

**MESSAGE NOTES**  
**The Only Way**  
**ROMAN CATHOLICISM**  
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**WHAT ARE THE MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CATHOLICISM & PROTESTANTISM?**

1. Catholicism teaches that both the **BIBLE** & sacred **TRADITION** are equal in authority.

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*“For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.” Hebrews 10:14*

*“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”  
Matthew 16:15-18*

*“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself as a ransom for all people.” 1 Timothy 2:5-6*

*“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Matthew 4:10 ESV*

2. Catholics believe that salvation is secured by **FAITH** and **GOOD WORKS**.

*“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
Romans 5:1*

*“Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”  
Galatians 2:16 NLT*

3. As for Communion, Catholics attest to the **CHANGE** of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ.

*“Do this in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19*

*“We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” Hebrews 10:10*

*“And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.” Matthew 27:50-51*

*\*All scripture in NIV unless specified*

**FINAL THOUGHT:**

When witnessing to a Catholic, it is important to understand that many have been taught certain doctrines from an early age. Simply attacking every unbiblical teaching of the church is usually not helpful. The better approach is to point them to the simplicity of the gospel. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No priest, church, or man can give salvation or eternal life