

The Sacraments of Catholicism- “Their Works”

A. Sacraments of Christian Initiation-

1. **Baptism-** The first sacrament, which removes original sin, grants new life in Christ, and makes the recipient a member of the Church.
 - **Basic Belief-** Your Baptism is what saves you (infant baptism)
 - Illustration- Larri at her aunts’ funeral- Priest using the phrase “Born Again”
 - **Biblical Truth-** Acts 8:25-40- The Biblical example of BAPTISM
 - THOUGHT: We get baptized because of Salvation; not for Salvation
 - Baptisms two main purposes- Obedience and Identity
2. **Confirmation-** Completes the grace of Baptism by "sealing" the recipient with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen their faith and commitment.
 - **Basic Belief-** The catholic equivalence to a Jewish Bar Mitzvah- The young catholic believer’s “coming of age”
 - **Biblical Truth-** Spiritual Maturity/”Transformed Life” vs. “Coming of Age”-
 - Romans 12:1-3; Philippians 1:6
3. **Eucharist (Holy Communion)-** Considered the "source and summit" of Christian life, where Catholics receive the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine- The doctrine of Transubstantiation.
 - **Basic Belief-** The literal transformation of the wafer & the wine to Jesus Body & Blood
 - The most important sacrament of the seven-
 - The holy eucharist is what sustains you- Once considered a mortal sin if you didn’t partake; You must constantly partake, because you constantly condemned (guilt)
 - Conditioning for the Tribulation Period- “The 9th Circle”
 - **Biblical Truth-** The Lord’s Supper- Lesson 13 in Discipleship
 - Hebrews 10:11-14; Romans 8:1-6

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4. **Penance (Reconciliation or Confession)-** The sacrament through which a person confesses their sins to a priest and receives God’s forgiveness and absolution.
 - Payment for Sins- Venial sins & Mortal sins- Mortal sins condemns you directly to hell/
 - **Basic Belief-** The church is the only way to have her sins forgiven
 - The Confessional- “Power & Control”- “The Purple Priest Stole”; Authority over you!
 - **Biblical Truth-** James 5:16; 1Timothy 2:5

5. Anointing of the Sick (Last Rites)- Formerly known as "Extreme Unction," it provides spiritual strength, peace, and sometimes physical healing to those who are seriously ill, elderly, or near death.

- **Basic Belief-** Prepare Catholics for the afterlife. The belief that the soul will end up in purgatory.

- Purgatory- A holding place until indulgences can be paid for the soul (payment for masses).

- **Biblical Truth-** The lost are eternally separated from God in a place called hell; the saved are eternally present with God. Romans 6:23

- Nothing Biblical about Purgatory- the doctrine of Purgatory and prayers for those in Purgatory (the dead) comes from the Apocrypha; 2 Maccabees 12

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6. Holy Orders- The sacrament through which men are ordained as deacons, priests, or bishops to serve the Church community.

- **Basic Belief-** The role of the clergy vs. the laity- The doctrine of the Nicolaitans-

- Revelation 2:6; Revelation 2:15

- **Biblical Truth-** Biblical leadership in Ephesians 4:11-16

- The Protestant Reformation- and the Presbytery

7. Matrimony (Marriage)- A lifelong covenant between a man and a woman that serves as a sign of the union between Christ and the church

- **Basic Belief-** Because the church is the final authority; many catholic marriages turn out very matriarchal

- **Biblical Truth-** The Picture between Christ and the Church in Ephesians 5

NOTE: Not about WORKS! Matthew 7:21-22 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.