



Week 1: Roman Catholicism

- Catholic means _____.
- There are _____ Catholics in the world and _____ in the United States.

History of the Roman Catholic Church

- Catholics believe they are the one holy church started by _____.
- In 313AD, Roman Emperor _____ legalized Christianity with the Edict of _____.
- In 380 Emperor _____ accepted Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire.
- By the _____ century Christianity had achieved near total dominance in Europe.
- In 1054 the church underwent the _____ separating the Eastern branch known as the Eastern _____ Church from the western branch which became known as the _____ Church.
- In 1092 the church started a religious war in the Middle East called the _____.
- In the 12th century the battle against heretics called the _____ became much more prevalent.
- In _____ Catholic priest Martin Luther began the Protestant _____.
- In the mid 16th century the Catholic Church held the Council of _____ during which all Protestants were declared _____.

- In 1870 the Catholic Church held the First _____ Council officially establishing papal _____.
- In _____ the Catholic Church held the Second Vatican Council.

What Do They Believe?

Doctrine	Roman Catholicism	Evangelical Christianity
God/Supreme Being	One eternal God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit	One eternal God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Sin	All men are sinful and are therefore separated from God	All men are sinful and are therefore separated from God Romans 3:23
The Person of Jesus Christ	Jesus is fully God and came to earth as fully man to die on the cross for mankind	Jesus is fully God and came to earth as fully man to die on the cross for mankind
Resurrection	On the third day after His crucifixion, Christ rose from the dead	On the third day after His crucifixion, Christ rose from the dead, Matthew 28:5-6
Sacred Text	Bible including apocrypha	Bible alone
Origin of Authority	The Bible, apocrypha as well as many church traditions and Papal decrees	God alone as given through the revelation of His Word the Bible
The Person of Mary, Mother of Jesus	A sinless virgin able to hear prayers and intercede on behalf of humans, above angels, second only to Christ	The Mother of Jesus, a virtuous woman but otherwise sinful like all other humans
Transubstantiation	Accepted	Rejected
Purgatory	Affirmed	Denied
Prayer to Saints	Accepted	Rejected

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Salvation	Salvation by grace and works, notably the sacraments	Salvation by grace alone
Baptism	Initial point of salvation, performed on babies or children by sprinkling	A sign and declaration of salvation performed by submersion after salvation

The Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church

1. **Baptism:** performed as _____ as possible by _____.
2. **Confirmation:** performed when a child or teenager has reached their age of _____.
3. **The Eucharist:** performed only by the clergy due to _____.
4. **Penance and Reconciliation:** process of confessing to a _____ and performing the required tasks or penance for your _____.
5. **Anointing of the Sick:** also known as last _____ is performed by the priest before a person _____ to insure their salvation.
6. **Holy Orders:** sacrament by which a man is dedicated to service in the _____.
7. **Holy Matrimony:** sacrament that unites a man and woman in _____.

How Can We Witness to Catholics?

- ☐ The pope has become the final authority instead of _____.
- ☐ Mary has become the intercessor instead of _____.

○ Catholics do some things well:

- take a stand on _____
- have a high _____ for God
- care for the poor and _____
- committed to attend _____

○ To witness, your knowledge of love of God's Word will make a big _____.

○ **2 Timothy 3:16-17:** explain the _____ of Scripture

○ **Mark 7:6-9:** demonstrate the importance of God over _____.

○ **Ephesians 2:8-9:** explain the meaning of _____ through _____.