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IS THE ROMAN CHURCH CHRIST'S CHURCH? **A BIBLICAL COMPARISON**

ISSUE	ROMAN CATHOLIC	vs.	GOD'S WORD
Holy Father	Pope & Priests		"Call no man Father"
Intermediary	Pope - priest - Christ through Mary		"The man Christ Jesus"
Blessing	To those who obey Church		To those who obey Christ
Mary	"Mother of God"		Mother of Jesus
Priesthood	Appointed by Vatican System		All who are reborn in Christ
Final Authority	Pope and Church tradition		Word of God
Sabbath	1 st Day		7 th Day
Marriage	Pope and priests forbidden to marry	I Tim. 4:1-3	Forbidding marriage a "Doctrine of devils"
Access to Word	Popes and Priests	II Tim. 2:15	All Believers
Governance	Vatican System		Holy Spirit
Salvation	Faith + Works, mediated by Church		Faith alone thru Christ alone
Eternal City	Rome		Jerusalem
Temple Mount	Vatican		Mt. Zion
His Holiness	Pope		God Alone
Prayer	Ask Christ in Mary's name		"Ask the Father in my name"
Truth	Defined and determined by Pope & tradition		Defined and determined by Word and Spirit
Judgment	Once to die, then purgatory		"Once to die, then judgment"
Saints	Those beatified & sanctified by Vatican		All believers sanctified by Christ
Wisdom's Source	Fear of the Church		Fear of the Lord
Forgiveness	By Pope and priests		By God - as acknowledged by saints
Interpretation of Word	By Pope and Church Tradition		No private interpretation
Supreme Head of Church	The Roman Pontiff		Jesus Christ
"Immutability"/ Unchangeable	The Roman Church and its Traditions		God and His Word
The Church	All who submit to Rome as representative of Christ		All who submit to Christ

"The Pope": A Scandal and A Mystery"

"This man who is called the Pope is a mystery... a sign of contradiction. He is even considered a challenge or a 'scandal' to logic or good sense..."

"Confronted with the Pope, one must make a choice. The leader of the Catholic Church is defined by the faith as the Vicar of Jesus Christ. The Pope is considered the man on earth who represents the Son of God, who 'takes the place' of the Second Person of the omnipotent God of the Trinity."

"Have no fear when people call me the 'Vicar of Christ,' when they say to me 'Holy Father,' or 'Your Holiness,' or use titles similar to these, which seem even inimical [contrary or opposed] to the Gospel. Christ himself declared: 'Call no one on earth your father; you have had but one master, the Messiah' (Mt. 23:9-10). These expressions, nevertheless, have evolved out of a long tradition, becoming part of common usage. One must not be afraid of these words either."

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THE CHOICE: To take the Creator God at His Word, or, to take the Pope and Roman Catholic Traditions as the final authority for life, faith and practice.

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