

**THE CATHOLIC POPE USURPS GOD'S AUTHORITY AGAIN**

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Sin causes a corruption of the mind. That was witnessed when Satan corrupted the mind of Eve when he replaced the word of God with a lie, "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4). Paul was well aware that sin corrupted the mind of its victims. He said, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2-3).

Pure Christianity never at any time turned a single person into an alcoholic, a drug addict, a homosexual, an adulterer, a liar, a pedophile, or any other thing that is in opposition to the will of God. Paul exclaimed, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a SOUND MIND" (2 Tim. 1:7; emphasis added).

The gospel of Christ can, and will, help mankind if he allows it to do so. Peter so clearly stated, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:13). We need to always have our minds prepared and set for the defense of the Gospel (Phi. 1:17).

The only way to do that is by one guarding his mind against the sins of this world. James encouraged, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Js. 4:7). Each of us must protect the sound mind that God has provided, and "be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

Within the past days, the leader of the Catholic Church has, once again, spoken where God has not. He continues to allow his mind to be corrupted by usurping the authority of the Most High God. He has proclaimed that the mother of Jesus is on an equal footing with God Himself! As He attended the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, according to a Vatican Radio article, he stated:

"And this is our hope. We are not orphans, we have Mothers: Mother Mary. But the Church is Mother and the Mother Church is anointed when it takes the same path of Jesus and Mary: the path of obedience, the path of suffering, and when she has that attitude of continually learning the path of the Lord. These two women – Mary and the Church – carry on the hope that is Christ, they give us Christ, they bring forth Christ in us. Without Mary, there would be no Jesus Christ; without the Church, we cannot go forward."

At the very least, those statements are blasphemous, and that mindset is exactly what Paul addressed when he said, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen" (Rom. 1:22-25).

The Catholic Pope has now replaced Jesus, as the way to the Father (Jn. 14:6). The arrogance of one that positions himself in the place of God Almighty is mind boggling! The members of that denomination would do well to heed the words of Paul, “And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think *of men* above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another” (1 Cor. 4:6).

God’s plan of salvation: believing that Jesus is Who He said He was (Jn. 8:24), repenting of sins (Acts 2:38), confessing that He is the Son of God (Acts 8:37), being immersed in water for the remission of sins (Acts 22:16), and then living faithfully for the remainder of life (Rev. 2:10); never mentions one thing about Mary, the mother of Jesus. **The one that propagates that lie is not teaching sound doctrine!**