

Non-Catholics: Challenge - Do You Always Put Catholics on the Defensive... Allow Us to Put You On the Defensive...

- How can you accept the theory of "Bible alone" when it is not in the Bible?
- If you believe in the Trinity but the word "Trinity" is not in the Bible, why do you believe in it?
- How much of your faith's origin have you examined critically? Consider the year 1054, the date of the Second Council of Lyons. *"nothing ought to be believed without an examination of its origin. ... You ought to be believed rashly - and anything is indeed rashly believed if it is believed without an examination of its origin."* You can find, as others had, that "you wouldn't even buy a used car from the founders of your religion - even you base your eternal salvation on their teachings!" Further, have you ever critically examined the fruits of your religion over time?
- Where is virginity, so praised by Christ and St. Paul, in your religion? Or did your religion exempt itself from this teaching (cf. Mt. 19:10-12, 1 Cor. 7:8, 38, Rv. 14:4) And don't point to those who have yet to find the right person, but show those who are renouncing marriage for the kingdom of heaven. And not just one person, but a lot of them....
- Why does your religion believe there was a "great apostasy" in the Catholic Church but you rely on the canon of Scripture that was determined by the Catholic Church after the so-called apostasy? (Or... why is it you reject the authority of the Catholic Church, but accept the New Testament which was determined by her?)
- If the Catholic Church is so 'corrupt', how is it that she has survived and is virtually alone in teaching against abortion, birth control, divorce, homosexual acts, etc.?
- How can you criticize the Church that has produced St. Patrick, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Theresa, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine, St. Jerome....?
- Why is it that Christ says He will build His Church on St. Peter, but you say He did not do so? *"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."* (Mt. 16:18)
- How is it you believe Christ left the Church in error, despite His promises?
- How is it you reject the Church when Scripture says "If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector." (Mt. 18:17)?
- Does it not bother you that the author/founder of your faith is a man?
- Does it not strike you as troubling that your faith is an invention of the 1500's (on later)?
- Is it not troubling to you that your faith was started by a bad Catholic? That your Protestant heroes (e.g., Luther) were former Catholics who had turned against the Church? That the Catholic Church had turned against them? If so, why is it not disconcerting that you are not following the religion of the saints but that of dead heretics?
- Why are Protestants wholly incapable of unity (as evidenced by the 30,000+ Protestant sects)?
- If Christ founded only one Church, how can every sect be a way to salvation?
- Why does the Bible clearly show that a believer's actions will keep us from or help merit us heaven, but you reject that and limit heaven's qualifications to a mere faith, regardless of actions? *Note: Refer to MyCatholicSource.com for more on faith alone.*
- How can you refute the charge that "Protestants are simply enjoying themselves on the way to heaven"? Is your 'church' universal? It should be according to the Bible if it's the true Church.
- How can you say your 'church' is one?
- How do you refute the charge that with Protestants, "there are as many creeds as there are individuals"?
- If your 'truth' doesn't agree with another's 'truth', how can you be sure yours is correct? Are you claiming infallibility?
- Why do you prefer a 'church' started by a mere man who felt he had a "calling" to the one and only 'Church' founded by Christ - that is, God incarnate?
- How can you separate "feelings of truth" from real truth?
- How can you separate opinion from truth?
- Isn't it true that you have preconceived ideas and simply make Scripture fulfill them?
- How important is truth to you?
- Does it not bother you that if you have a question that you cannot answer you have no final authority to go to?
- What right has your religion to exist in opposition to the one and only true Church established by Christ?
- Why are your beliefs in so many areas not consistent with those of the earliest Christians (e.g. the Sacrifice of the Mass, Communion of the Saints, etc.)?
- How can you refute the charge that Protestantism leads to hedonism and the secularization of society?
- How do you explain the fact that without the Catholic Church you would not have a bible?

- Why is it that the Catholic Church can show you an unbroken history dating from Christ to the present, but you cannot provide such a history for your denomination?
 - Why is it your 'church' has changed its teachings over time? Why do you now deny doctrines that even your 'reformers' held (e.g. the perpetual virginity of Mary)?
 - Your religion must be either true or false - there is no third choice. How can you prove yours is true?
 - Why does your religion deny the primacy of the pope when the earliest Christians all accepted the primacy of Peter and his successors?
 - Why do you deny that obedience to Church authorities is necessary when Scripture indicates the opposite?
 - Why do you deny that good works are required when Scripture indicates the opposite? *Note: Refer to MyCatholicSource.com for more on the necessity of good works.*
 - Why do you deny the ability of the Church to forgive sins when this power to forgive sins is clearly indicated in the bible (see Jn. 20:23)? Since Scripture tells us to hold fast to oral traditions, how do you do this?
 - Where does your religion fulfill the Mother of God's prophecy about all generations calling her blessed? (Lk. 1:28)
 - Christ categorically rejected divorce. Why does your religion permit it?
 - Why is it you pay so little regard to the fact that there are angels and devils when their importance is clearly indicated in Scripture?
 - Why do you add words to the Lord's Prayer that even Protestant biblical scholars admit were not part of Jesus' speaking?
 - Why do you allow 'women ministers' in clear contradiction to Scripture (1 Cor. 14:33-37)?
 - Do females in your 'church' ever cover their heads as encouraged by St. Paul in the bible?
 - How do you determine the date of Easter? Christmas? Why do you follow the Catholic Church's determination of these dates?
 - What relics do you have of the true cross? Of the lance that pierced Christ? Do you have the burial cloth of Christ?
 - Where are your theologians from the 1st century? 2nd century? 3rd century? 4th century? Etc.
 - How many martyrs do you have - and not "martyrs" who died fighting Catholics - those who were killed by pagans?
 - Where are your relics of the apostles?
 - Where is your authority for exorcisms? Where is your proven track record of successful exorcisms?
 - Where are your countless documented, scientifically unexplainable miracles?
 - Where are your churches from the first few centuries A.D.?
 - Where are your ancient bibles? Where are your original manuscripts? Why has your 'church' never seen any original manuscript of the bible? How do you claim your 'church' copied the bible before the printing press was invented? Where are your ancient hand written copies of bible?
 - Where is your apostolic succession?
 - Where is your "one faith" and "being of one mind" (cf. Eph. 4:5, 1 Pt. 3:8)?
 - Where is your every country in the world teaching exactly the same doctrine?
 - Do even your enemies not dispute that you existed in the first century A.D.?
 - Where did your 'church' come from? What happened during the other years since Christ? How could those during the time period before your 'church' started be saved?
 - Where is your uninterrupted history since the time of Jesus' death - can you present it to us? The Church did not stop after the Acts of the Apostles was written!
 - By whose authority does your 'pastor' speak?
 - How will your 'church' stay uniform until the end of time?
 - How can your 'church' be unmistakably recognized as the 'one true church'? Why should any heads of state or pope ever switch churches (even "Christian" ones)? If you were in the true church, your answer should be yes!
 - Does your 'church' even claim to be the "one true Church" of Christ? If it isn't, why would you want to stay there?
- Also Visit MyCatholicSource.com for "Is Your Religion True?" (Flier)*
- Notice: The above is an exercise for your own benefit. Please do not submit any answers to us. Any such answers may be discarded automatically.*

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Non-Catholic 'Christians': Challenges (4-in-1 flier)

"And if it be asked which of the many conflicting religions it is necessary to adopt, reason and the natural law unhesitatingly tell us to practice that one which God enjoins, and which men can easily recognize by certain exterior notes, whereby Divine Providence has willed that it should be distinguished, because, in a matter of such moment, the most terrible loss would be the consequence of error." (Pope Leo XIII, "Libertas Praestantissimum", 1888 A.D.)

Where Was Your 'Church' When...? → Who Founded Your 'Church'? → Is Your Faith Biblical? → Allow Us to Put You On the Defensive...

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Non-Catholics: Challenge - Where Was Your 'Church' When...?

- St. Paul Converted?
- The Apostles Were Martyred?
- Jerusalem Was Destroyed by Titus?
- Christians Were Being Persecuted Under Nero?
- Christianity Was 'Legalized'?
- The Apostles' Creed Was Authored?
- The Catholic Church Defined the Doctrine of the Trinity?
- The First Word of Scripture Was Written?
- The Catholic Church Codified the Bible?
- The Catholic Monks Were Preserving Scripture By Hand?
- The Roman Empire Fell?
- Most People Were Illiterate And Had to Be Instructed Through Art?
- The Pantheon Was Converted to a Catholic Church?
- Christendom Came Into Being?
- Most of the Population Spoke Latin, Thanks to the Catholic Church?
- The First Christian - that is, Catholic - Church (Building) Was Built?
- St. Patrick Converted All of Ireland?
- The Date of Easter Was Settled by the Catholic Church?
- Rome Became the "Center of the Christian World"?
- The Catholic Church 'Civilized the World'?
- The Catholic Church Changed the Dating System to the A.D./B.C. System?
- Attila the Hun Spared Rome Thanks to Pope St. Leo the Great?
- Muslims Conquered Numerous Christian Lands?
- Some of the Greatest Works of Art Were Commissioned by the Catholic Church?
- The Church Became the "Greatest Backer of Scientific, Literary, Artistic, and Charitable Works the World Has Ever Seen"?
- The Pope "Changed the Dating System For the World"?
- America Was Discovered?

The Catholic Church can prove she was there for these, and for all of history for the past 2,000 years. If you claim your 'church' traces back to Christ, where exactly was it when the above occurred? Where are your ancient monuments and documents that can substantiate your claims?

"To write history and hate Rome, both pagan and papal, is practically to hate nearly everything that has happened." (Chesterton)

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- Non-Catholics: Challenge - Who Founded Your 'Church'?
- Please Note: There are literally thousands and thousands of sects calling themselves Christian. The following is only a partial listing.
- The following is a small sampling of some religious organizations and where they may trace to. As you can see, only the Catholic Church traces to Christ. It may be wise to further examine the (often troubled) character of persons who started the various sects. As Tertullian said in the second century, *"Nothing ought to be believed rashly - and anything is indeed rashly believed if it is believed without an examination of its origin."*
- The Catholic Church...**
- Church / Founder (Approximate Year Founded)**
- The Catholic Church / Jesus Christ, on St. Peter (c. 33 A.D.)
- Non-Catholic Sects Which Call Themselves 'Christian'...**
- Sect / Denomination / May Trace To...* (Approximate Year Founded)**
- Anglican ("Church of England") / King Henry VIII (1534)
- Assemblies of God / Charles Fox Parham (1914)
- Baptist / John Smyth (or Smith) (1609)
- Calvary Chapel / Chuck Smith (1965/75)
- Calvinist / John Calvin (1533)
- Christian Scientist / Mary Baker Eddy (1866)
- Churches of Christ / Alexander Campbell (1906)
- Eastern Orthodox / Michael Caerularius (1054)
- Episcopal / Samuel Seabury (1789)
- Evangelical / Jacob Albright (1800)
- Jehovah's Witnesses / Charles Taze Russell (1872)
- Lutheran / Martin Luther (1517)
- Methodist / John Wesley (1739)
- Mormon ("Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints") / Joseph Smith, Jr. (1829)
- 'Old Catholic' / See of Utrecht (1870)
- Pentecostal / Charles Fox Parham (1901)
- Presbyterian / John Knox (1560)
- Salvation Army / William Booth (1865)
- Scientology / L. Ron Hubbard (1952)
- Seventh Day Adventist / Ellen Gould White (1860)
- * May be additional "youiders"
- "Jesus said to him in reply, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'" (Mt. 16:17-19)**

Non-Catholics: Challenge - Is Your Faith Biblical? ...

Note: Emphasis may be added on items below

- * **Does Your Religion Tolerate Divorce?**
Mk. 10:11-12: He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
- Lk. 16:18: "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and the one who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery."
- 1 Cor. 6:9: Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor boys nor prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- * **Does Your Religion Tolerate Homosexual Behavior?**
1 Cor. 6:9-10: Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor boys nor prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- * **Does Your Religion Tolerate Contraception?**
Gen. 38:9-10: Onan, however, knew that the descendants would not be counted as his; so whenever he had relations with his brother's widow, he wasted his seed on the ground, to avoid contributing offspring for his brother. What he did greatly offended the LORD, and the LORD took his life too.
- * **Does Your Religion Tolerate Abortion?**
Ex. 20:13: Thou shalt not kill.
Jer. 1:5: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you
Rev. 21:8: "But as for cowards, the unfaithful, the deceived, murderers... their lot is in the burning pool of fire and sulfur, which is the second death."
- * **Does Your Religion Perform Baptism?**
Jn. 3:5: Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."
Mt. 28:18-20: Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
- * **Does Your Faith Retain Both the Oral & Written Traditions?**
2 Thes. 2:15: Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours.
- * **Do You Call Mary Blessed?**
Lk. 1:48: Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
- * **Do Members of Your 'Church' Consider Mary As Their Mother?**
Rv. 12:1-2, 5, 13, 17: A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and waited about in pain as she labored to give birth... She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne... When the dragon saw that it had been thrown down to the earth, it pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child... Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.
- * **Does Your Religion Emphasize Good Works For Salvation?**
Jn. 5:28-29: Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out; those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.
- * **Do All the Members of Your 'Church' Think the Same Thing?**

- 1 Cor. 1:10: I urge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.
- Phil. 2:1-2: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.
- * **Do Women Attend Your 'Churches' in Veils?**
1 Cor. 11:4-10: Any man who prays or prophesies with his head covered brings shame upon his head. But any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled brings shame upon her head, for it is one and the same thing as if she had had her head shaved. For if a woman does not have her head veiled, she may as well have her hair cut off. But if it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should wear a veil. A man, on the other hand, should not cover his head, because he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; nor was man created for woman, but woman for man; for this reason a woman should have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels.
- * **Do Women Remain Silent in Your 'Churches'?**
1 Cor. 14:33-37: As in all the churches of the holy ones, women should keep silent in the churches, for they are not allowed to speak, but should be subordinate, as even the law says. But if they want to learn anything, they should ask their husbands at home. For it is improper for a woman to speak in the church. Did the word of God go forth from you? Or has it come to you alone? If anyone thinks that he is a prophet or a spiritual person, he should recognize that what I am writing to you is a commandment of the Lord.
- * **Does Your 'Church' Recognize That Scripture Can Be Distorted to One's Destruction?**
2 Pt. 3:15-16: And consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, as our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, also wrote to you, speaking of these things as he does in all his letters. In them there are some things hard to understand that the ignorant and unstable distort to their own destruction, just as they do the other scriptures.
- * **Does Your Religion Recognize the Fight Against the Evil Spirits?**
Eph. 6:11-12: Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.
1 Pt. 5:8: Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
- * **Does Your Religion Recognize That Authority Must Not Be Resisted?**
Rom. 13:2 Therefore, whoever resists authority opposes what God has appointed, and those who oppose it will bring judgment upon themselves.
- * **Does Your Religion Recognize the Ability of the Successors of the Apostles to Forgive Sins?**
Jn. 20:21-23: (Jesus) said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
- * **Does Your Religion Recognize the Conferal of the Holy Spirit After Baptism By The Laying on of Hands by Catholic Bishops?**
Acts 8:14-17: Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.
- * **Does Your Religion Recognize The Catholic Church's Sacrament of Extreme Unction [Where Presbyters (Priests) Are Called to Anoint the Sick With Oil?]**
Jms. 5:14-15: Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint (him) with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person,

- and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.
- * **Does Your Religion Recognize the Catholic Church or the Bible as the Pillar and Foundation of Truth?**
1 Tm. 3:15: But if I should be delayed, you should know how to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth.
- * **Does Your 'Church' Consider That Heresy Exists or Are All Members Allowed to Believe What They Like?**
Ti. 3:10-11: After a first and second warning, break off contact with a heretic, realizing that such a person is perverted and sinful and stands self-condemned.
- * **Does Your Religion Emphasize That We Will Be Judged On Our Works?**
Rv. 20:12-13: I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds; by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds.
- * **Does Your Religion Think Faith is More Important Than Charity?**
1 Cor. 13:13: And now there remain faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
- * **Does Your Religion Teach That One is Justified By Faith Alone?**
Jms. 2:24: See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.
- * **Does Your Religion Teach That Certain Persons Are Excluded From Heaven Due to Sin?**
1 Cor. 6:9-10: Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor boys nor prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- Gal. 5:19-21: Now the works of the flesh are obvious; immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- * **Does Your Religion Teach the Necessity of Eating Christ's Flesh and Drinking His Blood For Salvation?**
Jn. 6:53: Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."
- * **Does Your Religion Recognize that Christ's Body Must Be Distinguished by Those Who Receive the Holy Eucharist in the Catholic Church?**
1 Cor. 11:27-30: Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying.
- * **Does Your Religion Require Fasting?**
Mt. 6:16-18: "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites; they neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father, who sees what is hidden will repay you."
- * **Does Your Religion Encourage You to Renounce All Your Possessions?**
Lk. 14:33: In the same way, everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.
- * **Where Are Your 'Church's' Virgins?**
Rv. 14:2-5: I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of rushing water or a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. They were singing (what seemed to be) a new hymn before the throne, before the four living creatures and the

- elders. No one could learn this hymn except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been ransomed from the earth. These are they who were not defiled with women; they are virgins and these are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been ransomed as the firstfruits of the human race for God and the Lamb. On their lips no deceit has been found; they are unblemished.
- * **Does Your Religion Condemn Repetitive Prayer?**
Mt. 26:44: He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again.
- Rv. 4:8: The four living creatures, each of them with six wings, were covered with eyes inside and out. Day and night they do not stop exclaiming: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come."
- * **Does Your Religion Reject the Practice of Placing Relics in Catholic Altars?**
Rv. 6:9: When he broke open the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the witness they bore to the word of God.
- * **Does Your Religion Reject the Practice of Praying For the Deceased?**
2 Tm. 1:16-18: May the Lord grant mercy to the family of (the deceased) Onesiphorus because he often gave me new heart and was not ashamed of my chains. But when he came to Rome, he promptly searched for me and found me. May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day. And you know very well the services he rendered in Ephesus.
- * **Does Your Religion Deny That Cures May Ever Be Obtained Through the Use of Material Objects?**
Acts 19:11-12: So extraordinary were the mighty deeds God accomplished at the hands of Paul that when face cloths or aprons that touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.
- * **Does Your Religion Teach That Salvation Must Be Worked Out With Fear and Trembling?**
Phil. 2:12: So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.
- * **Does Your Religion Teach That Scripture is Subject To One's Personal Interpretation?**
2 Pt. 1:20-21: Know this first of all, that there is no prophecy of scripture that is a matter of personal interpretation, for no prophecy ever came through human will; but rather human beings moved by the Holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.
- * **Does Your 'Church' Encourage You Not To Associate With Evil Persons?**
1 Cor. 5:11-13: But I now write to you not to associate with anyone named a brother, if he is immoral, greedy, an idolater, a slanderer, a drunkard, or a robber, not even to eat with such a person. For why should I be judging outsiders? Is it not your business to judge those within? God will judge those outside. "Purge the evil person from your midst."
- * **Does Your Religion Insist on Perseverance?**
Mt. 24:13: But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.
Mk. 13:13: You will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.
- And finally, has your 'church' always taught these things, or does it change its teachings over time?**
"It is rationalism to accept the revelation, and then to explain it away; to speak of it as the word of God, and to treat it as the word of man; to refuse to let it speak for itself; to claim to be told the why and the how of God's dealings with us, as therein described, and to assign to Him a motive and scope of our own; to stumble at the partial knowledge which He may give us of them; to put aside what is obscure, as if it had not been said to all; to accept only those things that have been told us, and to refuse also its proof; to frame some gratuitous hypotheses about Him, and then to garble, gloss, and color them, to trim, clip, pare away, and twist them, in order to bring them into conformity with the idea to which we have subjected them." (Cardinal Newman)