

## An Evaluation of Roman Catholicism

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### Discussion Questions

1. What makes a person a Christian?
2. What makes an organization (church) Christian?

Paul challenged each of the Corinthian believers to examine themselves, to test themselves to see if they were in the faith – that Jesus Christ was in them. This presupposes that individual believers can know by themselves if they are “in the faith” or not.

<sup>5</sup>Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test? 2 Cor 13:5

Being in the faith is contingent upon have Jesus Christ dwelling in oneself. The gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. However, from the earliest days of the church there have been those who distorted the true gospel. Paul warns the Galatian believers concerning this:

<sup>6</sup>I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; <sup>7</sup>which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! <sup>9</sup>As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! Gal. 1:6-9

If one carefully studies the various religions and cults of the world, he will soon discover that, without exception, **they are founded on some form of human effort and works-righteousness.** ... In addition to that, every human religion and cult **denies the Trinity, denies the sole divinity of Jesus among men, and denies His unique and complete sacrificial atonement for man’s sin.** MacArthur's NT Commentary: Galatians – Emphasis added.

The Roman Catholic Church holds many doctrines that are considered orthodox including: the inerrancy of the Bible; the Trinitarian nature of God; the deity of Jesus Christ; and Christ’s virgin birth, sinless life, crucifixion, and resurrection. However, there are many Catholic doctrines that we could highlight that distort the true gospel (see Terry’s notes pp. 53-54). Errors in Catholic doctrine are present in almost every major area of theology. We could spend a great deal of time investigating each. However, two main doctrines stand out: authority of the Scriptures and salvation. Today we will look at both of these doctrines and contrast them with Biblical Christianity.

### Authority

Since all doctrinal problems begin with a wrong view of the ultimate authority for believers we will begin with understanding what the Catholic Church teaches concerning authority. To understand what the Catholic teachings we can look at the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) published in 1992 (1994 in English). The CCC is a summary of all essential and basic teachings of Catholicism. These teachings are derived from many sources:

- Scripture plus the Apocrypha
- The decrees of ecumenical councils (21 which are recognized however three are the most referenced)
  - the Council of Trent (1545-1563)
  - the First Vatican Council (1869-1870)
  - the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965)
- Writings of Popes
- The Code of Canon Law – 1752 laws that govern the Roman Catholic Church
- Church liturgy – public worship and practice of the Roman Catholic Church
- The Catechism of the Council of Trent – Guide to the Roman Catholic faith published in 1566 by Pius V
- Thomas Aquinas’ (c. 1225-1274) “Summa Theology”

According to Catholic teaching the source of authority does not rest with Scripture alone, but with Scripture, tradition, and the Pope – each with equal authority.

"Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together, and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing, and move towards the same goal. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age". CCC p80

"*Sacred Scripture* is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit. And [Holy] *Tradition* transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It transmits it to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound and spread it abroad by their preaching." CCC p81

“As a result the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. **Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.**" CCC p82

"It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls." CCC p95

“The Supreme Pontiff, in virtue of his office, possesses infallible teaching authority when, as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful...he proclaims with a definitive act that a doctrine of faith or morals is to be held as such.” CCC p891

The task of interpreting the Word of God authentically has been entrusted solely to the Magisterium of the Church, that is, to the Pope and to the bishops in communion with him. CCC p100

We agree with Catholicism that Scripture is authoritative, though only the 66 books recognized before the council of Trent. Concerning tradition – παραδοσις is used 13 times in the New Testament and means that which is delivered, the substance of a teaching. It is used both negatively (Matt 15:2; 3; 6; Mark 7:3; 5; 8; 9; 13; Gal 1:14; Col 2:8) and positively (2 Thess 3:6; 2 Thess 2:15; 1 Cor 11:2) depending of the context.

**Traditions** (παραδοσις) means “that which is passed along by teaching” and is used in a negative way in the New Testament when it refers to man-made ideas or practices (as is Matt. 15:2-6; Gal. 1:14; Col. 2:8). But the term is also applied to divinely revealed teaching, as here and in 2 Thess. 2:15. To Paul’s inspired apostolic teaching the Corinthian believers had held **firmly**. MacArthur’s New Testament Commentary: 1 Corinthians

Negatively it is used to refer to man-made doctrines, teaching, or rules which take the place of Scripture. These traditions “invalidate the word of God”. Invalidate (ακυροο | ) means to render void or deprive of force or authority.

<sup>5</sup>The Pharisees and the scribes asked\* Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the **tradition** of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?” <sup>6</sup>And He said to them, “**Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 7‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’** <sup>8</sup>“Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the **tradition** of men.” <sup>9</sup>He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your **tradition**. <sup>10</sup>“For Moses said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER’; and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH’; <sup>11</sup>but you say, ‘If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given to God),’ <sup>12</sup>you no longer permit him to do anything for *his* father or *his* mother; <sup>13</sup>**thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.**” Mark 7:5-13

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the **tradition** of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. Col 2:8

Positively it is used to refer to inspired apostolic teaching – i.e. Scripture.

<sup>15</sup>So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the **traditions** which you were taught, whether by word of *mouth* or by letter from us. 2 Thess 2:15

<sup>2</sup>Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the **traditions**, just as I delivered them to you. 1 Cor 11:2

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the **tradition** which you received from us. 2 Thess 3:6

From these passages, it is clear that “tradition” is acceptable if it does not invalidate the word of God. Scripture has the final authority. We must not exceed what is written.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you **may learn not to exceed what is written**, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. 1 Cor 4:6

<sup>5</sup>Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. <sup>6</sup>Do not add to His words Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar. Prov 30:5-6

In addition, only Scripture is referred to as being written by men “moved” by the Holy Spirit and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.

<sup>20</sup>But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. 2 Pet 1:20-21

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:16-17

(This information is from “The Gospel According to Rome” by James McCarthy) Concerning the Pope – the Catholic church believes that it’s hierarchy, culminating with the bishop of Rome (Pope) derives authority from three beliefs: Christ made Peter the head of the apostles and the universal church, the apostles appointed bishops as their successors, and the Pope is Peter’s successor. However, each of these beliefs are in error.

## 1. Peter was not the head of the apostles and the universal church

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said\* to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to him, “**Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.**” <sup>18</sup>**I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.** <sup>19</sup>“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ. Matt 16:13-20

Catholicism claims that Matt 16:18 shows that Peter is the rock upon which Christ will build His church. However, the Greek does not support this interpretation. Peter is the masculine noun Petros meaning boulder whereas rock is the feminine noun petra meaning mass of rock. The verse is equivalent to saying, “you are Peter, and upon this mass of rock, I will build My church.” The question then is what is the “bedrock” upon which Christ is building His church? The context in this passage is about Christ and who He is – “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” The foundation of the church is Christ not Peter.

<sup>11</sup>For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 3:11

Also, while it is true that Peter is usually listed first in the lists of the apostles this does not mean that he was the head of the apostles – see Acts 15:6-35.

## 2. The apostles did not appoint bishops as their successors

Scripture used by the Catholic church to justify this are 2 Tim 2:2 which simply speaks of discipling men to disciple other men. In addition, Timothy and Titus are held up as examples of bishops appointed by Paul, Timothy in Ephesus and Titus in Crete. However, Scripture nowhere calls these men out as bishops and Paul simply calls them “partner and fellow worker” (2 Cor 9:23).

## 2. The Pope is not Peter’s successor

There is no Scriptural evidence to support this claim by the Catholic church.

Clearly we must join with the reformers and declare that Scripture alone is the authority for the believer. The Scriptures are authoritative and constitute the believer’s only source of faith and practice (Matt 5:18; 2 Tim 3:15-17; Heb 4:12; 2 Pet 1:20-21). Only Scripture is perfectly adequate for all matters of faith and conduct – for salvation *and* sanctification. It is all-sufficient in regards to the soul of man, in our relationship to God, and in our relationship to others.

## Salvation

John MacArthur and Paul Enns provide a good summary of the Catholic view of salvation.

According to Roman Catholicism, justification is a process in which God's grace is poured forth into the sinner's heart, making that person progressively more righteous. During this process, it is the sinner's responsibility to preserve and increase that grace by various good works. The means by which justification is initially obtained is not faith, but the sacrament of baptism. Furthermore, justification is forfeited whenever the believer commits a mortal sin, such as hatred or adultery. In the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, then, works are necessary both to begin and to continue the process of justification. "Is Roman Catholicism Biblical?" by John MacArthur on the GTY Website

... the entire system of sacraments is a genuine rejection of the true grace of God and salvation by grace. Salvation in Roman Catholic theology is not by grace through faith but a complex adherence to the sacraments and rituals as legislated by the church hierarchy. The Moody Handbook of Theology by Paul P. Enns

(This information is from "The Gospel According to Rome by James McCarthy) Catholicism teaches that God's grace is granted through the sacrament of baptism. This "sanctifying grace" is a gift of the Holy Spirit, but can be lost through serious, conscience, and deliberate sin. It can then be regained through penance. There is also "actual grace" which is a temporary supernatural assistance to perform good works necessary for salvation. The sacraments (baptism, penance, Eucharist, confirmation, matrimony, holy orders, and anointing the sick) are the primary means by which God provides sanctifying and actual grace. This then enables the Catholic to do good works which are rewarded with heaven after final purification in purgatory.

- Infants receive grace through the sacrament of baptism and adult converts receive grace through the sacrament of baptism after proper preparation
  - "...Baptism is the first and chief sacrament of forgiveness of sins because it unites us with Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our justification, so that 'we too might walk in newness of life,'" CCC p977
  - "Justification has been merited for us by the Passion of Christ. It is granted us through Baptism." CCC p2020
  - Justification = Spiritual rebirth and the lifelong process of sanctification which begins at the point of the sacrament of baptism.
- Sacraments and good works increase grace in the soul; cooperation with grace preserves grace in the soul
  - "We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere 'to the end' and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ," CCC p1821
  - "Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, we can then merit for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification." CCC p2010

- Grace is lost through mortal sin, but can be regained through the sacrament of penance
  - "Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as 'the second plank (of salvation) after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace,' CCC p1446
  - "One who desires to obtain reconciliation with God and with the Church, must confess to a priest all the unconfessed grave sins he remembers after having carefully examined his conscience." CCC p1493
  - "By Christ's will, the Church possesses the power to forgive the sins of the baptized and exercises it through bishops and priests normally in the sacrament of Penance." CCC p986
- Eternal life is attained by dying in a state of grace. If one has not attained state of holiness required to enter directly into heaven then they go to purgatory to make atonement for sins that were not made on earth.
  - "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." CCC p1030

In contrast to Catholicism's salvation of works, the Bible teaches clearly that salvation is by grace (unmerited favor) through faith alone. Salvation is the work of God whereby he saves individuals from the penalty, power, and one day the very presence of sin. It is completely by God and not on the basis of human merit or works

According to the largest meaning as used in the Scripture, the word "salvation" represents the whole work of God by which He rescues man from the eternal ruin and doom of sin and bestows on him the riches of His grace, including eternal life now and eternal glory in heaven. Major Bible Themes by Lewis Sperry Chafer

#### By Grace:

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; <sup>9</sup>not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Eph 2:8-10

<sup>6</sup>But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. Rom 11:6

<sup>21</sup>"I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly." Gal 2:21

<sup>4</sup>But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup>He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7

#### Through Faith:

<sup>47</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. John 6:47

<sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. Rom 3:28

<sup>5</sup>But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, Rom 4:5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Rom 5:1

<sup>16</sup>nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. Gal 2:16

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. Gal 3:24

#### Kept forever:

The Scriptures declare that nothing can separate the believer from the Christ (Rom 8:28-39). All true believers once saved are kept by God's power and are always saved (John 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom 5:9-10; 8:1, 31-39; 1 Cor 1:4-8; Eph 4:30; Heb 7:25; 13:5; 1 Pet 1:5; Jude 24). When a professor of Christ turns away it shows that true salvation never took place (1 John 2:19).

<sup>1</sup>Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Rom 8:1

#### By a fully sufficient sacrifice:

<sup>10</sup>By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. <sup>11</sup>And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; <sup>12</sup>but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. <sup>14</sup>For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Heb 10:10-14

#### Resulting in good works:

<sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire. Heb 12:28-29

The Council of Trent (1545-1563) declared the following. The Catholic church maintains these positions today.

Canon 9: "If anyone says that the sinner is justified by faith alone, meaning that nothing else is required to cooperate in order to obtain the grace of justification, and that it is not in any way necessary that he be prepared and disposed by the action of his own will, let him be anathema."

Canon 19: "If anyone says that nothing besides faith is commanded in the gospel, that other things are indifferent, neither commanded nor forbidden, but free; or that the ten commandments in no way pertain to Christians, let him be anathema."

Canon 24: "If anyone says that the justice received is not preserved and also not increased before God through good works, but that those works are merely the fruits and signs of justification obtained, but not the cause of its increase, let him be anathema."

Canon 27: "If anyone says that there is no mortal sin except that of unbelief, or that grace once received is not lost through any other sin however grievous and enormous except by that of unbelief, let him be anathema."

Canon 30: "If anyone says that after the reception of the grace of justification the guilt is so remitted and the debt of eternal punishment so blotted out to every repentant sinner, that no debt of temporal punishment remains to be discharged either in this world or in purgatory before the gates of heaven can be opened, let him be anathema."

Canon 33: "If anyone says that the Catholic doctrine of justification as set forth by the holy council in the present decree, derogates in some respect from the glory of God or the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, and does not rather illustrate the truth of our faith and no less the glory of God and of Christ Jesus, let him be anathema."

... Roman Catholicism places an undue stress on human works. Catholic doctrine denies that God “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5) without first making them godly. Good works therefore become the ground of justification. As thousands of former Catholics will testify, Roman Catholic doctrine and liturgy obscure the essential truth that the believer is saved by grace through faith and not by his own works (Eph. 2:8-9). In a simple sense, Catholics genuinely believe they are saved by doing good, confessing sin, and observing ceremonies. “Is Roman Catholicism Biblical?” by John MacArthur on the GTY Website

“... the Roman system ... is not a group of wayward brothers but is an apostate form of Christianity. It is a false religion, it is another religion.” John MacArthur on the television broadcast of the John Ankerberg Show titled "Irreconcilable Differences: Catholics, Evangelicals, and the New Quest for Unity" that took place in Ft Lauderdale, Florida between Dr. James Kennedy, Dr. John MacArthur, Dr. R. C. Sproul, and John Ankerberg.

#### Transubstantiation

For a study on the Catholic Church’s teaching on transubstantiation, see:

<http://www.valleybible.net/resources/PositionPapers/Lord'sSupper.shtml>

#### Mary

For a summary of the Catholic Church’s teaching on Mary, see:

<http://www.carm.org/catholic/mary.htm>

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The Seven Roman Catholic Sacraments from The Moody Handbook of Theology, Paul P. Enns

Sacrament	Procedure	Significance	Vatican II Emphasis
Baptism	Priest performs the rite on infants.	Produces rebirth, “infant Christian.” Necessary for salvation. Frees one from original sin and guilt. Unites one to Christ and the church.	Baptism to receive greater emphasis. Convert to receive instruction beforehand. Illustrates commitment to Christ. Emphasizes unity of all members in Christ.
Confirmation	Bishop lays hands on person whereby they receive the Holy Spirit.	Necessary sequence after baptism. With baptism, part of the “Sacrament of initiation.” Person receives the Holy Spirit, bringing on to maturity and dedication.	Endeavor to unite baptism and confirmation as one act of initiation. Separating the two sacraments suggests there are “degrees of membership in church.”
Eucharist	Priest celebrates Mass. Upon pronouncing, “This is my body” bread and wine turn to body and blood of Christ.	Mass is ongoing sacrifice of Christ. Same as Calvary except Mass is unbloody. In Mass, Christ offers atonement for sin. Participant receives forgiveness from venial sins. Eating bread is eating Christ.	Frequent participation encouraged to increase “union with Christ.” Ceremony now involves lay people. Shorter, simpler ceremony; more use of Scripture.
Confession (Penance)	Three steps: 1. Sorrow for sin. 2. Oral confession to priest. 3. Absolution of sins by priest.	Having confessed all known sins to priest, and stated intention not to sin in the future, the adherent receives absolution from sins by priest.	New view of sin: distorted personal relationship and motives. Allows for general confession and absolution. General confession performed in service of singing, Scripture, prayer, sermon, self-examination, confession, absolution.
Holy Orders	Ordination to office: bishop, priest, deacon. As successor to the apostles, bishop ordains priest.	Confers on recipient power to sanctify others. Priest receives power to offer body and blood of Christ and to remit sins. Priest mediates between God and men as Christ mediated between God and men.	Greater involvement of lay people in ministry. Lay people to develop/use gifts in church. Reduced distinction between priest and people. Priest considered “brother among brothers.”
Marriage	Vows are exchanged in presence of a priest.	Sign of union of Christ and church. Indissoluble because marriage of Christ and church is indissoluble.	Marriage is not just for procreation. Greater emphasis on love in marriage. Mass permitted at weddings with baptized non-Catholics.
Anointing the Sick	Bishop consecrates oil. Person near death anointed by priest.	Removes infirmity and obstacles left by sin, which prevent soul from glory. Prepares people for death by making them like the risen Christ. Prepares soul for eternity.	Broadened usage: changed from “extreme unction” to “anointing the sick.” Used to strengthen/heal body and soul. Sick person shares in readings, prayers.