



# ROMAN CATHOLICISM

## MAJOR BELIEFS

### God

- Catholics and Protestants agree when it comes to the Trinity and the doctrine of God.

### Jesus Christ

- Jesus Christ is the perfect Son of God who was born of the Virgin Mary and died on the cross.

### Source of Authority

- Three sources of authority are the Bible, tradition, and the Magisterium.

### Human Nature

- Humanity has inherited the sin nature of Adam and Christ removes it slowly after salvation through the process of sanctification which is by sacraments.

### Basic Human Problem

- There are two types of sin—mortal sin destroys the saving grace of God, while venial sin does not.

### Solution to Basic Human Problem

- Confession reconciles one with God. We are justified by God through faith and through our own works.

### Afterlife

- Heaven and hell are the eternal destinities for all people. However, those who are not sufficiently sanctified will spend time in purgatory.

## WHEN YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL

- 1 Proclaim justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone with passion.
- 2 Present justification as the gracious act of God
- 3 Live by this gospel and die for this gospel.

## QUICK FACTS

- The pope is the head of the Roman Catholic Church, and the church claims that the pope is a successor of the apostle Peter.
- From 1910 to 2010, the global Catholic population grew from 291 million to nearly 1.1 billion.
- In Catholicism, There are seven sacraments—baptism, confirmation, eucharist, confession, anointing of sick, holy orders, and matrimony.

## READING

Chris Castaldo, *Talking with Catholics About the Gospel*

Gregg Allison and Chris Castaldo, *The Unfinished Reformation: What Unites and Divides Catholics and Protestants after 500 Years*

Greg Allison, *Roman Catholic Theology and Practice: An Evangelical Assessment*