

## **ERRORS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH #2** *John Edwards*

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AVOWS TO HAVE GIVEN THE WORLD THE BIBLE.** The document officially known as *The Dogmatic Constitution On Catholic Faith*, commonly called the *Vatican Decrees*, mentions “the word of God written and handed down as we received it from the Catholic Church...” The world is not indebted to the Roman Catholic Church for the Bible. The Catholic Church was the institution that made every effort to withhold the Bible! The Council of Trent declared, “If the holy Bible, translated into the vulgar tongue, be indiscriminately allowed to everyone, the temerity of men will cause more evil than good to arise from it... If anyone shall have presumption to read it or possess it without permission (of priest or bishop) he shall not receive absolution till he have first delivered up such Bible to the Ordinary.” Yet Jesus said, “*Search the scriptures*” (Jn. 5:39), the apostle Paul exhorted men to read and understand the will of the Lord (Eph. 3:4; 5:17) and the Holy Spirit dictated, “*Blessed is he that readeth...*” (Rev. 1:3).

### **THE ROMAN CATHOLIC**

### **CHURCH CLAIMS SOLE RIGHT TO INTERPRET SCRIPTURE.**

According to the Vatican Decrees, it belongs to the Catholic Church “to judge of the true sense and interpretation of the Holy Scripture; and therefore it is permitted to no one to interpret the Sacred Scripture contrary to this sense, nor, likewise, contrary to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.” This denies man the right to think for himself. If this be true, why did Paul commend those in Berea as being “*more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so*” (Acts 17:11)? Why did Paul command the Thessalonians, “*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good*” in 1 Thessalonians 5:21? And why did John warn, “*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world*” (1 Jn. 4:1)? The Catholic Church sets plain Bible teaching “at open variance with the doctrine of Holy Scripture as it has been ever understood by the Catholic Church.” And they regard any other understanding of Scripture as “perverse opinions!” Dear reader, we bid you free yourself from the darkness of error and come to the light of truth.

### **THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AFFIRMS THE PRIMACY OF PETER.**

According to the “First Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Christ,” published in the Fourth Session of the Holy Oecumenical Council of the Vatican, Christ “set blessed Peter over the rest of the Apostles...” It is further stated, “We, therefore, for the preservation, safe-keeping, and increase of the Catholic flock, with the approval of the sacred Council, do judge it to be necessary to propose to the belief and acceptance of all the faithful, in accordance with the ancient and constant faith of the universal Church, the doctrine touching the institution, perpetuity, and nature of the sacred Apostolic Primacy, in which is found the strength and solidity of the entire Church, and at the same time to proscribe and condemn the contrary errors, so hurtful to the flock of Christ.” Again we are told, “the primacy of jurisdiction over the universal Church of God was immediately and directly promised and given to blessed Peter the Apostle by Christ the Lord... And it was upon Simon alone that Jesus after his resurrection bestowed the jurisdiction of chief pastor and ruler over all his fold... If any one, therefore, shall say that blessed Peter the Apostle was not appointed the Prince of all

the Apostles and the visible Head of the whole Church Militant; or that the same directly and immediately received from the same our Lord Jesus Christ a primacy of honor only, and not of true and proper jurisdiction: let him be anathema.”

According to Catholic teaching, the strength and solidity of the Roman Catholic Church rests upon the proposed or supposed Primacy of Peter. When we show that what the Catholic Church affirms the Bible denies, then this monstrous body of error will not have a leg to stand on! Where, in the Bible, did the Lord set Peter over the rest of the apostles and bestow upon him authority He did not confer to the other apostles? The charge given in Matthew 16:19 was given to all the twelve, without regard to any special primacy of one (Mt. 18:18). The teaching of the Lord, in Matthew 19:27-28, where Jesus told the twelve they would occupy thrones of authority judging the twelve tribes, the whole church, by their apostolic word, shows equality in office and authority of all the apostles, with no primacy vested in any one of them. The claim that

upon Peter was conferred a singular mission and to him was entrusted a sole power contradicts Luke 22:24-30, in which Christ taught there would be no primacy among the apostles. These are discrepancies the Roman Catholic Church must come to terms with. Catholic teaching contradicts Bible teaching!

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## SPRING TIME

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With spring we are afforded an opportunity to learn some good spiritual lessons from things associated with this time of the year.

**SEED TIME.** Springtime is seedtime. The Bible says, “...*he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him*” (Ps. 126:6). There can be no harvesting, without seed-planting! As we put the seed in the soil, let’s not forget to sow in the hearts of men the most valuable seed of all which “...*is the word of God*” (Lk. 8:11), that God may give the

increase (1 Cor. 3:7)!

**BIRTH TIME.** With trees budding, flowers blooming and animals giving birth to their young, there are many signs of new life. This is a good time to come alive spiritually! “*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever*” (1 Pet. 1:23).

Become a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), by being “*baptized into Christ*” (Gal. 3:27), putting off the old man and putting on the new (Col. 3:1-19). It can then be said, “*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins*” (Eph. 2:1)!

*“For, lo, the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear on the  
earth; the time of the singing  
of birds is come, and the  
voice of the turtle is heard in  
our land; The fig tree putteth  
forth her green figs, and the  
vines with the tender grape  
give a good smell....”*

—Song of Solomon 2:11-13

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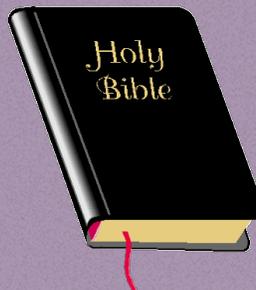
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