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# SPEAKER

*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## EXPRESSIONS OF HUMILITY #2

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**“GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER.”** A Luke 18 temple visit finds a praying publican. Verse 13 records, *“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.”* The Lord said, *“I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted”* (v. 14). This parable was addressed to *“...certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others”* (v. 9). What a difference in attitude between the Pharisee and the publican in this story!

**“I HAVE SINNED, AND AM NO MORE WORTHY TO BE CALLED THY SON.”** When the Pharisees and scribes complained that Jesus *“...receiveth sinners, and eateth with them”* (Lk. 15:2), He spake a parable unto them involving a lost sheep, a lost piece of silver, and a lost son. Notice the humility expressed when the lost son came to his father. The son said unto him, *“Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no*

*more worthy to be called thy son”* (v. 21). It takes courage and humility to confess such! Have you ever made a confession like that?

**“I AM THE LEAST AND LESS THAN THE LEAST.”** Writing the Corinthians Paul said, *“For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God”* (1 Cor. 15:9). In his letter to the Ephesians he declared, *“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ”* (Eph. 3:8). The apostle Paul was a man of great humility.

Jesus set the example of humility. The last supper scene of John 13 says He *“...began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded”* (Jn. 13:5). Paul said of Jesus, *“...being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross”* (Phil. 2:8). So must we be humble! We are taught to put on as the elect of God *“...humbleness of mind...”* (Col. 3:12). James taught, *“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up”* (Jas. 4:10). Peter penned, *“Humble yourselves therefore*

*under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time”* (1 Pet. 5:6).

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## A GLORIFIED Y

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When we lived in southern Indiana a number of years ago, as I sat down to read the newspaper, a writing concerning the local YMCA caught my attention. The short article listed some of the new activities planned at the Y; including Swimming, Tae Kwon Doe, Soccer, Fun Tumbling and Mid-day Bible Study.

Then, I began to read activities planned and promoted by area churches. It occurred to me that a lot of churches bear a closer resemblance to the YMCA than they do to the church of the New Testament. Many churches are nothing more than a glorified Y! Perhaps, we need to be reminded *“...the church is the pillar and ground of the truth”* (1 Tim. 3:15).

If you are searching for the church built by Christ (Mt. 16:18), come visit us.

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## **ERRORS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH #1**

*John Edwards*

I want you to know that I have no personal animosity toward any member of the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, I have several friends who when I asked what they are religiously professed to be Catholics. Yet, from my reading of the Scriptures and understanding of the Roman Catholic Church, I believe there are some things that do not agree. I believe we have a right to know the truth (Jn. 8:32) and that men and women of honesty and sincerity will leave error and come together upon the word of God. I pray that you will carefully consider what is said in the interest of your soul's salvation.

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CLAIMS TO BE THE ONLY TRUE CHURCH OF CHRIST; ESSENTIAL TO THE SALVATION OF EVERY SOUL.** In the syllabus of pope Pius IX, articles 15-18 affirm the way of eternal salvation is found only in the true Church of Christ — the Roman Catholic Church.

The Scriptures teach, “*There is one body*” (Eph. 4:4), the Saviour of which is Christ (Eph. 5:23). The body of Christ is the church of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:24). Yet, a comparison of the Roman Catholic Church and the church of Christ revealed within the word of God shows the two to be vastly different, as different as the Titanic was from Noah's ark!

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SOUGHT TO TAKE POWER AWAY FROM THE STATE AND VEST IT IN THE CHURCH.** The eighty articles in the syllabus of pope Pius IX, as to the “disabilities of the state” and the “rights and powers of the church [the Roman Catholic Church]” as defined by the pope himself, may be summed up as follows: It is the right of the Roman Catholic Church to establish mercenaries and auxiliaries of a foreign power in every nation, to force the multitudes in every race and country to submit to her chief bishop, the pope, as their king, who claims the right to set priests before rulers in every country with power to declare void the laws of any nation or country. *Civilta Cattolica*, an

official publication of the Roman Catholic Church, referred to the syllabus as “a charter of ecclesiastical dominion over all civil society.” New Testament teaching makes a distinction between the church and the civil state (Mt. 16:18; Rom. 13:1-7).

### **THREE PRINCIPLES OF RIGHT LIVING:**

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The words “*righteous*” and “*righteousness*” are about right living. To live right, we must:

1. **THINK RIGHT.** “*The thoughts of the righteous are right...*” (Prov. 12:5).

2. **SPEAK RIGHT.** “*How forcible are right words!*” (Job 6:25). “*...the opening of my lips shall be right things*” (Prov. 8:6).

3. **DO RIGHT.** Will we go down in history with those who “*...did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord*” (1 Ki. 15:5) or those who “*...did not that which was right in the sight of the Lord*” (2 Ki. 16:20)?

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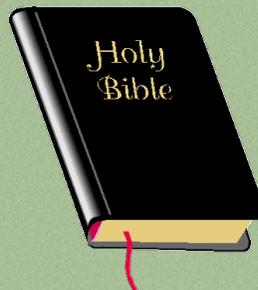
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