



World Religions - Catholic

Who has some Catholic background?

Not all Catholics are lost

Some have put their faith in Jesus

*Some people in Protestant churches are lost

What we have in common?

-Believe in the God of the Bible

-Believe the Bible is God's Word

-Believe Jesus is God

-Believe Jesus died for our sins

Differences

-The infallibility of the Pope

-at certain times the Pope can make decrees that are equal with the Bible

-tradition is equal with the Bible

-Our Motto: "the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible"

-nothing Doug or I say is as authoritative as the Bible

-The sacraments (visible rites and practices commanded by Jesus)

1) Baptism

-usually by pouring

-initiation into the Christian faith

-necessary for salvation

-3 days after birth

2) Confirmation

-another part of initiation into the Catholic faith

-candidate takes classes to learn about Catholicism

-complete community service

-candidate is anointed with oil at a special ceremony

3) Eucharist

-bread and the cup part of communion

-obligated to be taken every Sunday and on Holy Days

-can be taken more often

-transubstantiation

4) Confession and Penance

-good to a certified priest on a regular basis to tell him your sins

-the priest absolves you

-then you do penance to make up for your sin

-if you don't have all your sins confessed then you have to spend time in purgatory

5) Anointing of the sick

-if you are physically sick you can be anointed with oil and prayed over by a priest

-we actually do this too

6) Holy Orders

-some people commit their entire life to the service of Jesus and the Church

-take vows to abstain from certain things

7) Marriage

-union between a man and a woman for life

What's the bottom line?

Ephesians 2:8-9

-salvation is totally based on you putting your faith in Jesus

-no work can save you or add to your salvation

-you can believe some wrong things, you can do some different traditional practices

*you must trust that Jesus death has paid for your sins and that alone is what makes you right with God

-christian parents, church attendance, being a good person, doing religious things don't earn you salvation

Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you have any catholic background? Tell us about it
- 2) Which of the sacraments did you find most interesting and why?
- 3) How would you discuss your faith with someone who is Catholic?

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