

## Bible Doctrines

Christian era it centers in the Roman Catholic Church, or the Papacy, which has its headquarters in the city of Rome.

It is an interesting fact that in their essential features the religion of ancient Babylon, and the religion of the papal system, are similar. They both claim universal jurisdiction, a priesthood with special powers, and the right to persecute those who will not yield obedience to them.

### 3. A Counterfeit of the True Gospel.

The Papacy is a deceptive counterfeit of the true gospel. It has obscured the fundamental truths of the one and only salvation which centers in Jesus Christ the High Priest of the heavenly sanctuary. In the place of the true mediation system of the gospel it has erected a mediation system of its own.

(a) The Papacy has a counterfeit sacrifice for sins.

“We, therefore, confess that the sacrifice of the mass is and ought to be considered one and the same as that of the cross, as the victim is one and the same, namely, Christ our Lord.” - Catechism of the Council of Trent, translated by Revelation J. Donovan, DD (R.C.), page 226. Dublin: James Duff Y, Soils & Co.

“The Mass is a true proper sacrifice, namely, 'the external offering up of a sensible gift, which is destroyed or transformed by an authorized dominion.' The Mass is identical with the Sacrifice of the cross in the victim and the Priest, which is Christ. On the cross He offered Himself in person in a bloody manner; in the Mass, through His ministers in an unbloody manner.” – “The New Catholic Dictionary,” compiled and edited by Conde B. Pallen and John J. Wynne. New York: The Universal Knowledge Foundation, 1929, page 607.

“The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with His Soul and Divinity for the nourishment of souls, by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, which takes place in the unbloody sacrifice of the New Testament, i.e., the Mass.” -Id., page 345.

(15) The Papacy has a counterfeit high priest.

Concerning the pope it is written, “He is entitled Vicar of Christ, Head of the Church, Father of all the Faithful, Supreme or Sovereign Pontiff.” - Id., page 774.

Under the head of “Pontiff” the same volume gives the following explanation: “The term was used in Roman antiquity to designate the head of the principal college of priests, and was also the translation of the Hebrew term signifying 'high priest.' Roman emperors added it to their titles until the reign of Theodosius. At present the title is applied to the pope as head of the hierarchy.” - Id., page 771.

(c) The Papacy has a counterfeit priesthood.

The New Catholic Dictionary, page 786, says of the priest: “A sacred minister who, by the sacrament of orders, receives power to offer the Eucharistic sacrifice, to administer the sacraments, to preach, and to bless. In the exercise of his office he is dependent on his ecclesiastical superior, from whom he receives jurisdiction to forgive sins and to take care of souls. It is of faith that the priesthood was instituted by Christ; also that it is a sacrament impressing an indelible character on the soul.”

(d) The Papacy, has a counterfeit mediator.

“Tire priest stands as a mediator between God and man.”- The Pilot, (R.C.), Boston, May 29, 1915.

“When He ascended to heaven, Jesus Christ left His priests after Him to hold on earth His place of mediator between God and man, particularly at the altar. 'Let the priest' says St. Lawrence Justinian, 'approach the altar as another Christ.'” - Liguori, “Dignities and Duties of the Priesthood,” page 34.

(c) The Papacy has a counterfeit intercessor.

“The kingdom of God consisting of justice and mercy, the Lord has divided it. He has reserved the kingdom of justice for Himself, and He has granted the kingdom of mercy to Mary, ordaining that all the mercies which are dispensed to melt pass through the hands of Mary, and should be bestowed according to her good pleasure.” – “The Glories of Mary,” page 27.

(f). Papacy has a counterfeit sanctuary.

“The real presence of our divine Lord in the blessed Eucharist makes every Catholic church a tabernacle of the Most High.” – “The True Voice,” (R.C.), Omaha, Nebraska, April 18, 1913.

(g) The Papacy, has a counterfeit antitype.

It is only necessary to run over the books of the Old Testament, especially, Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy, to establish the fact that the Jewish Church, called by the evangelists and the apostles the