



# Proclaiming

# the Gospel

*"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." - Romans 1:16*

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*If a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ([James 2:14](#))*

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## Are You Prepared to Meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father" ([Mat. 7:21](#)). There have always been people who called Jesus 'Lord' but did not do what He says ([Luke 6:46](#)). Professing Christians, who do not do what He says, will face Him on judgment day and hear these terrifying words: "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" ([Mat. 7:22](#)). My heart is greatly burdened for those who have been led to believe they are Christians, but who have never been converted. Our churches are filled with victims of "another gospel" or faulty, man-centered methods of evangelism.

While we still have time, it would be wise to examine ourselves to make sure we are in the faith ([2 Cor. 13:5](#)). If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him consider this again within himself ([2 Cor. 10:7](#)). Let us exhort others to do the same. Our thoughtful response to Jesus and His word will have eternal consequences. Our "response-ability" is God's grace to those who earnestly seek the truth.

*To those who are not sure they will enter the Kingdom of heaven...*

### Believe Jesus as the Truth

How do you know whom to believe? There are many who speak for God. However, you must believe in Him whom God has sent ([John 6:29](#)). He sent Jesus to bear witness to the truth. Jesus is the personification of truth and His word is truth ([John 14:6; 17:17](#)). There is therefore no higher authority than Christ and His word. Everyone who is of the truth will hear His voice ([John 18:37](#)). Do not dishonor Jesus by taking someone else's word

over His. Do not be deceived! Test everything with the Word of God.

### Fear Jesus as Your Judge

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge ([Prov. 1:7](#)). It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment ([Heb. 9:27](#)). He who rejects Jesus and does not receive His sayings, those words will judge him at the last day ([John 12:48](#)). He who hears His word and believes Him, has eternal life and does not come into judgment ([John 5:24](#)). If we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, we can expect a certain terrifying judgment and a consuming fire ([Heb. 10:27](#)).

### Receive Jesus as Your New Life

To those who receive Him by believing in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God ([John 1:12-13](#)). He who has Jesus has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life ([1 John 5:12](#)). They remain dead in sin ([Eph. 2:5](#)).

### Trust Jesus as the Lamb of God

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world ([John 1:29](#)). All of us have sinned and are guilty before God. His holiness and justice demand that all sin be punished by death ([Rom. 3:23; 6:23](#)). But as the perfect sacrificial Lamb, Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous ([1 Pet. 3:18](#)). The death of Jesus satisfied the demands of God's justice, thereby enabling Him to forgive and save those who trust Him ([Romans 3:26](#)). God forgives all their transgressions and no punishment or purging remains ([Col. 2:13-14](#)). [\(see Jesus on page 2\)](#)

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Only by God's grace and mercy can sinners be saved ([Eph. 2:8,9](#); [Titus 3:5](#)). You must cease from trusting anyone or anything else ([2 Cor. 3:5](#)).

### **Obey Jesus as the Son of God**

Jesus became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him ([Heb. 5:8](#)). We know we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments ([1 John 2:3](#)). His first command is "Repent and believe the Gospel" ([Mark 1:14](#)). "Repent" means to change your mind when confronted with the truth about God, sin, judgment and salvation. Repentance is characterized by turning from sin and idols to God ([1 Thes. 1:9](#)). God declares all men must repent and unless you repent, you will perish ([Acts. 17:30](#); [Luke 13:3](#)). Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation ([2 Cor. 7:10](#)). "Believe the Gospel" means to trust Jesus and His word and to trust God's promises. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him ([John 3:36](#)). Those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus will pay the penalty of eternal destruction ([2 Thes. 1:8-9](#)).

### **Follow Jesus as the Only Way**

Jesus said, "I am the way...no one comes to the Father, but through Me" ([John 14:6](#)). Since He is the only one who came from heaven and returned, we must follow Him ([John 3:13](#)). Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" ([Luke 9:23](#)). There is a [another] way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death ([Prov. 14:12](#)).

### **Come to Jesus as the Only Mediator**

There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus ([1 Tim. 2:5](#)). He is God's perfect man and man's perfect God and the only One who can change a sinner's relationship with God from one of hostility to one of peace. Do not attempt to approach God through any other mediator because no one else is qualified. Pray only to God in the name of His Son.

### **Confess Jesus as Lord**

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he con-

fesses, resulting in salvation ([Rom. 10:9-10](#)).

### **Embrace Jesus as Your Righteousness**

The gift of Christ's righteousness is given only to believers ([Rom. 5:17](#); [1 Cor. 1:30](#); [Heb. 10:14](#)). This righteousness, which comes from God, is on the basis of faith ([Phil. 3:9](#)). There is no other way to have a right standing before God. The righteous deeds of an unbeliever are like a filthy garment and must be forsaken ([Isa. 64:6](#)).

*To those who know they have eternal life...*

### **Proclaim Jesus as the Only Savior**

Proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light ([1 Pet. 2:9](#)). There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved ([Acts 4:12](#)). Jesus is the only one who can forgive us and deliver us from the power and penalty of sin.

### **Love Jesus as Sovereign God**

The Son gives life to whom He wishes ([John 5:21](#)). He chose you before the foundation of the world ([Eph. 1:4](#)). Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind ([Mat. 22:37](#)). This is love, that we walk according to His commandments ([2 John 1:6](#)).

### **Praise Jesus as Your Advocate**

Let everyone who names the Lord Jesus abstain from wickedness, but if you do sin, you have an Advocate with the Father ([2 Tim. 2:19](#); [1 John 2:1](#)). God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them ([2 Cor. 5:19](#)).

### **Glorify Jesus as Your Redeemer**

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ([Eph. 1:7](#)). You have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body ([1 Cor. 6:20](#)). Live by faith in the Son of God, who loved you and gave Himself for you ([Gal. 2:20](#)). Do not rob Jesus of His glory by buying or obtaining indulgences to give as a ransom to God ([Psalm 49:7-8](#)).

### **Worship Jesus as Holy God**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come ([Rev. 4:8](#)). Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship ([Rom. 12:1](#)). [\(See Jesus on page 8\)](#)

## **The Ministry of Proclaiming the Gospel**

### **OUR PURPOSE**

The ministry was established in 1991 and is incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-profit [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) corporation for the purposes of: 1) glorifying, honoring and serving the Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming His Gospel of man's redemption with clarity, conviction and consistency; 2) providing evangelistic training and resources with an emphasis on biblical integrity; 3) exposing any doctrines that oppose or nullify the Gospel of grace so that people can discern truth from error, avoid deception and come to a knowledge of truth; 4) contending earnestly for the faith against the agents of compromise who suppress doctrinal truth for the sake of ecumenical unity; 5) encouraging and supporting former Roman Catholics who may be feeling a sense of guilt, ostracism or persecution from their family or friends for leaving the Catholic religion and culture.

### **OUR METHOD**

In a spirit of love and humility, we teach evangelistic seminars, conferences and workshops to train and encourage Christians to be effective witnesses to Roman Catholics and others who may be lost in their religion. We also offer resources designed to teach, equip and encourage others to labor in this huge mission field.

### **OUR NEWSLETTER**

Proclaiming the Gospel's bi-monthly newsletter is designed to extend the purposes of the ministry throughout the world. The editor is [Evangelist Mike Gendron](#), a graduate of [Dallas Theological Seminary](#) and a former Roman Catholic of over 34 years.

### **OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, satisfied the righteous justice of God by paying the complete penalty for sin when He died as man's substitute on Calvary's cross. Any person who repents and receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior by grace through faith in His life, death and resurrection, ceasing to trust in anything else for salvation, becomes a child of God and receives the gift of eternal life, which can never be revoked.

### **OUR PROVISION**

Everything we do is made possible through the prayers and financial support of those who share our burden for the lost. We recognize the sacrifices God's people make to sustain our work and pledge to use these resources effectively and efficiently. Donations (except for products) are tax deductible.

## The Aftermath of The Passion

*The Passion of the Christ* is expected to top \$400 million at the box office, so we must credit Mel Gibson with a brilliant marketing plan. The movie would never have achieved such great success without Gibson's endorsements from so many evangelical leaders. The endorsements surprised Gibson since the movie is described by Catholic writers as "so distinctly Marian, so obviously Eucharistic, and so quintessentially Catholic." Only time will tell what impact this film will have on the Vatican's goal to unite all of Christendom under the pope.

### The Movie Is Ecumenical

Mel Gibson stated the goal of the movie is to shake modern audiences by brashly juxtaposing the "sacrifice of the cross with the sacrifice of the altar, which is the same thing." This is why Gibson's Jesus did not say "It is finished" before giving up His Spirit ([John 19:30](#)). Gibson wants the world to know that the sacrifice of Jesus continues on Catholic altars as the Eucharistic Jesus is offered for the sins of the living and the dead. Thus, the sacrifice of the Mass is essential for salvation. Accordingly, Protestants can not enjoy the fullness of salvation until they come home to Rome ([Catechism of the Catholic Church, para. 815-816](#)). With his unwavering Catholic faith, Gibson successfully courted the evangelical community to view his graphic depiction of the immolation of Jesus at Calvary and on Catholic altars.

Nearly one million copies of *A Guide to the Passion: 100 Questions About The Passion of The Christ* are now in circulation to help Catholics in their evangelization efforts. Jackie Alnor, in her review of the book, says the book "truly reveals the Roman Catholic methodology for using ecumenical fervor as a way to blur the distinctions between Catholic and Bible-believing Christianity. The film is being used to further Rome's quest to bring all professing Christians under the authority of the Pope and into the waiting arms of the Queen of Heaven."

### The Movie Dishonors Jesus Christ

When the Lord Jesus walked the earth, He was divinely perfect in His Person, work, words, character and emotions. To create a visual representation of Jesus, using an imperfect man, is to create another Jesus. Con-

sider the movie's opening scene in the Garden of Gethsemane. We see a *fearful* Jesus praying, "Hear me Father...rise up and defend me...save me from the traps they have set." The apostles then say, "What is wrong with Him, He seems afraid"? To portray Jesus as *fearful* is to portray Him as a hypocrite who could not have been perfect in love. His word teaches "perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love" ([1 John 4:18](#)). Gibson's Jesus is portrayed as a weak, fearful man who draws on the strength of his mother. Yet the Jesus of the Bible was resolutely obedient to His Father and needed no human help in His journey to the cross.

### The Movie Exalts Mary

Gibson said, "I've been amazed at the way the evangelical audience has...responded to this film" because "[the film is so Marian](#)." The film's exaltation of Mary comes from the visions of a 19th century Catholic mystic, Sister Anne Catherine Emmerich. Her visions are revealed in her book, *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, which is dedicated "to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Help of Christians, and Refuge of the Human Race." According to Emmerich, Our Lady is often called our "[Co-Redemptrix](#)" because of her participation in the sufferings of her Son.

Let us all cry for discernment in these days of great deception and apostasy!

## Where Mike is Speaking

- May 2 & 5 [Believers Chapel](#)  
Dallas, TX (972) 239-5371
- May 14-16 [Lakeside Bible Church](#)  
Montgomery, TX (936) 582-1978
- May 19 [Believers Chapel](#)  
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- June 1-11 [Remember the Reformation](#)  
Germany, Switzerland
- June 27 [Bayside Community Church](#)  
Tampa, FL (813) 286-1463
- Aug. 21 [Frisco Bible Church](#)  
Frisco, TX (972) 335-8150
- Sep. 25-26 [Tulsa Bible Church](#)  
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## Capitulation and Compromise Continue

Roman Catholic organizations continue to aggressively pursue inclusion and visibility within the *National Religious Broadcasters Association*. Its Annual Convention was held in February in Charlotte, North Carolina. The NRB rented space to three prominent Catholic organizations. The *Global Catholic Network*, which claims it reaches 85 million homes around the globe, ran large daily ads in the NRB newspaper. Another group making its presence known was *Catholic Answers*, an ardent defender of the Catholic faith. A third Catholic group, *Priests for Life* was busy handing out its packets of propaganda. (Reported by Dr. Ralph Colas)

## Quick Quotes

*The doctrines of men, however admirable, fall to the ground, and with them the conscience that has built upon them. There is no help nor remedy. But the Word of God is eternal and must endure forever; no devil can overthrow it. The foundation is laid upon which the conscience may be established forever. The words of men must perish and everything that cleaves to them. Those who enter not by the door--that is, those who do not speak the true and pure Word of God, without any addition--do not lay the right foundation; they destroy and torture and slaughter the sheep.*

[Martin Luther](#)

*It should be serious business with us to be thoroughly purged of every error which may have a tendency to foster the spirit of Popery, and when we have made a clean sweep at home, we should seek in every way to oppose its all too rapid spread abroad in the church and in the world. This last can be done in secret by fervent prayer, and in public by decided testimony. We must warn with judicious boldness those who are inclined towards truth, and tell them of the black doings of Popery in the times long past. We must aid in spreading the light more thoroughly through the land, for priests, like owls, hate daylight. [Are we doing all we can for Jesus and the gospel?](#) If not, our negligence plays into the hands of the priest-craft. What are we doing to spread the Bible, which is the Pope's bane and poison?*

Charles Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening*



# Seeking His Truth

## Letters to the Editor



We heard you speak at Lakeside Chapel and have used some of your resources to share the Gospel with our loved ones and friends. They have been very helpful. My wife and I were once Catholics who were saved by Jesus our Lord and Savior 9 years ago. During all my years of Catholic education, I was lost, blind, eternally condemned and under the wrath of God because the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ was never preached or clearly presented to me. It wasn't until a neighbor invited us to a Bible church that we heard the true Gospel preached. Once repented and trusted Christ alone we left the Catholic church, but we still have family members who think we are crazy and out of touch with reality. We can never go back to the lies, deception, and empty, man-made religious rituals of Catholicism that are inspired by the father of lies. Satan wants us to believe that we can save ourselves from sin and hell and work our way to heaven based on worthless religious rituals and prideful good deeds. Without a doubt, the whole Catholic religious system, its theology, popery, Mariology and Mass are an abomination to God.

*F. & C.M., Palm Harbor, FL*

I received your last newsletter and found it ludicrous to read your holier than thou attitude, diatribe and vendetta against Catholics and Protestants in your one dimensional belief that your ministry is the way to salvation. I would assume you believe Jews and Muslims are also doomed. Some of my friends who are in these religions hold your ministry in equal disdain. If human kind continues to show contempt for one another, another catastrophic event like that which killed the dinosaurs could happen again.

*W. H., Pearl River, NY*

*How is it showing contempt to warn people that they are on the road to everlasting torment and suffering? What would be contemptible is to know the Gospel truth and withhold it from those who are perishing. The continuing contempt that human kind is showing for Jesus Christ will result in another catastrophic event.*

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When I read your January newsletter, I was sadly surprised to see the negative responses to your life-giving ministry from Protestant pastors. What are they teaching their congregations? Certainly not the Bible. They have this almost "everybody goes to heaven" attitude. They believe the only people in hell are Hitler and a couple of serial killers. I am heart broken that this false belief is now in the church of our Lord Jesus.

*R.A., Albuquerque, NM*

When I recently gave a local radio pastor a copy of your newsletter, he told me that he knew many Catholics who love God. Can a Catholic love God in light of Scripture? "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God" ([2 John 9](#)). Since Catholics transgress in believing a false gospel, they do not have God. Wouldn't you agree?

*B.J., Los Angeles, CA*

*One must abide in the doctrines of Christ to have God ([2 John 10](#)). There are those who worship God but do not belong to Him. Lydia is such an example. She worshiped God but did not have Him until He opened her heart to respond to the Gospel ([Acts 16:14](#)). Many Israelites also had a zeal for God but not a knowledge of the doctrines of Christ ([Rom. 10:1-4](#)). No one can be born of God without the true knowledge of Jesus Christ ([Rom. 10:17](#)).*

Thank you Mike for always staying true to God's word. I do appreciate your newsletter and acknowledgment letters when we contribute. Your clear vision of our Savior's love letter to His people keeps me focused on the true message.

*R.P., Dallas, TX*

I heard Mike on a radio show today talking about *The Passion*. I was extremely offended by his comment that hopefully Mel Gibson will one day be a Christian. I think it's really sad that a person could dare to judge another person's heart. I believe that Roman Catholicism has some serious doctrinal errors, but I do not believe that means that no Catholic is a Christian. I pray that you are

able to reach people with your message in a way that is loving and life-giving.

*B. P., Internet*

*No one can judge another person's heart but we are all called to judge a person's words and fruit to avoid being deceived ([Mat. 7:15,20](#)). My prayer for Gibson's salvation was predicated on what he has said in numerous interviews. Not once has he demonstrated a knowledge or belief of the Gospel which has the power to save sinners ([Rom. 1:16](#)). As a devout Catholic, Gibson has said: "There is no salvation for those outside the Church." When asked by Diane Sawyer: "Does your traditionalist view bar the door to heaven for Jews, Protestants and Muslims?" Gibson reversed his earlier position by saying: "That is not the case at all, absolutely not. It is possible for people who are not even Christians to get into the kingdom of heaven. It's just easier and I have to say this because that's what I believe." These statements deny the true Gospel and make Christ's life, death and resurrection meaningless! Gibson's "lethal" message will be used by Catholics to proselytize the world and bring "professing" Christians home to Rome.*

I upbraid you for your shortsightedness, ignorance, lack of faith, and self-serving manipulation of God's Word. What, in fact, do you really know of sound, practical doctrine? What do you know of Christ's Church? How can you present its teachings correctly if you so stubbornly reject any possibility the Church's inspiration and protection by the Holy Spirit? The grace at Pentecost was permanent. Therefore, you are working against Christ.

*Brian, Internet*

*It appears that you have a misunderstanding of Christ's Church. Please know that there have been two churches in existence since the 1st century - the apostolic church and the apostate church. Both profess Christ but only those who have been called out of the world by the Father and baptized and sealed by the Holy Spirit are members of the true church ([Rom. 8:28-30](#); [1 Cor. 12:13](#)). The false church is made up of those who have departed from the teachings of Jesus and the apostles to follow the many Antichrists ([1 John 2:18-19](#)). There are two churches, two gospels and two destinies. For a deeper look you can order my audio or video message "[Is the Roman Catholic Church Apostolic or Apostate?](#)"*

How blessed we are with your ministry! Thank you for all the 'digging' you do. You make us so aware of what is going on. Mike, the Lord has taken your life and molded you into one of his faithful servants! You encourage and challenge us to proclaim the Gospel and the true Jesus in our lives and businesses. It is so evident the time in prayer and study you put in daily to defend Who you defend. We're thankful for your health and your boldness in what you and Jane do. We pray the Lord will open eyes and hearts and give us all a Paul-like ministry. May He continue to bless and protect you.  
*R. & M.V., Dallas, TX*

After reading your website I was saddened that anyone could hate my church as you seem to. If your ministry was established in 1991, that makes your Protestant Church No. 32,003 since Luther, as close as I can count. Every one, like yours being the "true one." I'll bet that you wouldn't return to the Catholic Church even if our Savior Jesus said, "Mike, my son, you must come back home to Catholicism." I have a hunch that you'd tell the Lord he's crazy.  
*P.S., Lebanon, NJ*

I thank God almighty for the modern-day version of Martin Luther - Mike Gendron and his revelation of Roman Catholicism. I was once a devout Catholic and had been deceived by Vatican teachings. Look here Catholics, Mike is not trying to condemn or put down anyone. He's trying to tell you that something is fishy about the Vatican's path to Heaven, and it is very contrary to what God says in the Bible. If you believe the Bible is the infallible word of God, then READ and COMPARE it with the Catholic church and SEE for yourselves.  
*A.I., Aurora, CO*

Thanks for having 'printer friendly' versions of your articles. I printed your commentary on *The Passion* from your web site. It helped me to speak to others from my heart about my concern for the salvation of Mel Gibson and the actors in the movie. My heart is breaking to realize that many Christians are not praying for our Catholic friends because they think that they are already born again.  
*J.W., Internet*

Your book, [Preparing Catholics for Eternity](#) is beautiful and such a blessing. Your testimony, along with the Scriptures that you cited, are felt so deeply by those who realize at last, the truth of God's inspired

message. I was called out of the Roman Church 26 years ago and it has taken me all these years to work through the feelings of lies and deceit, even experiencing hate at times toward those whom I trusted and loved. Now I understand God's grace and mercy and realize that Satan, indeed, is behind the deceitful theology of Catholicism that stands in opposition to the Gospel.  
*J.R., Pleasanton, TX*

I wanted to thank you for recommending First Baptist Church of Beech Grove. Given the current departures from truth (ecumenism, Word-faith, seeker-sensitive, etc.), it is indeed a trial to find a doctrinally sound, Christ-honoring church. I guess that it is indeed a sign of the times. As I was reading your newsletter, I was reminded again that all who desire to live and obey God's Word will not be loved by the world, but instead will suffer persecution, affliction, suffering, etc. What a contrast we see in the professing Church today. "Celebrity" Christians who desire popularity with the masses and who strive to popularize "Christianity" by compromising the message. No one would endure the kind of hostile treatment that you have unless they were dedicated to preserving the truth - and snatching some out of the fire ([Jude 23](#)). Stand firm!  
*S. & G. G., Indianapolis, IN*

I learned so much from your March/April issue. I was not aware of many things, including the shocking quotes from Mel Gibson. I do believe *The Passion* is a sign of apostasy in the last days. We see Christians uniting with the Catholic Church with all of its paganism. Last weekend someone took a picture of me at my booth handing out one of your tracts to a Catholic and explaining Scripture vs. tradition. I will send you a copy when the picture is developed.  
*D. L., Santa Monica, CA*

I heard of your recent disappointment when a cowardly pastor cancelled your speaking engagement because he had received some complaints from Catholics. I pray God will send people to encourage you, and that your calendar will be filled with speaking engagements. We need to praise the Lord that He has equipped people like yourself for the great work that you are doing. Don't let the evil one discourage you! God bless you!  
*C. C., Milan, NM*

Thank you for your faithfulness. After reading the "letters" section of your newsletter,

I was moved to tears. I am simply aghast at the abuse that is continually heaped upon you for simply remaining faithful to the gospel of Christ. It is even more grievous that professing Christians would attack you so viciously, themselves being so ignorant of the evils of Catholicism. I was raised in a nominally Baptist home, converted to Catholicism in college, married a very devout Catholic, and we thought we'd live our lives as loyal subjects of Rome. However, the Lord led me to people who would teach me the Bible and openly challenge my Catholic beliefs. I praise Him for opening my eyes to the wickedness and error of that church. I write all of this to say that there is hope, Mr. Gendron! You are being used of the Lord to educate His people and to pull them out of the bondage of the RC "church." Be encouraged to carry on. Your work is not in vain!  
*A.D., North Brunswick, NJ*

It is amazing, the antagonism that is expressed by evangelicals whenever the least negative remark is made about *The Passion*. We know that scripture teaches that in the last days, there will be a great apostasy, leading to a one-world religion. We also know that Satan will be allowed ever-increasing power in the last days. So, does it make sense that the world would adore a movie if it truthfully told who Jesus is and why He died on the cross? I don't think so. Doesn't the world hate the very name of Jesus Christ? Evangelicals should question the worldly success of *The Passion*.  
*C.J., Lily, GA*

Your tracts are making their way into Cuba. A pastor, armed with all your tracts, was invited to preach in the underground church in Cuba. We thank God for people like you and your wife who really help us minister more effectively in the Spanish speaking countries with your tracts. We just returned after spending 3 weeks in Guatemala. Much persecution goes on all the time but the church keeps growing. In the end God wins and we are on the winning side.  
*F.W., Melbourne, FL*

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### **The Passion - Catholic Movie**

In *The Passion of the Christ*, Mel Gibson places the Virgin Mother of God in what is obviously the closest personal contact with the sufferings of her Son. She, who is Mother of the Redeemer, becomes by that fact mother of all who are redeemed. Gibson captures what the Pope writes in "Mother of the Redeemer" in a way that alone merits the film the title "Catholic." Gibson portrays Mary by placing "herself between her Son and mankind in the reality of their wants, needs and sufferings [remember Peter at her feet]. She puts herself 'in the middle,' that is to say she acts as a mediatrix not as an outsider, but in her position as mother." If we recognize that the Passion is related to the Church, then we also recognize that it is related to the reality of the Eucharistic conversion. There is a sense in which the whole film is about the Eucharist - The Bread of Life. The movie invites its viewers to recognize that in the eucharistized bread the joyful Jim Caviezel offers to his priest-disciples we discover the one source of the love that never ends. (Zenit.org, 4/8/04)

### **Vatican for European Unity**

The re-establishment of Christian unity is urgent for Europe, a Vatican official said in Moscow's Catholic Cathedral of Mary Immaculate. Cardinal Walter Kasper, the president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, delivered that message in the Russian capital. Addressing the Catholic bishops and about 100 other people, Kasper said: "In our time, the Holy Spirit has inspired repentance and shame" for the disunity between the Church of the East and the West "and has started the ecumenical movement." "Catholics and Orthodox pray the same 'Our Father' and yet, they have been separated for many centuries," a separation that is "contrary to the will of Jesus"

and "a scandal to the eyes of the world," he said. The rapprochement between separated Christians is one of the priorities of the Pope, who prays and works tirelessly for Christian unity. The cardinal stressed that "the re-establishment of unity today is urgent also for the unity of Europe," because "Europe is not only an economic unity of well-being, it is a cultural unity." "Europe needs a soul, a Christian soul, so the unity of Europe also makes urgent the unity of the Church." (Zenit.org., 2/18/04)

### **Mankind Entrusted to Mary**

John Paul II recalled three moments in his pontificate when he entrusted the Church, the world and mankind to Mary: December 8, 1978; June 4, 1979, renewing this vow at the shrine of the Black Madonna in Poland and 1984. "I remember especially March 25, 1984, the Holy Year. Twenty years have gone by since that day when in spiritual union with all the bishops of the world I entrusted all of mankind to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in response to Our Lady's plea in Fatima." (VIS, 3/24/04)

### **Catholic Priests Are a Gift from God**

The pope made an appeal to pray to the "Father of the Mass" and to bear witness to young people about the greatness and beauty of priestly vocations in his *Letter to Priests*. The pope recalled the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharistic liturgy and the priesthood before dying. He says this marked the first time men were called to the priesthood. The pope stressed that "the Eucharist like the Priesthood" is a "gift from God." In the letter the pope wrote: "We were born from the Eucharist. If we can truly say that the whole Church lives from the Eucharist, we can say the same thing about the ministerial priesthood: it is born, lives, works and bears fruit. There can be no Eucharist

without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist" The ordained ministry...enables the priest to act "in persona Christi" and culminates in the moment when he consecrates the bread and wine. The letter's last thoughts are turned to Mary, "the Mother of priests." The pope asks her to protect ministers from making "the mystery placed in your hands" a routine habit. (Zenit.org, 4/6/04)

### **Holy Relics on Display**

Thousands of people flocked to see relics associated with Christ's death, in a rare display over the weekend at a Cathedral in St. Louis, Mo. Several of the long-venerated relics, from pieces of the cross, to replicas of the nails believed to have been used 2,000 years ago to crucify Christ, are now on public display. The event was organized by the Apostolate for Holy Relics, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit that last year drew more than 140,000 people to displays of a 16th-century relic of St. Juan Diego. Andrew Walther, vice president of the Apostolate for Holy Relics, said: "We hope that people will come away from viewing these relics with an increased faith and personal connection to Christ's loving sacrifice." (Zenit, 4/5/04)

### **Mobile Confessionals**

The sacrament of reconciliation is going mobile. A German Catholic charity hopes to rekindle enthusiasm for the sacrament of penance by means of a van outfitted as a "mobile confessional." The van will be presented, blessed and sent out during the charity's international congress in Augsburg. The confessional on wheels will be used during events such as World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne. It will also offer people the chance to speak to a priest and to get spiritual counseling during its journey throughout the country. (Zenit.org, 2/29/04)

### **Rosary Unites Europe**

Capitals of the 10 countries that will soon enter the European Union will participate when John Paul II leads the praying of a rosary on European University Day. The climax of the day -- a Marian vigil with the Pope in Paul VI Hall will be broadcast via satellite to the 10 capitals. The director of the Office for University Pastoral Care, mentioned last year's rosary with the Pope and said: "None of us can forget the enthusiasm and emotion of the link with Moscow, which ensured a sort of 'virtual visit' of John Paul II to the 'third Rome.'" (Zenit.org, 3/2/04)



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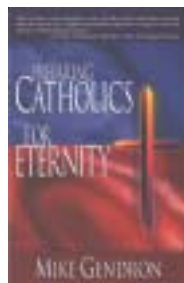
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escape if we  
neglect so great  
a salvation?*

[\(Hebrews 2:3\)](#)

## **The Lament of Jesus Against the Ungrateful World**

You call Me Master and obey me not  
You call Me Light and see me not  
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You call Me Life and live Me not  
You call Me Wise and follow Me not  
You call Me Fair and love Me not  
You call Me rich and ask Me not  
You call Me eternal and seek Me not  
If I condemn thee, blame Me not

*(In a Cathedral of Lubeck, Germany)*

[\(Jesus from page 2\)](#)

[12:1](#)). Do not worship Jesus in vain by following the traditions of men ([Mark 7:7](#)). Do not become futile in your speculations by exchanging the glory of the incorruptible God for an image ([Rom. 1:23](#)).

### **Honor Jesus as your only Priest**

As a merciful and faithful high priest, He satisfied divine justice by offering Himself once for all sin for all time ([Heb. 2:17; 10:12](#)). At that moment God tore open the veil to the holy of holies ([Mat. 27:51](#)). Repentant sinners now have access to the Father through faith in His shed blood ([Eph. 2:18](#)). Since there are no more offerings for sin, do not dishonor Jesus by participating in ongoing offerings by other priests ([Heb. 10:18](#)). For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified ([Heb. 10:14](#)).

### **Serve Jesus as Your Master**

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon ([Mat. 6:24](#)). Since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by offering to God an acceptable service with rever-

ence and awe ([Heb. 12:28](#)). Jesus said, "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him" ([John 12:26](#)).

### **Long for Jesus as your Blessed Hope**

Look for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus ([Titus 2:13](#)). What a glorious day that will be for all who have responded with faith and obedience to the Lord Jesus!

Until that day, those who are faithful to Christ and His word will suffer persecution, ridicule, insults and ostracism. However, may we all be comforted by the words of Peter. "If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God. For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner? Therefore, let those also who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right" ([1 Peter 4:16-19](#)).