

THE GROWING CALL FOR UNITY BETWEEN ROMAN CATHOLICS and EVANGELICALS... etc...

This past Sunday, in the message on “The Preaching of the Cross” ... I gave a quote from Rick Warren... and added that a number of high profile evangelicals, in addition to Warren, are promoting UNITY with the Roman Catholic Church... SPECIFICALLY, I mentioned Billy Graham, James Robison, and Beth Moore.

From a dear one wanting to do further study... I was asked to provide some sources and documentation. I gladly do so... TO ONE AND ALL... Be a Berean! Study and Pray and be persuaded in your own minds and hearts.

By the way, as this dear one and I talked— we both lamented and grieved that there are several high profile leaders in the Christian world from whom we once received helpful teachings... thus, all the more painful to have to warn that such ones today— may teach good things... and yet the next day teach serious error. There are many matters about which we may just agree to disagree. HOWEVER, WHEN ANYONE LEAVES salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone—they have left the core essential. **But also beware:** There are some who will protest that they have not left the all important doctrine of salvation by faith in Christ alone. YET, THEY WANT TO UNITE IN ONE CHURCH WITH THOSE WHO CLEARLY DENY and denounce such salvation.

YES, this is long. BUT NOT NEARLY AS LONG AS ETERNITY!

The gospel of GRACE must be EMBRACED. Be alarmed! Some of you... and many of your loved ones and/or neighbors are in grave danger of embracing and/or uniting with a false gospel— a gospel that will not lead anyone to heaven!

I. The quote I gave in the message:

A FEW YEARS BACK, Rick Warren SPEAKING AT THE PEW FORUM ON RELGION AND PUBLIC LIFE SAID: “You know, 500 years ago,

the first Reformation with Luther and then Calvin, was about beliefs. I think a new reformation is going to be about behavior. The first Reformation was about creeds; I think this one will be about deeds. I think the first one was about what the church believes; I think this one will be about what the church does.”

“The first Reformation actually split Christianity into dozens and then hundreds of different segments. I think this one is actually going to bring them together... Last week I spoke to 4,000 pastors at my church who came from over 100 denominations in over 50 countries....We had Catholic priests, we had Pentecostal ministers, we had Lutheran bishops, we had Anglican bishops, we had Baptist preachers.” Copyright © The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life

MR. WARREN Obviously believes that the Reformation was a mistake.

THE TRUTH IS THAT THE REFORMATION HELPED TO DIVIDE FALSE CHRISTIANITY from Biblical Christianity □ WHAT WERE THEY AGREEING UPON at Warren’s church? 1. Not the gospel. 2. But how to use money and human education to end poverty and AIDS, etc

NOW IT IS NOT THAT God doesn't value "good works." But until He changes our hearts, our deeds are worthless. AND THE PRIMARY CALLING OF THE GOSPEL IS THAT OF CALLING SINNERS TO REPENTANCE... AND TO FAITH IN THE CRUCIFIED, RISEN CHRIST!

The *result* of the cross in our lives is and will be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness... -- manifestations of the good "fruit" of His Spirit at work in our hearts. (Galatians 5:22) ... Which would obviously include COMPASSION.

But "good works" can neither replace NOR PRECEDE the cross. FOR...□ , AGAIN WHAT DID JESUS SAY□ IS OUR MISSION TO THE WORLD? □ That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name 'to all nations'" (Luke 24:47)

RECENTLY, WE HAVE THIS FROM RICK WARREN:

The following statement by Southern Baptist pastor Rick Warren is from an interview with Francis Rocca at Vatican City, Nov. 26, 2014, Vatican Television Center, Catholic News Service, posted at www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10152421040155723

"We have far more in common than what divides us. When you talk about Pentecostals, charismatics, evangelicals, fundamentalists, Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and on and on and on and on and on. They would all say, 'We believe in the Trinity. **We believe in the Bible. We believe in the resurrection. We believe salvation is through Jesus Christ.**' These are the big issues.

"Sometimes Protestants think that Catholics worship Mary, like she is another God. That's not exactly Catholic doctrine. People say, 'Well, what are the saints all about; what are you praying to the saints?' And when you understand what they mean by what they are saying, there is a lot more commonality.

"Now, there are still real differences. There is no doubt about that. **But the most important thing is if you love Jesus we are on the same team.**"

RESPONSE: The biggest issue of all is SALVATION through JESUS CHRIST! And he makes it sound if Catholics and Bible-believing evangelicals are on the same page. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. Romanism REJECTS SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE! Keep reading... in '**IV**' you will find--
ROMANISM: Out of Their Own Mouths!

II. James Robison

{Note: The STRONG EVIDENCE is that Robison has been the MAJOR ERODING INFLUENCE in moving Beth More away from earlier, much more Biblical foundations... to more and more being on the same page with Robison— Especially, when it comes to UNITY with Roman Catholics, etc.

James Robison: Witnessing the Miracle Jesus Prayed For By [James Robison](#) 6/29/2014 **Catholic Online** (www.catholic.org)

Witnessing the Miracle Jesus Prayed For **James Robison**

Satan - Lucifer, Beelzebub, the Father of all lies - has focused his fury against the church of the living God. Perhaps in the center of Satan's crosshairs is his attack **on the prayer of Jesus in John 17 that all believers live in unity**. God revealed this assault to me and many other church leaders around the world, and also millions of saints and prayer warriors who have been praying diligently for the prayer of our Lord Jesus to be answered in our day. I believe I am beginning to see the walls of division that have held many Christians captive and divided, often silencing the witnesses of those Jesus commissioned to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

I believe we are going to be blessed to see Jesus' prayer answered...

I believe I am beginning to witness what Jesus prayed for. Over three years ago, many respected evangelical leaders and Spirit-filled Catholics began meeting together to pray for God's will to be done and to bring true believers together in supernatural unity....

I believe the prayers of earnest Christians helped lead to the choice of Pope Francis. Many were amazed that a humble man, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, filled with such love for the poor, downtrodden, and overlooked from a radically socialist country (Argentina) could be named Pope. From the moment it happened, I felt like it was an answer not only to the prayers of truly concerned believers, but even a step toward seeing Jesus' prayer answered.

This week I was blessed to be part of perhaps an unprecedented moment between evangelicals and the Catholic Pope. On Tuesday, for nearly three hours, **a few of us were blessed to meet in an intimate circle of prayerful discussion and lunch to discuss not only seeing Jesus' prayer answered, but that every believer would become bold, joy-filled witnesses for Christ.**

Consider some events leading to this supernatural gathering at the Vatican in Rome. Years ago **God told me** to reach out beyond the safe, comfortable walls of my Southern Baptist tradition. He wanted me to reach beyond denominational barriers and seek to bring the family together so the church would put His arms around a hurting world and pull everyone close to His heart. I reached outside my sectarian Baptist comfort zone to Pentecostals, Charismatics and Catholics, as well as those outside the church.

To the shock of many, I stood on the platform next to the very charismatic **Ken Copeland** and welcomed attendees of his Believers' Convention to Tarrant County Convention Center. During that very brief welcome as I was leaving the podium, Ken Copeland grabbed me by the shoulder and said, "The Holy Spirit is all over you. Get back up there and keep sharing." Unknown to either of us, Ken's ministry and LIFE Outreach were both supporting an evangelical Episcopal named **Tony Palmer** who ministered and helped the poor in Buenos Aires, Argentina. There was a Catholic bishop, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, overseeing the area who was also ministering to the poor. Tony went to him and said, "I want to let you know that I will work at your side. You are the senior minister in this area and I will submit to your loving leadership."

Immediately in that humble relationship, a bond of love and

peace was formed. They knew they were brothers in Christ and over the years their relationship continued to grow. Our Missions Director, Steve Coetzee, was also very close to Tony Palmer and encouraged us to faithfully support his mission outreaches.

When Jorge Mario Bergoglio was chosen to be Pope Francis, Bishop Tony Palmer was surprised and pleased. He felt, however, he would likely never hear from him again and would certainly understand why. But suddenly, he received a call from Pope Francis asking him to come to the Vatican to visit. Tony assumed it would simply be a handshake, a moment or two together and perhaps a photo, and then he would go back home.

But Pope Francis made it clear, "No, I want you to come to my private apartment and spend the day with me." There in prayerful discussion the Pope talked about his desire to see the world evangelized for Christ. **He wanted to see Catholics and Protestants become a family as faithful witnesses.** He shared that he wanted us to be brothers and the importance of the prayer in John 17 being answered. He wanted to personally know Protestant and evangelical leaders.

Tony told him he would soon be going to a large ministers' convention that Ken Copeland hosts and there would be thousands of ministers there. Tony asked, "Would you like to write them a message or send a note?" Pope Francis said, "I would like to give them a video message. Hold up your iPhone and record what I say."

That message was like a glorious shot heard around the world, not just because of the love and compassion expressed, but also the desire for God to heal His family and that everyone would know Christ and believers would be like a family and become bold witnesses.... [LATER, the pope]... asked for Tony Palmer to invite Betty and me, Ken and Gloria, and a few other evangelicals to come meet with him in Rome. Bishop Tony Palmer brought the group of seven together....We went to the Vatican and met in the

presence of the Lord. The love coming from every person was overwhelming.

During lunch everyone shared their gratitude for what God was doing. The Pope made it very clear that he wanted every believer to become Spirit-filled, joy-filled witnesses... We continued in such glorious fellowship that words could never begin to describe it. I am fighting back tears even as I write, so glorious was the manifest presence of Jesus. **I couldn't help but wonder in those moments if Jesus, as He did when Stephen was stoned leading to the conversion of Saul of Tarsus to become Paul the Apostle, perhaps once again stood at the right hand of the Father looking down on that scene in Rome between Evangelicals and the Pope, turn to the Father and say, "Look, I think my prayer is about to be answered. Look, Dad, maybe we can put Your arms around the world that I died to redeem and I live to fill to overflowing with Your joy, peace and love."**

Oh, how I hope and I pray that is the case and in my lifetime I cannot only see the prayers of so many answered, but above all I will live to see the prayer of the Lord Jesus answered for His glory and kingdom purpose. Dear God, please let it happen and let me gladly be a part of it.

[CLEARLY, Robison wants to see the whole of Christendom UNITED with Rome. IF YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF CORE ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINES... be sure you read **IN THEIR OWN WORDS**.... Later in letter.]



III. BETH MOORE

There are growing numbers of Bible-believing folk, men and women, who are setting forth serious concerns about Beth Moore... Here we will only show a few:

1. Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry

CARM is a 501(c)3, non-profit, Christian ministry dedicated to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and the promotion and defense of the Christian [Gospel, doctrine, and theology](#). To do this, CARM analyzes religious and non-religious movements and compares them to the [Bible](#). We examine [abortion, atheism, evolution, Islam, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, relativism, Roman Catholicism, Wicca, universalism](#), (and more), along with [Christian preachers and teachers](#). In all our analyses we use the Bible as the final standard of truth in order to defend and promote Christianity. Please consider checking out our [statement of faith](#) -

by [Matt Slick](#) // <https://carm.org/beth-moore>

Exegetical Errors

If Mrs. Moore is exercising the position of a Bible teacher, then she should be able to properly [exegete](#) Scripture. Unfortunately, she is guilty of frequent allegorization where she misapplies Scripture. To allegorize means to use a symbol as representing a more complex idea. The problem is that with allegorizing, Scripture can be made to say almost anything. Let's take a look

at a few of the many examples of Beth Moore's improper biblical interpretive practices.

1. **Quote:** Speaking of the demoniac of Matt. 8:28-34, she says, "before we proceed to the next point, consider a fact revealed in verse 27. The demonic didn't live in a house. He resided in the tombs. I wonder how many people today are living "in the tombs"? I know a woman who is still so oppressed by despair that decades after the loss of a loved one, she still lives "in the tombs." (*Jesus, the One and Only*, by Beth Moore, B & H Publishing Group, Nashville, Tenn., 2002, p. 143-144)

1. **Response:** The biblical text is about Jesus' authority over the demonic realm, not about people living "in the tombs." The two demoniac's that were living in these dark places were exceedingly violent (v. 28). They said to Jesus, "What do we have to do with you, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Jesus then commanded the demons in these two men to leave, and they went and entered into swine (vv. 31-32). The point of the text has nothing to do with people who are held in bondage by emotional traumas. Beth's allegorizing the text to make it fit her need is a wrong use of the text.

2. **Quote:** "as stated in the introduction to this book, we may not always be sure God wills to heal us physically in this life of every disease or prosper us with tangible blessings, but *He always wills to free us from strongholds*. You will never have to worry about whether you are praying in God's will concerning strongholds. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Gal. 5:1). (*Praying God's Word: Breaking Free from Spiritual Strongholds*, by Beth Moore, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, Tenn., 2009, p. 36, italics in original)

1. **Response:** The context of Gal. 5:1 is dealing with being under the law (Gal. 4:21). Paul contrasts children under the law and "children of promise" (Gal. 4:28). Paul was warning the Galatians about being enslaved to the Mosaic law, which is why he says in the next verse "... that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you." Beth Moore has improperly applied a verse, taking it out of its original context and meaning, and used it in a manner for which it was not intended -- as the biblical context demonstrates.

3. **Quote:** After writing about literal Barbie dolls used in churches, put in pews, with hands lifted up, she mentioned how one of them had a gnawed off leg. "Though the group didn't know it, they'd hit the nail right on the head, or maybe the leg right on the stump. That was me all right. No, I don't have a missing leg, but if you could see me with your spiritual eyes, surely at least one of my legs was gnawed off at the knee. Ephesians 4:27 warns, "Do not give the devil a foothold." Uh, too late. Satan has wounded me, but he hasn't devoured me. He got the leg, but he's never gotten the thigh, though goodness knows he wanted it. I may walk with a spiritual limp, but thanks be to God, who holds me up and urges me to lean on Him, at least I can walk. So can you." (get out of that pit: straight talk about God's deliverance, by Beth Moore, Thomas Nelson, Nashville Tennessee, 2007, p. 87)

1. **Response:** The context of Eph. 4:27 is this:
"Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity. 28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need." The stronghold in

Ephesians is about sinning in anger or theft, etc., something the devil can use against us and others. Beth Moore's "spiritual eyes" about being gnawed off at the knee and not giving the devil a stronghold, have nothing to do with the text. Beth should not take any text that "might" look like a phrase that could fit a "spiritual" lesson and then use it to make a point. She is failing to exegete Scripture properly. She is teaching to just apply verses willy-nilly in whatever direction seems fit. This is dangerous.

Scripture means what it means in context. Beth Moore needs to examine the context of Scripture, note what it actually says, and then stick to it. She should not take a word or phrase in Scripture, expand it, throw in a "spiritual" meaning not taught in the verses, then misapply it in a five step how-to-get-out-of-your-pit-of-depression pop psychology speech that is housed in Christian terminology. Proclaiming God's word is a very serious matter, and all Bible teachers should seek to be as faithful to Scripture as possible - lest we violate God's word and mislead his people.

Beth Moore Quotes

What does Beth Moore teach? As I said before, she teaches many good things. However, it is not these that we have to worry about. It is the blatant unbiblical teachings to which we now turn our attention. Here are a few of them.

1. **Beth Moore promotes contemplative prayer:** "A true lover of God once spoke about practicing God's presence. To me that's such a part of contemplative prayer. That we are able to absorb the reality that as we commune with God through prayer that he is with us that his spirit for those of us who are in Christ fills us that we are drawn near to him that our souls find rest in him." (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sPMPmOEVOc>). In this video she was praising Brother Lawrence, an apostate Roman Catholic Monk.

1. **Response:** Contemplative prayer is a dangerous practice that has been creeping into the church via Roman Catholicism. It is a form of eastern mysticism that has been packaged in Christian terminology. In brief, it is a way of trying to commune with God by emptying one's mind, focusing on a word or phrase, and practicing the presence of the divine through inner, silent contemplation (i.e., contemplative prayer). In this practice, people are instructed to quietly sit, contemplating on a special word or phrase that is supposed to help you focus on the presence of God. The idea is to not think, but to experience God and to remain silent, without thinking, as you seek God's presence. What this does is induce an altered state of consciousness. It is dangerous. Rom. 12:2 says, "...be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." The Bible tells us to renew our mind, not empty it.

2. **Beth Moore gets revelation knowledge direction from God:** "What God began to say to me about five years ago and I'm telling you it is in me on such a trek with him that my head is still whirling over it. He began to say to me, 'I'm gonna say something right now, Beth. And boy you write this one down. And you say it as often as I give you utterance to say it. My bride is paralyzed by unbelief. My bride is paralyzed by unbelief.' And he said, 'Starting with you.' Amen. Because we can do a lot of finger-pointing around here about why we're revival is not happening here and there. Let me tell you something revival will always happen with faith." <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOIcicOQygE>

1. **Response:** As a Christian, I am fully aware of how God sometimes "speaks to us" via the Holy Spirit who is in our hearts (2 Cor. 1:22) in such ways as bearing witness that we are children of God (Rom. 8:16), or helping us to pray (Rom. 8:26), or

convicting us of sin (John 16:8); but this is not what she is talking about. Instead, she is claiming to know the exact words that God himself is saying through her to the Christian church. Essentially, she is advocating extra-biblical revelation on a level equal to the apostles themselves. She did not preface her "Revelation" with any humility or fear before the Almighty. Instead, she whips out a statement to the audience in such a way that she is claiming a special place of revelatory knowledge from God himself that is to be given to the Christian Church through her. She is elevating herself to the level of apostle, and this is, of course, unbiblical and dangerous. What other "revelations" from God will she get?

Conclusion: We must be very careful when listening to a teacher. Beth Moore, in my opinion, is not to be trusted to properly teach from the word of God. She is leading many astray with her approval of contemplative prayer, personal revelations, and faulty biblical exegesis. Yes, I know that many claim to have been helped by her. That is fine, but the experience of feeling helped is not where truth lies. Rather, it is God's word that is the standard of what is good and bad, not if we are helped through the world of pop psychology in Christian terminology. Therefore, I cannot endorse Beth Moore.

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- [1. lproof.org/AboutUs/BethMoore/default.htm](http://lproof.org/AboutUs/BethMoore/default.htm)
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 - [2. ibid](#)
 - [3. lproof.org/AboutUs/OurMission/PeaceWithGod.htm](http://lproof.org/AboutUs/OurMission/PeaceWithGod.htm)

2. IN 2012, after a number of years of our ladies using Beth Moore Videos... I was becoming increasingly aware that she was beginning to say and

teach things quite different from her earlier years... SO MUCH SO, that I had no choice but to set forth some of what I had found... and ask that we no longer use her videos in Southside classes or studies.

HERE is what I sent out:

BETH MORE INFO: Some did not see the original email we sent. It was sent just as a way of explaining why I was requesting that our ladies no longer use Beth Moore materials. Some have requested to see the information. Thus, this email.

I grant that Beth Moore is a gifted teacher and that she has taught some good things along the way. **But more and more she is aligning herself with those who in reality believe that the Reformation was a mistake... or that it no longer matters.... and that without question Roman Catholicism is a part of the true church.** Therefore, let us celebrate the unity of all true Christians, which includes Romanism.

In this, Beth Moore joins Rick Warren, Billy Graham, (Chuck Colson's position while he lived), James Robison, and a growing list of others.

Here Beth is in her own words:

[Click here: ? Beth Moore-Vision of Church as "Jesus sees it." - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUC7-1zfMQo)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUC7-1zfMQo>

Aspiring Ministries: Let me now walk you through what she just said:

Transcription of the YouTube clip: "... to beg to differ with people that are ten times smarter than I am. But I want to say to you I see something different than that. I see God doing

something huge in the body of Christ. I do not know why I have had the privilege to get to travel around, see one church after another...one group of believers after another, interdenominationally, all over this country, but I have gotten to see something that I think is huge.

And I'll also suggest to you I am not the only one. And tonight I'm going to do my absolute best to illustrate to you **something that God showed me** out on that back porch. He put a picture...I've explained to you before I am a very visual person...so **He speaks to me very often putting a picture in my head.**

And it was as if I was raised up looking down on a community, as I **saw the Church in that particular dimension**- certainly not all dimensions, not even in many, but in what we will discuss tonight, the church, **as Jesus sees it, in a particular dimension.**" (emphasis mine)

That's Moore's testimony; those are her own words.

If one is unbiased, the following should now be crystal clear:

- 1) Beth Moore is talking about the universal Church, i.e. the Body of Christ;
- 2) She's also claiming extra-biblical revelation via a literal vision that she testifies God showed her, and
- 3) It supposedly enabled her to see the Church "as Jesus sees it." There's simply no way to look at what she plainly stated.

It's very important that you keep all of this in mind now as you watch the next video clip, which is taken from a section *after* God Himself allegedly gave Beth Moore a literal vision that afforded her the ability in a "particular dimension" to see the Body of Christ "as Jesus sees it."

Now watch as Moore illustrates the vision concerning "something different" she sees "God doing" in the Church, i.e. "the body of Christ."

You'll see she does include the apostate Roman Catholic Church among her Christian denominations

Click here: ? Beth Moore-Jesus sees Roman Catholic Church in Body of Christ - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6y7zvj0Lzl>

CHURCHSALT:<http://churchsalt.com/2010/07/04/beth-moores-blurry-hindsight/>)

It is a serious thing to preach or teach, and so teachings (including those at ChurchSalt **must be held up to God's Word to test their accuracy.** A preacher or teacher is not above accountability, regardless of how nice, how genuine, or how popular they are. So please take a good look at the following quote, where Beth discusses the differences between the Reformers and the Catholic Church.

Think of exactly what Beth Moore is telling us in *Be Still*:

“You know, one of the things that time gives us is that it erases the lines in between people so many different sections of the people of God. Because many years later it doesn't matter any longer that this person was of this practice in the Christian faith and this person of another.

Time somehow blurs those lines and we are profoundly moved by the historical narratives of all their lives, of so great a cloud of witnesses; that we can look back on and see what kept them running the race, what kept them running toward the face of Christ at the end of that finish line.”

So what do you suppose it is that Beth Moore is talking about in this section, dedicated as it is to the praise of so-called “Christian”

mystics who were members of the apostate Church of Rome, when she says that time “erases the lines.”

She’s referring to the Reformation during which many of Christ’s beloved children were brutally murdered on the orders of Popes of the Roman Catholic Church.

O, but to these compromisers “time” has somehow erased all of this. No, it hasn’t; consider the following from Dr. R.C. Sproul:

The Roman Catholic Church condemns “sola fide! (L.)” Now if, please understand this, if “sola fide (L.)” is the gospel, then the Roman Catholic Church has condemned the gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, nobody who went to the Council of Trent, as a delegate, went there with the intention of condemning the gospel. The theologians of Rome really believed that they were defending the gospel and that the Protestants had in fact committed apostasy. And I admire the Church, the Roman communion of the 16th century for at least understanding what apparently people don’t understand today, and that is what is at stake here. That they understood that somebody is under the anathema of God!

And we can be as nice, and as pleasant, and as gentle, and as loving, and as charitable, and tolerant as we can possibly be, but it’s not going to change that folks. **Somebody is preaching a different gospel!** And when Rome condemned the Protestant declaration of “Justification by faith alone” I believe, Rome, when placing the anathema on “sola fide (L.),” placed the anathema of God upon themselves....

What are the lessons to be learned according to Beth’s hindsight view of Church history? I found at least three:

1) *Catholicism is Christianity* - Please remember that at the Council of Trent the Catholic Church declared a curse on any who would claim that Christ paid for all your sins on the cross, and that atonement is laid hold of by faith alone.

So, in all reality, they cursed the very Gospel that the Apostle Paul so clearly taught in Romans and Galatians. Cursing the teachings of the Apostle Paul doesn't sound very Christian to me!

2) Catholics in the past were running hard after Christ – According to Foxe's Book of Martyr's, they were running hard after Christ by killing any and all who confessed Christ as the one who saved them from all of their sins. And they did not just kill them...they tortured them. The Catholic Church ripped men apart, gouged out their eyes, burnt them alive, and ripped them apart with knives while they were still living. They did these things to any man involved in printing a Bible as well.

This is the true history of the lines between Catholicism and True Christianity that Beth Moore says are now "blurred", as though with time we have matured enough to realize that all those involved were truly filled with God's Spirit.

According to her, there were just different "practices of faith". Really, Beth? Torturing women in front of a crowd was just another "practice of faith"?

3) Different practices of Faith should all be accepted – It is clearly implied here that all who claim the name "Christian" should be accepted at face value, and their practices and teachings shouldn't be scrutinized.

Apparently Beth never read the abundance of warnings in the New Testament given to us by Jesus, Paul, and Peter regarding deceivers who would come *into the church* to give false teachings in the name of Christianity.

It is clear that to her, tolerance is a greater virtue than a love of the truth. Those who accept all who profess is seen as more loving than those who proclaim the true Gospel in the hopes that none would perish. How easily one can be led astray when every teacher is accepted with open arms!

I am sure Beth Moore is a truly nice person, and one who has a desire to genuinely help others. But teachings like this will,

quite literally, lead people to Hell. Folks, please take a long hard look at what this teacher is handing out as truth. Take an even longer look at Scripture, and do not let your hindsight (or your beliefs) get blurred by culture and tolerance.

Beth Moore also admires Brennan Manning, author of the best-selling book, *The Ragamuffin Gospel* and the contemplative prayer guru whom Christianity Today labeled as “evangelicals’ favorite Catholic.” She repeatedly cites his works,... Moore tells her readers,... [Manning] has written “one of the most remarkable books I have ever read.” Manning is a prominent exponent of contemplative prayer, which calls for one to empty one’s mind, then fill it with imaginative experiences... [1] M. Kurt Goedelman with G. Richard Fisher, “When Godly People Teach Ungodly Theology: The Subtle Error of Beth Moore,” *The Quarterly Journal*, Personal Freedom Outreach, Vol. 27, No. 3, July-September 2007, 20, 21.

IV. ROMANISM: Out of Their Own Mouths!

Karl Keating is a Roman Catholic apologist. In other words, he has given himself to defending Roman Catholicism. He has a book that has a rather interesting title to say the least: ***CATHOLICISM AND FUNDAMENTALISM... The Attack on “ROMANISM” by “Bible Christians!”***

What follows are some quotes which I gleaned from Keating’s book. You will note that any and all Bible Believing Christians are categorized as “Fundamentalist.” Please read this article very carefully and more than once! (For emphasis, I will place some words and/or phrases in bold.)

Here are quotes from Keating’s book:

"Few orthodox Catholics can imagine themselves leaving their religion for another... To convert to mainline Protestantism, or to

collapse into agnosticism, does not occur to them even in nightmares... A change to Eastern Orthodoxy or Anglo-Catholicism is more an adjustment than a real switch...

But fundamentalism? To embrace it is to reject Catholicism outright, **because fundamentalism does not just modify, but discards, the sacramental and liturgical core of Catholicism. One might as well subscribe to an obscure Eastern cult.**"

"But the allure of fundamentalism should be taken seriously, if for no other reason than that hundreds of thousands of Catholics have taken it so seriously in the last few years that they have joined "Bible-believing" churches.

Many of them have become not just non-Catholics, but anti-Catholics, because such an attitude is the natural result of the logic of their position. **They perceive a duty to bring into "real Christianity" the family and friends they left at Mass, and bring them they have.**"

"Fundamentalists regard the Bible as the keystone of their faith.

Their understanding of inspiration and inerrancy comes from Benjamin Warfield's notion of plenary-verbal inspiration, meaning that in the autographs all of the Bible is inspired and the inspiration extends not just to the message God wished to convey, but to the very words chosen by the sacred writers."

"First to catch one's eye is the fundamentalists' reliance on the Bible to the complete exclusion of any authority wielded by the Church. (The Roman Catholic Church is the Church to which Keating is referring.)

The second is their insistence in a faith in Christ as personal Lord and Savior. "Do you accept Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?" they ask. "Have you been saved?" they ask. This is unalloyed Christian individualism... **It is a one-to-one relationship, with no mediators, no sacraments, just the individual Christian and his Lord.**"

“Adoration of the wafer (host), decreed by Pope Honorius III, 1220AD. What the reader is supposed to think, apparently, is that Catholics worship the bread used at Mass. They do not.

What they worship is Christ, **and they believe the bread and the wine are turned into the actual Body and Blood, including not only His human nature, but also His divine nature. If Catholics are right about that, then surely the Host deserves to be worshiped, since it really is God.”**

“Cup forbidden to the people at communion by Council of Constance... 1414AD... **The Catholic position has always been that after the Consecration (By the Priest) the actual Body and Blood of Christ are contained in the smallest particle of the Host (The wafer) or the tiniest drop from the cup...** In giving the cup to the laity there was a chance the contents would be spilled, so out of respect, the restriction was imposed.”

“As heirs of the Reformers, fundamentalists work on the basis of ***sola scriptura***, and they advance this notion at every opportunity...

The Catholic method of finding the Bible to be inspired begins this way. It is not, at first, presumed to be inspired... The Catholic Church... tells us the Bible is inspired, **and we can take the Church’s word for it precisely because the Church is infallible...**

The Catholic believes in inspiration because the Church tells him so—that is putting it bluntly—and that same Church has the authority to interpret the inspired text.”

“Fundamentalists say the Bible is the sole rule of faith... **Catholics, on the other hand, say the Bible is not the sole rule of faith** and that nothing in the Bible suggests it was meant to be... The notion of ***sola scriptura*** arose when the Reformers rejected the papacy. In doing that, they also rejected the teaching authority of the Church. They looked elsewhere for the rule of faith and thought they found it in the Bible.”

“**Tradition** means the teachings and teaching authority of Jesus and, derivatively, the apostles. These have been handed down and entrusted to the Church... which means to its official teachers, the bishops in union with the Pope.”

“**D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones**... Lloyd-Jones’ trouble, the trouble of all fundamentalists, is that **he labors under the misconception that the Scripture has the last word** and that Tradition built on oral teachings counts for nothing.”

“There is no more confusing topic, when fundamentalists and Catholics sit down to talk, than salvation... **Fundamentalists... conclude** from the Bible that Christ actually promised that heaven is theirs in exchange for a remarkably simple act. All they have to do, at just one point in their lives, is ‘accept Christ as their personal Savior’...”

It comes down to Galatians 2:20: ‘The Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.’ Christ is seen as one’s personal Savior, and that is why these words are a favorite with fundamentalists...

For Catholics salvation depends on the state of the soul at death. Christ has already redeemed us, unlocked the gates of heaven, as it were... He did his part, and now we have to cooperate by doing ours...

As Catholics see it, anyone can achieve heaven, and anyone can lose it...”

“**The Catholic Church has always understood baptism... as a sacrament that accomplished several things**, the first of which is the remission of sin... Did Christ leave us any means within the Church to take away sin? The Bible says he gave us two means.

Baptism was given to take away the sin inherited from Adam [original sin] and any sins [called actual sins because they come from our own acts] committed before baptism.

For sins committed after baptism, a different sacrament is needed... Cyprian writes that the forgiving of sins can take place only 'through the priests'.

"The inability of the Church to teach error is infallibility... It means what is officially taught will not be wrong... Rome has spoken; the case is closed..."

In 1950, Pope Pius XII, in an exercise of papal infallibility, defined that Mary, 'after completion of her earthly life'—note the silence regarding her death—'was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven'...

True, no express Scriptural proofs for the doctrine are available... Still, fundamentalists ask, 'Where is the proof from Scripture?' Strictly, there is none...

The mere fact that the Church teaches the doctrine of the Assumption as something definitely true is a guarantee that it is true...

Mary is the Mediatrix of all graces because of her intercession for us in heaven... **grace is not conferred on anyone without Mary's cooperation. True, Scriptural proofs for this are lacking."**

This final quote is from a little Catholic booklet,

MY FIRST COMMUNION CATECHISM:

"Every day Jesus makes the same offering that He made on the cross. He offers Himself to God the Father. He does this in the Sacrifice of the Mass... I cannot see Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus is hidden in the Host.

The white Host looks and tastes like bread, but it is not bread. It is Jesus..."

SOME CONCLUDING THOUGHTS/RESPONSES:

1. I don't care for titles... but by Keating's standards, I have been identified-- I am a Fundamentalist!

2. Mr. Keating clearly understands the vast difference between Roman Catholicism and Bible-believing Churches / Fundamentalists. He clearly understands that both cannot be genuine expressions of true Christianity.

That reality is something that many Evangelicals and 'Fundamentalists' have abandoned.

Have you?

3. All around the world, God's amazing grace continues to save numbers of folk out of the bondage and blindness of Catholicism. Indeed, lost religionists fill the rolls of all "flavors" of churches and denominations— **It's all a part of the present day Mission Field!**

4. Many will say, "But I know some 'Evangelical Catholics'... even priests-- They do not believe all this stuff that Keating has stated."

(a) It is common for cults to try to appear Christian and Evangelical.

(b) Keating has stated Catholicism's case accurately.

(c) The Holy Spirit has a consistent habit of leading even brand new Christians according to the pure, infallible written Word of God, the Bible.

(d) Once enlightened by the Holy Spirit's ministry of quickening the Word of God, **for a person to refuse to renounce and leave Catholicism is no different than for that person to claim to be saved, yet refuse to leave and renounce Mormonism, Hinduism, Buddhism, AND/OR groups that teach, along with Catholicism, that water baptism is NECESSARY in order to savingly connect with Jesus and His redeeming blood, etc.**

5. In commendable honesty, Karl Keating plainly states the TRUE Catholic position:

"To convert to mainline Protestantism, or to collapse into agnosticism, does not occur to them even in nightmares...

A change to Eastern Orthodoxy or Anglo-Catholicism is more an adjustment than a real switch... But fundamentalism?

To embrace it is to reject Catholicism outright, because fundamentalism does not just modify, but discards, the sacramental and liturgical core of Catholicism.

One might as well subscribe to an obscure Eastern cult."

6. THE OPPOSITE IS, LIKEWISE, TRUE:

To embrace Catholicism is to totally reject Bible-believing Christianity.

To embrace Catholicism is to totally reject Salvation by grace alone through faith in Christ alone.

To embrace Catholicism is to embrace a different gospel from that which is found in the Bible.

These facts being true, shouldn't Bible-believing Christians LOVE and LOVINGLY SHARE THE GOSPEL OF GRACE with Catholic family, friends, associates?...

And therefore, also BEWARE of those, such as Beth Moore, James Robison, Rick Warren, and others who claim that GOD HAS TOLD them, that GOD has given them a vision of something really BIG....that Romanism is a part of the true Church.

Blessings! James Bell