

Roman Catholic Errors

The Roman Catholic church has been under fire lately, and rightly so. However, the recent scandal over pedophilia is not the only problem with the Roman Catholic church (Roman Catholic church). From its beginnings, it has been an institution of godlessness, not godliness.

The Roman Catholic church has a clergy/laity system. The New Testament teaches no such system; all Christians are priests (1 Pet. 2:9-10; Rev. 1:6). The idea of a separate priesthood among God's people is borrowed from the Law of Moses, the law of condemnation and death (2 Cor. 3:3-9). That law has been taken out of the way and the law of Christ established as our rule of faith and practice (Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:14).

The Roman Catholic church also teaches that those in the clergy should be called "father." This is in direct opposition to the words of Christ. He said, "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven" (Matt. 23:9). The pope, cardinals and others expect and receive the homage of men as they bow down to them. Yet, the one who the Roman Catholics say is the first pope, Peter, refused to let men bow down to him (Acts 10:25-26).

The Roman Catholic church teaches that the pope of the vicar of Christ on earth; that he is the head of the church on earth. The Bible declares the church is the body of Christ and that Christ is its head (Eph. 1:22-23). According to Roman Catholic doctrine, then, the body has two heads--a gross perversion. The only earthly organization of the church in the New Testament is local congregations. These congregations existed independently of each other, having their own elders (bishops, pastors) as leaders (1 Pet. 5:1-4; Titus 1:5-9).

Roman Catholicism is a corrupt system. It perverts the teaching of the Bible and robs the Father of His glory. If you want to study more about this, contact us.

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