

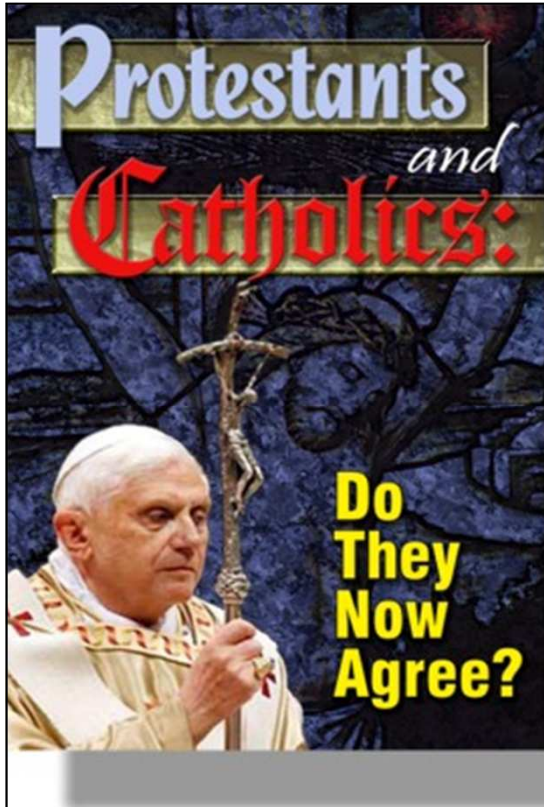
天主教

與基督教一樣嗎？

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•Many non-Christians & sometimes even Christians are confused about Catholicism.



認同？

- 同一神
- 大同小異？

- Some think that since both Protestants & Catholics believe in God the Father & Jesus, aren't they the same?
- They feel that while there may be differences in the rituals, but it's the same God, so it doesn't matter.

天主教信什麼？

Catholics:

*What
do they
Believe?*

"Truly, Truly, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh
of the Son of man and
drink his blood, you have
no life in you...(Jn. 6:53)



- To answer that we need to know what Catholics believe.



認同

- 一神
- 三位一體
- 道成肉身
- 代替贖罪
- 肉身復活
- 人是罪人
- 不能自救

What Catholics & Protestants agree:

- One God
- 3 Persons in 1 God
- Jesus is God became flesh
- Jesus was crucified for our sins
- He rose bodily from the dead
- Man is a sinner
- He cannot save himself.
- If you compare the above to a basic gospel outline, you will see that there is agreement as to the doctrines of Man, God, & Christ.

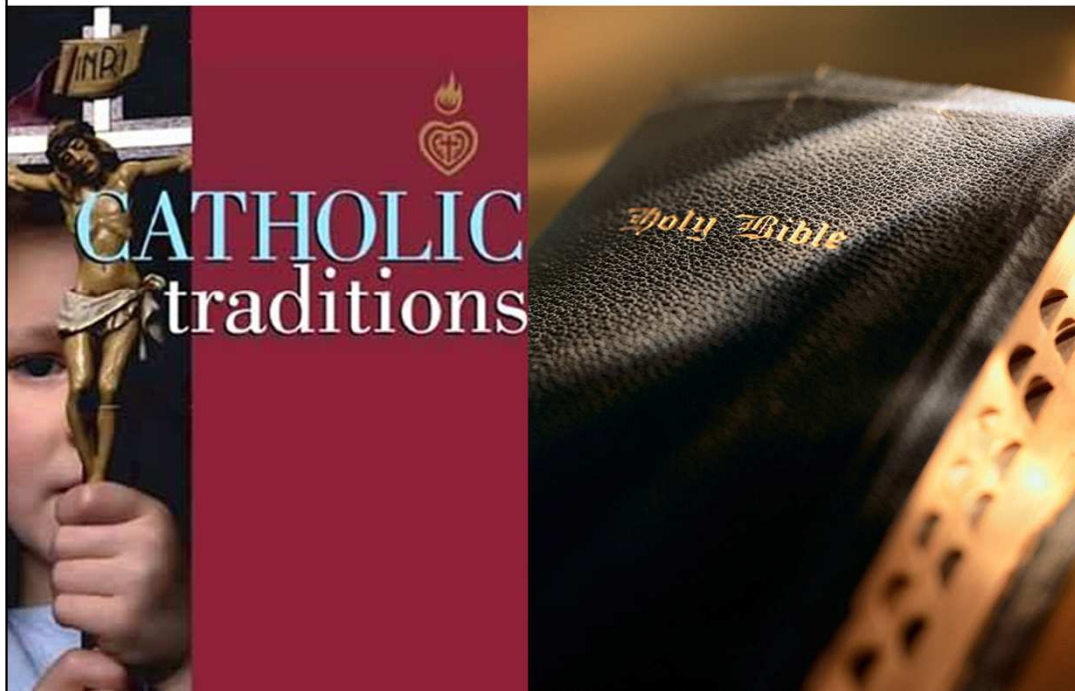


- But to understand the differences we need to go back to the 5 tenets, the 5 “Solas” (only) of the Reformation:
 1. ***Sola Scriptura*** – Scripture alone, not traditions or human opinions
 2. ***Sola Gratia*** – Grace alone, not human achievement
 3. ***Sola Fides*** – Faith alone, not good works
 4. ***Solus Christus*** – Christ alone, not Mary or saints
 5. ***Soli Deo Gloria*** – Glory to God alone, not saints
- Let’s compare these one by one.

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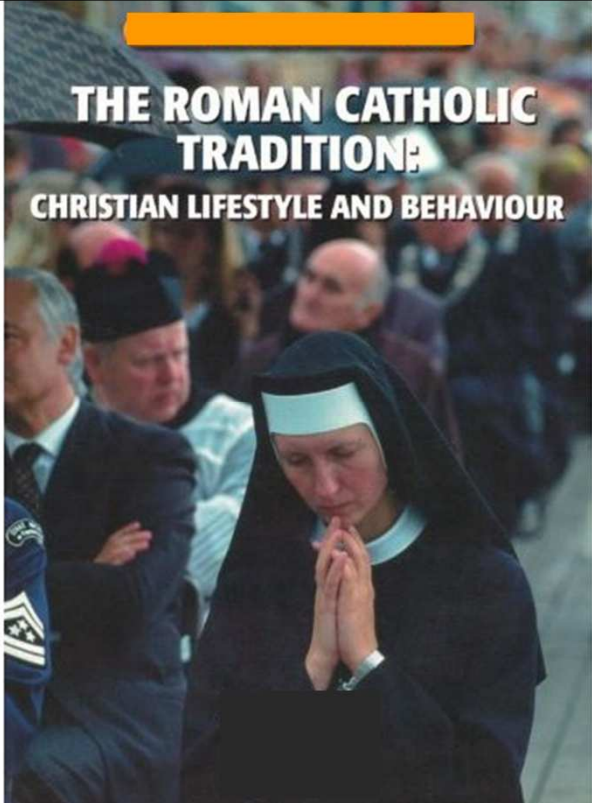
1 權柄

聖經



1. Sufficiency & authority of Scripture

- Catholics accept the OT, NT, Apocrypha, tradition, and papal declarations
- Furthermore, they held that only the Roman Catholic (“RC”) Church can properly interpret the Bible, not laymen.
- Protestants, on the other hand, accept only OT+ NT.
- This fundamental difference is the root of many other differences.



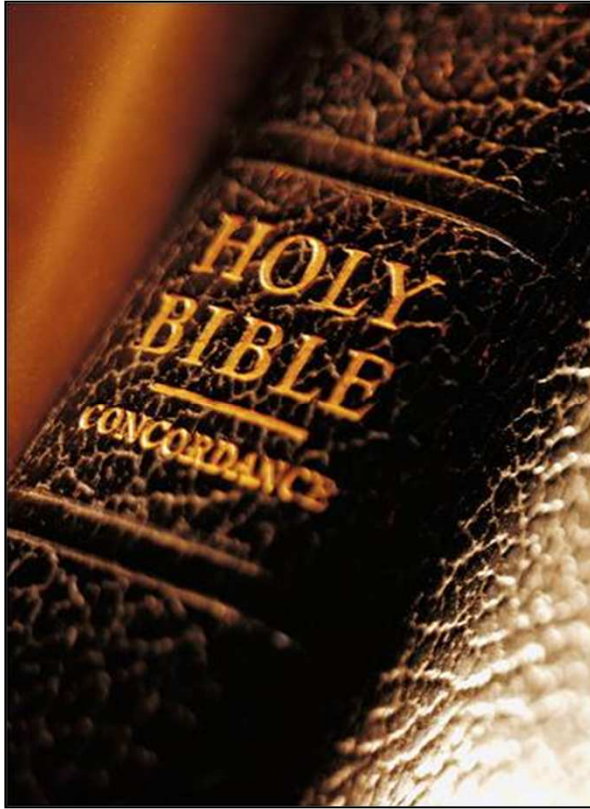
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- 太 15:3 耶穌回答說：“你們為甚麼因著你們的遺傳，犯神的誡命呢？”
- 太 15:6 他就可以不孝敬父母。’這就是你們藉著遺傳，廢了神的誡命。

• Catholics base much of their teachings on tradition. Yet what does the Bible say?

• 可 7:8 你們只知拘守人的傳統，卻忽略了上帝的誡命。

• 可 7:9 為了保存自己的傳統而廢除上帝的誡命。

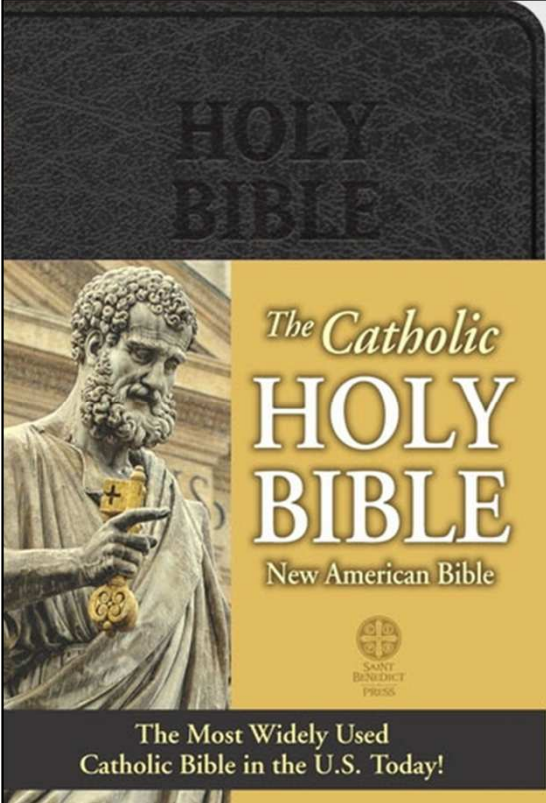


聖經

- 太 5:18 我實在告訴你們：就是到天地都廢去了，律法的一點一畫也**不能廢去**，都要成全。
- 約 10:35 經上的話是**不能廢的**。

•According to Jesus, only the Scripture cannot be broken. Man's words will pass away.

•太 24:35 天地要廢去，我的話卻**不能廢去**。



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- The Catholic bible adds 7 books from the Apocrypha which is not part of the canon.
- In turn, some of the erroneous doctrines are derived from these books e.g. Purgatory.



教宗

- Vicar of Christ ?
- Substitute : anti-Christ
- 無誤 ?
- 加 2:11 後來磯法到了安提阿，因他有可責之處，我就當面抵擋他。

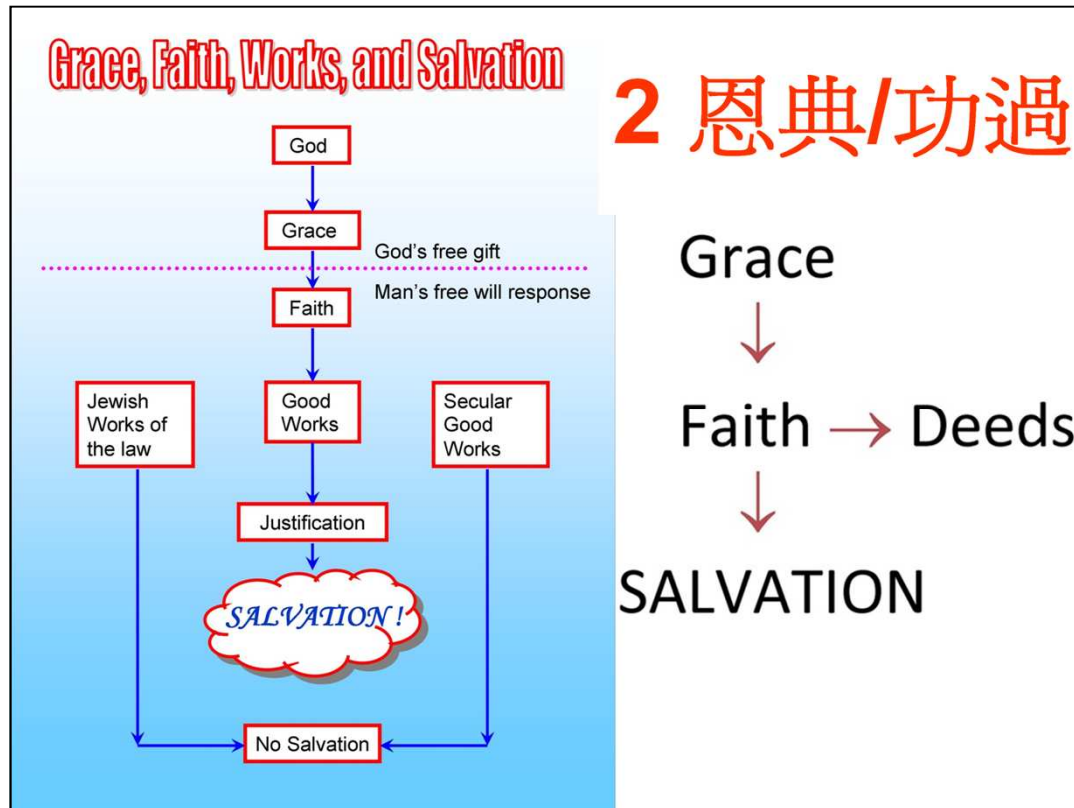
- Besides tradition, Catholics base their doctrines on papal authority.
- RCs teach apostolic succession, which is not biblical
- They believe when the pope speaks “ex-cathedra”, he is infallible. This is wrong, as man is error-prone.
- Even the apostle Peter, supposedly the 1st “pope”, erred & was chastised by the apostle Paul. (Gal 2:11)
- Only Christ is the head of the Church, not the pope, who is a mere man & a sinner.
 - 弗 1:22 又將萬有服在他的腳下，使他為教會作萬有之首。
 - 弗 5:23 因為丈夫是妻子的頭，如同**基督是教會的頭**，他又是教會全體的救主。
 - 西 1:18 他也是教會全體之首，他是元始，是從死裡首先復生的，使他可以在凡事上居首位。

神父(甫)



太23:9 也不要稱呼地上的人為父
，因為只有一位是你們的父，就是
在天上的父

- Catholics call the pope “Holy Father” & priests “Father”, in direct contradiction to Mt 23:9 “And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.”



- Not only are they wrong about the basis of authority, they also erred on **grace versus merits**.
- RCs believe **justification** = being made righteous & holy.
- They believe in **baptismal regeneration**, & that salvation is maintained by sacraments i.e. faith + meritorious works.
- Since their salvation depended on good works, & no one knows how much is enough, there cannot be assurance of salvation.
- In contrast, Protestants distinguish between the one time act of **justification (declared righteous)** & **sanctification** (ongoing process of being made righteous)
- Good works result from or are the fruit of salvation; they are never the means.
 - 徒 15:11 我們得救乃是因主耶穌的恩，和他們一樣，這是我們所信的。
 - 羅 3:24 如今卻蒙 神的恩典，因基督耶穌的救贖，就白白地稱義。
 - 弗 2:5 當我們死在過犯中的時候，便叫我們與基督一同活過來（你們得救是本乎恩）。
 - 弗 2:8 你們得救是本乎恩，也因著信。這並不是出於自己，乃是 神所賜的；
 - 提後 1:9 神救了我們，以聖召召我們，不是按我們的行為，乃是按他的旨意和恩典；這恩典是萬古之先在基督耶穌裡賜給我們的。
- Since salvation depends entirely on the finished work of Christ, we can have assurance.

GOD THE FATHER
GOD THE SON
JESUS CHRIST
 KING/MEDIATOR/REDEEMER

MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
 QUEEN/CO-MEDIATOR/CO-REDEEMER

SAINTS AND ANGELS
 THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT MESSENGERS OF GOD

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 INDULGENCES - STATUES - CRUCIFIXES - HOLY DAYS - ALMSGIVING - EXORCISMS

SACRAMENTALS
 GOOD WORKS, SERVICE AND SUFFERING MERITING
 FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND SAVING GRACE

SELF-SACRIFICE

FAITH (TRUST)
 MAN

天主教：恩典透聖禮

- RCs teach that a believer is infused with grace upon reception of the sacraments
- This is nowhere found in Scripture.

3 信心/行爲

天主教：立功之法
信 + 行爲 → 得救
基督徒：信主之法
信 + 0 → 得救



- Because RCs erred on grace versus merits, they also erred on **faith vs works**.
- Catholics believe in observing the law i.e. Faith + Works → Salvation
- In fact the Bible teaches the principle of faith: Faith + Nothing (0) → Salvation
- 羅 3:27 既是這樣，哪裡能誇口呢？沒有可誇的了！用何法沒有的呢？是用立功之法嗎？不是，乃用信主之法。

How Do You Obtain Salvation?

Not By Peter
Not By Mary
Not By Works
Not By Mass
Not By Sprinkling
Not By Church Attendance
Not By Tithing
Not By Sabbath
Not By Penance
Not By Confession
Not By Last Rites



Not By Purgatory
Not By A Rosary
Not By Pilgrimages
Not By Law
Not By Poverty
Not By Meditation
Not By Catechisms
Not By Candles
Not By Holy Water
Not By Incense
Not By Water Baptism
Not By Devotion To Icons

Not By Repentance Of Sins

**"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:30-31 KJV**

- RCs add many rituals & works in a vain effort to obtain salvation, when only faith is needed.
 - 羅 3:20 所以凡有血氣的，沒有一個因行律法能在 神面前稱義，因為律法本是叫人知罪。
 - 加 3:11 沒有一個人靠著律法在 神面前稱義，這是明顯的，因為經上說：“義人必因信得生。”
 - 提後 1:9 神救了我們，以聖召召我們，不是按我們的行為，乃是按他的旨意和恩典；這恩典是萬古之先在基督耶穌裡賜給我們的。
 - 多 3:5 他便救了我們，並不是因我們自己所行的義，乃是照他的憐憫，藉著重生的洗和聖靈的更新。
 - 徒 16:31 他們說：“當信主耶穌，你和你一家都必得救。”



4 基督/聖母

- 同救主？
- 無原罪？
- 路 1:47 我靈以 神我的救主為樂

•The 4th error is in the object of faith. They believe **Mary** :

•To be co-redemptress, contrary to:

•徒 4:12 除他以外，別無拯救；因為在天下人間，沒有賜下別的名，我們可以靠著得救。

•提前 2:5 因為只有一位 神，在 神和人中間，只有一位中保，乃是降世為人的基督耶穌。

•Has no original sin, contrary to 路 1:47 我靈以 神我的救主為樂。Mary herself needed a Savior.

•Was a perpetual virgin, contrary to 太 13:55-56 這不是木匠的兒子嗎？他母親不是叫馬利亞嗎？他弟兄們不是叫雅各、約西、西門、猶大嗎？他妹妹們不是都在我們這裡嗎？Mary had other children.

•Ascended into heaven, which is not in the Bible.



5 聖人？

- 所有聖徒

•The 5th error is that they glorify men (**saints**) by praying through them as intermediaries to gain access to God, when in fact all Christians, not just those canonized by the RC Church, are saints (see epistles salutations).

聖事



- Besides the “5 Solas”, there are other unbiblical practices:
- **7 sacraments**, versus only 2 (baptism & communion) instituted by Jesus:
 1. Baptism – baptismal regeneration of infant, never found in Scripture. In NT, baptism is ALWAYS AFTER saving faith in Christ.
 - 徒 16:31 當信主耶穌，你和你一家都必得救 declares that salvation is by faith.
 2. Eucharist – trans-substantiation
 3. Confirmation
 4. Penance (reconciliation) – confession of sins should be made to God, not priests
 - Error based on wrong interpretation of 雅 5:16 所以你們要彼此認罪，互相代求，使你們可以得醫治。
 - 約壹 1:9 我們若認自己的罪，神是信實的，是公義的，必要赦免我們的罪，洗淨我們一切的不義
 5. Anointing of the sick
 6. Holy orders – sharp distinction between clergy & laity, contrary to priesthood of all believers
 - 彼前 2:9 惟有你們是被揀選的族類，是有君尊的祭司，是聖潔的國度，是屬神的子民
 7. Matrimony – RC forbids marriage (see next slide)



- 1 Tim 4:3 They **forbid people to marry** (Holy Orders) and order them to abstain from certain foods (e.g. meat on Fridays), which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.
- 太 8:14 耶穌到了彼得家裡，見彼得的岳母害熱病躺著。Peter had a mother-in-law. He was married.

十誡

出 20:4 不可為自己雕刻偶像；也不可做甚麼形像彷彿上天、下地和地底下、水中的百物。



出 20:17 不可貪戀人的房屋；也不可貪戀人的妻子、僕婢、牛驢，並他一切所有的。

• **Idols/icons** – RCs have many statues or graven images as aids in worship, in direct violation of 2nd commandment.

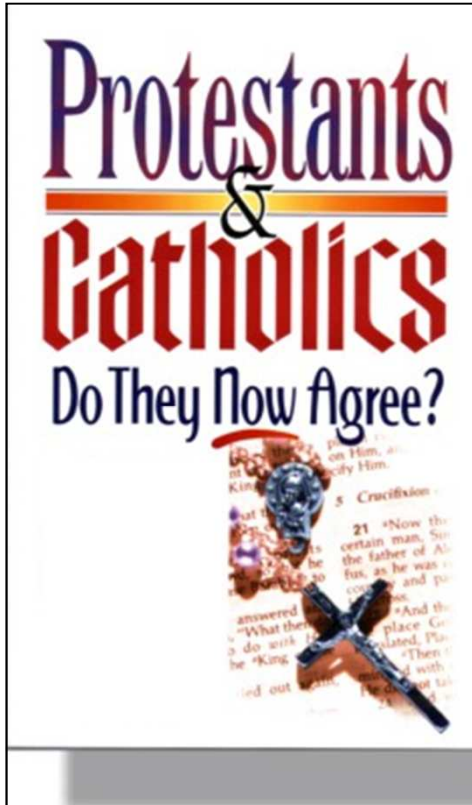
• They hid this by dropping “You shall not make idols” from the 10 commandments, & split the 10th commandment into 2: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house” & “You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife”, making it add up 10 again.



煉獄

- 2 Macabees 12:39-45
- 林前 3:13, 15 各人的工程必然顯露，因為那日子要將它表明出來，有火發現，這火要試驗各人的工程怎樣。人的工程若被燒了，他就要受虧損，自己卻要得救雖然得救，乃像從火裡經過的一樣。

- To justify works, RC introduced the idea of **purgatory** from Apocrypha.
- They held a low view of sufficiency of Christ's atonement; believer must pay for his own sins, either through acts of penance, or time in purgatory.
- This is against the plain teaching of Scripture:
 - 羅 3:24-25 如今卻蒙 神的恩典，因基督耶穌的救贖，就白白地稱義。神設立耶穌作挽回祭，是憑著耶穌的血，藉著人的信，要顯明 神的義。
 - 來 2:17 所以，他凡事該與他的弟兄相同，為要在 神的事上成為慈悲忠信的大祭司，為百姓的罪獻上挽回祭。
 - 約壹 2:2 他為我們的罪作了挽回祭，不是單為我們的罪，也是為普天下人的罪。
 - 約壹 4:10 不是我們愛 神，乃是 神愛我們，差他的兒子，為我們的罪作了挽回祭，這就是愛了。



認同？

- 絕對不！

- Based on all the above, our conclusion is that Protestants & Catholics DO NOT NOW AGREE!
- Catholics have an erroneous view of the sufficiency of the work of Christ, & need the gospel to know the truth to set them free!
- We therefore need to gently but boldly share the good news with them so that they can be saved.