below are a number of Roman Catholic teachings. Beside each of these teachings are verses from the Roman Catholic Douay Version of the Bible. By comparing the teachings with the Catholic Bible verses, the reader is able to check Roman Catholic teachings for himself from the Catholic Bible. Roman Catholic teachings oppose the Roman Catholic Bible.



<u>Catholic Teachings</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Catholic Bible Teachings</u>
1. Catholics are unwilling to be ready to answer concern-ing their faith (common members say that their priest will answer for them).	1.	The Catholic Bible says, "But sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts, being ready always to satisfy every one that asketh you a reason of that hope which is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).
2. Catholics blindly accept official teaching without examining for themselves what the Bible says (few Catholics own Bibles).	2.	The Catholic Bible says, "Dearly beloved, believe not every spirit; but try the spirits if they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1).
3. Catholics say that the Scriptures are not a sufficient guide in religion (Catholic tradition and rulings of the church can set aside Bible commands).	3.	The Catholic Bible says, "All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach, to reprove, to correct, to instruct in justice; that the man of God may be perfect, furnished to every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16,17).
4. Catholics teach that the Apostle Peter is the foundation of the church.	4.	The Catholic Bible says, "For other foundation no man can lay, but that which is laid; which is Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

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| 5. Catholics claim that the Apostle Peter was unmarried after becoming an apostle.  | 5. The Catholic Bible says, "And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother lying and sick of a fever" (Matt. 8:14).  | 14. Catholics teach auricular confession, that is, confession into the priest's ear, instead of Christians all confessing their sins one to another and praying for each other. | 14. The Catholic Bible says, "Confess therefore your sins one to another; and pray one for another, that you may be saved. For the continual prayer of a just man availeth much" (James 5:16).                              |
| 6. Catholics require that bishops must be unmarried.  | 6. The Catholic Bible says, "It behooveth therefore a bishop to be blameless, the husband of one wife" (1 Timothy 3:2).   | 15. Catholics have one bishop over many churches instead of many bishops over one church.   | 15. The Catholic Bible says, "Paul and Timothy, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (Phil. 1:1).   |
| 7. Catholic teaching says that bishops must be childless.   | 7. The Catholic Bible says, "If any be without crime, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be without crime" (Titus 1:6,7).  | 16. Catholics use images in worship.  | 16. The Catholic Bible says, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21).   |
| 8. Catholics say that priests are to be called "Father."  | 8. The Catholic Bible says, "And call none your father upon earth; for one is your Father, who is in heaven" (Matt. 23:9).  | 17. Catholics require some services in the Latin language.  | 17. The Catholic Bible says, "But in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue" (1 Cor. 14:19).                                  |
| 9. Catholics teach that all Christians are not priests.   | 9. The Catholic Bible says, "But you are a chosen generation, a kingly priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9).  | 18. Catholics observe special days and seasons, such as Easter, Lent, Christmas, and many others.   | 18. The Catholic Bible says, "You observe days and months and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest perhaps I have laboured in vain among you" (Gal. 4:10,11).   |
| 10. Catholic doctrine says that priests are forbidden to marry and Catholics are commanded to abstain from meats on Friday and during Lent. | 10. The Catholic Bible says, "Now, the spirit manifestly saith that in the last times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to spirits of error and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy and having their conscience seared, forbidding to marry, commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving by the faithful and by them that have known the truth" (1 Tim. 4:1-3). | 19. Catholics teach that there are special saints, rather than every member being known as a saint.   | 19. The Catholic Bible says, "To the church of God that is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints" (1 Cor. 1:2).  |
| 11. Catholic officials wear special dress and require special distinction from the ordinary member.   | 11. The Catholic Bible says, "And all their works they do to be seen of men. For they make their phylacteries broad and enlarge their fringes. And they love the first places at feasts and the first chairs in the synagogues" (Matt. 23:5, G).  | 20. Catholics teach that the common man cannot understand the Bible by himself but must depend on the clergy to interpret it for him.   | 20. The Catholic Bible says, For what things soever were written were written for our learning; that, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).                                    |
| 12. Catholics teach that only the priest receives the wine at communion, but the common man only receives the bread.                        | 12. The Catholic Bible says, "And, taking the chalice, he gave thanks and gave to them, saying: Drink ye all of this. For this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many unto remission of sins" (Matt. 26:27,28).  | 21. Catholics practice bowing before the Pope and bowing to kiss the toe of a statue of Peter.  | 21. The Catholic Bible says, "And it came to pass that, when Peter was come in, Cornelius came to meet him and falling at his feet adored. But Peter lifted him up, saying: Arise, I myself also am a man" (Acts 10:25,26). |
| 13. Catholics teach transubstantiation, the teaching that the bread of communion is changed by a miracle into the actual body of Jesus.     | 13. The Catholic Bible says, "This do ye, as often as you shall drink for the commemoration of me. For as often as you shall eat this bread and drink the chalice, you shall shew the death of the Lord, until he comes" (1 Cor. 11:25,26).   | 22. Catholics teach that the Pope is "Lord God the Pope."   | 22. The Catholic Bible says, "Who opposeth and is lifted up above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself as if he were God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).          |
|   |   | 23. The Catholic Church teaches that after death comes purgatory, a place of punishment after which the soul can enter into heaven.   | 23. The Catholic Bible says, "And besides all this, between us and you, there is fixed a great chaos; so that they who would pass from hence to you cannot, nor from thence come hither; (Luke 16:26. Read verses 19-31).   |