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## "...with the mouth CONFESSION is made..." but not to a MAN!

s children, millions of Catholics are taught to <u>confess their sins to</u> <u>a priest</u>. Little children from the first grade level are taught from

their book of C at e c h i s m many doctrines that are <u>con-</u> trany to the Word of God.

It is needful for you to see and <u>consider</u> these doctrines, especially if you



are...a *Catholic* and a *parent*.

<u>Catholic children</u> are taught that <u>God</u> <u>teaches us through the Catholic Church</u>. Without question, they embrace <u>many</u> <u>doctrines</u> taught by this organization, and later, pass them on to <u>their</u> children. But is it **TRUTH**?

<u>What is confession</u>? According to the book of Catechism, *Confession is telling* our sins to a priest to **OBTAIN FOR-GIVENESS.+** 



Yet does <u>MAN</u> have <u>the authority to for-</u> <u>give other men's sins</u>? God said <u>where is</u> not a JUST MAN UPON EARTH, that DOETH GOOD, and SINNETH NOT+(ECCLES. 7:20). Since we are ALL <u>sin-</u> <u>ners</u>, how can <u>any one of us</u> forgive sins?

<u>Confession</u> leads to <u>repentance to God</u>. John the Baptist came preaching % *be baptism of repentance for the remission of*  *sins.*+ And the people went out to him **CONFESSING** *their sins*+(MARK 1:1-5), **NOT** to have *their sins forgiven*, but as *a sign of belief* in what John was *preaching*.

While Jesus spoke in a crowed home, men, who were trying to get the sick to Jesus, removed part of the roof, and lowered a bed with a man sick of the palsy so Jesus could heal him.

When Jesus saw their FAITH, he said unto the sick of the palsy, son, thy SINS be FORGIVEN THEE. But there were <u>cer-</u> <u>tain</u> of the scribes <u>sitting</u> there...reasoning...Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS BUT GOD ONLY+(MARK 2:1-7)?

This is a very good question that even **YOU** should be <u>asking yourself</u>. Who can **FOR-GIVE SINS**, but God ALONE+ (LUKE 5:21)? These <u>religious leaders</u> did not realize that they were <u>sitting</u> in the presence of <u>Al-mighty God</u> in flesh:

Where unto us a CHILD is born, unto us a SON is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His NAME shall be called WONDERFUL, COUN-SELLOR, the MIGHTY GOD, the EVER-LASTING FATHER, the PRINCE OF PEACE+(ISAIAH 9:6).

<u>Confession</u> as taught by the Catholic Church is there for **ONE** purpose: to keep <u>mankind</u> from **REPENTING TO GOD**. This organization <u>keeps</u> the **EYES** of its membership focused on **MEN**.

The act of <u>confessing</u> leads to **%EPENTANCE** toward God+ (ACTS20:21), not to men, or Mary, or to dead saints. Repentance <u>means</u> **COMPUNCTION**, or <u>a</u> pricking: a sharp feeling of uneasiness brought on by a sense of **GUILT**; a twinge of the conscience; remorse.

Only **GODLY SORROW** worketh [OR AC-COMPLISHES] repentance to SALVATION+ (2 COR. 7:10). Confession to a man <u>does not</u>. The <u>road to salvation</u> is shown many times in the Word of God: **%**IF thou shalt **CONFESS** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **BELIEVE** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, **THOU SHALT BE SAVED**. For with the **HEART** man believeth unto righteousness; and with the **MOUTH** confession is made unto salvation+(ROMANS 10:9,10).

The Catholic <u>reli-</u> <u>gious system</u> even has an <u>app</u> for <u>iphones</u> where members can keep track of their sins for their priest. It is known as **%ke GREAT** whore that sitteth upon many waters+which is guilty of making **%ke** inhabitants of the earth+ **DRUNK** 



**%***with the wine of her fornication*+ (Rev. 17:1-5).

But one day, God *wvill* **BRING TO LIGHT** *the hidden things of darkness*+ (1 Cor.4:5), and *wset them in order* **BEFORE THINE EYES**+(PSALM 50:21).

God **ALONE** <u>can</u>, and <u>will</u> forgive sins <u>if</u> <u>you ask Him</u>, just as the publican, who came to God in <u>humility</u> and said: **God** <u>be</u> **MERCIFUL** <u>to ME a</u> **SINNER**+ (LUKE 18:13).

Have you ever <u>asked</u> God for His <u>mercy</u>? Have you ever <u>admitted to God</u> that you were a <u>sinner</u>? God does not want you to <u>list your sins</u> for Him, He already knows what you have done.

God wants you to **COME** to Him in prayer with ‰*a* broken heart+ (PSALMS 34:18) because of your sins, and He has **PROM-ISED** to <u>replace</u> that heart with ‰*a* **NEW HEART**...*and a* **NEW SPIRIT**+ (EZEKIEL 36:26). All you need do is **COME**.

**%***the Spirit and the Bride say,* **COME***. And let him that heareth say,* **COME***. And let him that is athrist* **COME**+(REV. 22:17).