



# The Beacon

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Isaiah 9:2

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## Catholic Sacraments: A Ruthless Trafficking in Human Souls

By Richard Bennett and Stuart Quint

**B**efore a general audience in Rome in 2013, Pope Francis declared:

*"First of all, the communion of the Sacraments. **The Sacraments express and realize an effective and profound communion among us, for in them we encounter Christ the Saviour and, through him, our brothers and sisters in faith. The Sacraments are not mere appearances, they are not rituals;***



***they are the power of Christ; Jesus Christ a present in the Sacraments. When we celebrate the Eucharist it is the living Jesus who brings us together, forms us into a community, allows us to adore the Father. Each one of us, in fact, through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, is incorporated into Christ and united to the entire community of believers. Therefore, if on the one hand it is the Church that 'makes' the Sacraments, on the other, it is the***

*Sacraments that 'make' the Church, that build her up, by generating new children, by gathering them into the holy people of God, by strengthening their membership."*

Note the brazen claim of the Pope: "The Sacraments express and realize an effective and profound communion among us."

The truth is that "effective and profound communion" comes only through Jesus Christ alone. Communion with Christ does not come through any ritual or Sacrament! Scripture states, "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."<sup>2</sup> True believers believe on Jesus Christ alone; "the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."<sup>3</sup> True believers "of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace."<sup>4</sup> Such fullness of grace derives from Jesus Christ alone, not from any Church or any mechanical ceremony of any Church! (*continues*)

<sup>1</sup> [https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2013/documents/papa-francesco\\_20131106\\_udienza-generale.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20131106_udienza-generale.html) accessed on December 18, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Romans 5:2. Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptural quotes come from the King James Version.

<sup>3</sup> John 1:14

<sup>4</sup> John 1:16

## 2017 Ministry Report: Year in Review

**T**he year 2017 brought about many milestones for the ministry of the Berean Beacon. We praise the Lord that His Word goes forth throughout the world and even uses small ministries like the Berean Beacon in His work. Your dedication and support of this ministry, including prayer, personal evangelization, and financial giving, are at the very core of what the Lord has accomplished.

### A Change in Leadership

Lynn Bennett and Mike Stevens retired from the board of directors after having served for the past 25 years. Their individual contributions will be greatly missed. Their devotion has been instrumental to the fruits of the ministry. Consequently, the Berean Beacon has teamed together a new board of directors. Richard Bennett remains as chairman. We have also added Pastor William Mencarow, Richard Wozniak, Stuart Quint, and Greg Bentley. All of these members were former Catholics saved by God's grace. All share the burden for the Gospel to be preached to Roman Catholics and others. We trust that God has raised up this new leadership team for the continuity and broadening of the work of the Berean Beacon. (*continues*)

## Internet Outreach: Facebook and YouTube



The Lord has opened new areas of outreach for the Beacon via social media. Social media has established itself as a primary means for communicating with new audiences across the planet. We have developed new outreaches by creating our own Youtube Channel and Facebook page. These tools connect us daily with new individuals who are being drawn into the marvelous light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Foreign Translation

The Lord has raised up translators in over a dozen languages (13 to be exact) spanning Europe, South America, and Asia. We are excited to begin ministry in Tagalog, the major local language of the Philippines. While our translators vary in age and background (from pastors to biologists to managers of families and businesses), one common denominator is their heart and zeal for the Gospel of Christ to go forth among Roman Catholics and others. We ask for your prayers that the Lord might raise up new translators, both in our existing languages as well as for new languages, and for God's sustaining grace to current translators to persevere in Him and not grow weary.

## Video Production

We had the opportunity to record a series of short question and answer videos with Richard Bennett last summer. Each of these 10 short videos deal with common questions that arise among Catholic people. Four of these videos have been

posted; we are anxious to complete the whole series as funds become available. We plan more recordings for the first quarter of this year.

## New Website Development

By far, the greatest hurdle that we are overcoming is the reorganization of the ministry's websites. Our materials span 3 decades and the content is timeless and necessary to communicate to future generations. We have faced enormous difficulties gathering the material and finding dedicated help to complete the work. This is the frontline of the spiritual battle that our ministry faces on a daily basis. As we enter the New Year, we ask for your prayer for the completion of this library of work.

## Looking into 2018

The work that Richard Bennett started 3 decades ago is even more relevant in our time of great apostasy within the evangelical Church. The forces of ecumenism have obstructed ministry to one of the largest mission fields in the world. According to Pew research, the world consists of **1.1 billion Roman Catholics**. Our challenge is to reach them in this world of compromise. There are so many precious Catholic souls who *have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge*. We urge you to use our resources to enrich your understanding for the work of service in building up the body of Christ. Please pray for the Lord to send opportunities to witness to Roman Catholics. We most certainly appreciate your heartfelt support.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
– Greg Bentley 📧

## Rome's Sacramental Monopoly on Men's Souls Upheld by Pope Francis

Pope Francis echoes the official Catholic teaching regarding the Sacraments in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Code of Canon Law.<sup>5</sup>

*"The Church affirms that for believers the sacraments of the New Covenant are **necessary for salvation**. 'Sacramental grace' is the grace of the Holy Spirit, given by Christ and proper to each sacrament."*<sup>6</sup>

Do not miss the point: Rome teaches that sacraments are **"necessary for salvation"**. Francis continues Rome's historical dogma: Whoever does not partake of Rome's sacraments in a Catholic Church is damned forever!

## Official Catholic Teaching; Rebirth by Baptism

Rome teaches baptism as "the basis of the whole Christian life" and "the door which gives access to the other sacraments":

*"Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the [Catholic] Church and made sharers in her mission."*<sup>7</sup>

*"By Baptism **all sins** are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin."*<sup>8</sup>

## Rome Distorts the Lord's Command to Believe and Be Baptized

What does Christ command for a

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/_INDEX.HTM) accessed on December 18, 2017.

<sup>6</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church, Para 1129. Author's emphasis. See [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM) accessed on December 18, 2017.

<sup>7</sup> Catechism, Para. 1213.

<sup>8</sup> Catechism, Para. 1263.

person to find salvation in Him? *"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but **he that believes not** shall be damned."*<sup>9</sup>

Notice the stark contrast between Christ and Roman Catholic teaching. Christ commands us first to *"believe"*, to trust and lay our hope in Christ's sacrificial death on the Cross through God's grace alone as our sole hope for salvation.

Conversely, the chief sin that damns a person in unbelief, a lack of trust in Christ. Proof of this fact is found in the fact of the omission in the second half of the verse. It is NOT *"he that is not baptized shall be damned,"* but rather *"**he that believes not.**"*

Even if a person were baptized yet believes not, that person will be damned. We sinners deserve the wrath of God not merely because of our sin nature, but because of our own personal sin. Nothing can placate the Lord God's justice except our reliance on Christ's one-time sacrifice to wash away our sin. *"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."*<sup>10</sup>

### Rome Exalts Its Sacraments Above Christ's Gospel

The sacramental "power promises" of the Roman Church deceive people into a false sense of security. They also mock the holiness and mercy of the Lord God. Clearly, the official teaching of the Vatican on baptism is a spurious counterfeit in place of true saving faith. Believing on Christ Jesus is life and salvation. Faith in Christ's atonement is necessary for salvation. Christ taught, *"he that hears my word,*

*and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."*<sup>11</sup>

Baptism, while important, does not infuse salvation. The Lord commanded baptism.<sup>12</sup> It testifies to saving faith and is a public declaration of the finished work of Christ applied to an individual soul.

### The Tension between Biblical Forgiveness and Roman Catholic Confession

God forgives sins of people who repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins."*<sup>13</sup>

When a person rests on the finished work of the Lord Christ Jesus, God guarantees absolute forgiveness and imputes His righteousness: *"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."*<sup>14</sup> Thus the Gospel is the power of God to salvation as the Apostle Paul proclaimed. When a believer sins, that person confesses his or her sin directly to God, who Alone can pardon. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."<sup>15</sup>

In the sacrament of confession, the Roman Catholic Church teaches a method of forgiveness of sins contrary and foreign to God's Word: "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."<sup>16</sup>

The Catholic priest grants "absolution", or forgiveness, with these words: "I absolve you from your sins/in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In other words, the priest takes the place of God in granting forgiveness!

Rome distorts Christ's teaching to defend the baseless practice of absolution by a priest:

*"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week,' Jesus showed himself to his apostles. 'He breathed on them, and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. **If** you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; **if** you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'* (John 20:19, 22-23)."<sup>17</sup>

### A Biblical Response to the Error of Catholic Confession

A study of the actual words of John 20:23, *"Whose sins you remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose sins you retain, they are retained,"* shows Jesus defines forgiveness as that proclaimed through the Gospel. Indeed, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* misquotes John 20:23, which does not have an **"if"** clause.

Here the Lord has declared the Gospel in a few words. The Lord gave authority to his disciples to declare forgiveness to those whom God had already forgiven. The commission given in this passage in John is parallel to similar passages such as Luke 24:47, Matthew 28:18-20, and Mark 16:15-16. This is the way the apostles understood and obeyed the Great Commission, as evidenced throughout the Acts of the Apostles. *(continues)*

<sup>9</sup> Mark 16:15. Authors' emphasis.

<sup>10</sup> Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>11</sup> John 5:24

<sup>12</sup> Matthew 28:19

<sup>13</sup> Acts 13:38

<sup>14</sup> Ephesians 1:7

<sup>15</sup> 1 John 1:9

<sup>16</sup> *Catechism*, Para. 1493. Author's emphasis.

<sup>17</sup> *Catechism*, Para. 1485. Author's emphasis.



Christ Jesus did not appoint confessors to probe intimately into every sin of people's lives. Rather He commissioned preachers of His Gospel. Christ will cause people to hear the preachers' message. The Holy Spirit seals on the hearts of believers the grace of the atonement obtained through Christ alone.

Scripture teaches that God forgives sins on the proclamation of the Gospel, not the whispering of sins committed into the ear of some man in a confession box!

### The Mass Rejects Christ's Complete and One-Time Sacrifice!

The Church of Rome portrays the dying Christ as "the sacred victim" in their Eucharist. The center of their worship is the ritual of the Mass. All the Catholic people, under pain of mortal sin, are required to attend. The Roman Church dramatizes its bold claim **that the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of her Eucharist are one single sacrifice.**

"The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are **one single sacrifice: 'The victim is one and the same:** the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different.' 'In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner.'" <sup>18</sup>

Through the Mass, the Eucharist is central to Catholicism, Bible believers ought to have real compassion for Catholics who are taught this demonic doctrine. Striving to appease God with an ongoing sacrifice *de facto* denies the all-sufficiency of Christ's once and

finished work on the cross!

The Lord Jesus is the sole sacrificial Priest of the New Testament. He finished the work of our salvation by one sole offering. The Scriptures repeatedly establish this truth. The substance of this is found in the Lord's declaration from the Cross, "*It is finished.*"<sup>19</sup> The unique nature of Christ's sacrifice consists of this very fact. It was one offering.

The truth of the excellence of Christ's sacrifice is highlighted by the word "**once**"; as for example when the Scripture declares, "*For in that he died, he died unto sin **once**: but in that he lives, he lives unto God.*"<sup>20</sup> and "*Who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did **once**, when he offered up himself.*"<sup>21</sup>

The Church of Rome goes beyond a mere claim of possessing Christ's sacrifice for herself. Rome also teaches that in her "blessed sacrament", the white wafer contains the physical Christ and His soul and divinity.

"In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, **the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially** contained.'"<sup>22</sup>

Catholics are thus taught that in the bread "**the whole Christ**" is present. Rome deceives Catholics <sup>to</sup> look to this Christ, "**substantially** contained" in the bread. This is flagrantly deceitful and causes Catholics to engage in idolatry with the physical bread!

<sup>19</sup> John 19:30

<sup>20</sup> Romans 6:10. Authors' emphasis.

<sup>21</sup> Hebrews 7:27. Authors' emphasis.

<sup>22</sup> Catechism, Para. 1374. Authors' emphasis.

Rome also claims the physical bread and wine cause God to make that person holy:

**"Holy Communion separates us from sin.** By the same charity that it enkindles in us, the Eucharist **preserves us from future mortal sins.**"<sup>23</sup>

Rome teaches the physical "Eucharist" unites a person to Christ and consequently "**separates**" him from sin.

Such teachings as these come under the eternal curse of perverting the Gospel of Christ. Christ's words are spirit and life, "*It is the Spirit that quickeneth.*"<sup>24</sup> To propose an oral ingesting of Christ's flesh is bad enough, what is asserted is much more. Rome holds that "the Eucharist **preserves us from future mortal sins.**"<sup>25</sup>

These are enticing words of human philosophy teaching <sup>and</sup> *are the age-old pagan tradition of looking to a physical substance to gain life.* What makes the doctrine all the more repulsive is that this very teaching mocks the justice of the All Holy God: "*Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law.*"<sup>26</sup>

### The Lord's Supper as Remembrance, Not Catholic "Hocus Pocus"<sup>27</sup>

The remembrance of Christ at the Lord's Table is that spiritual communion with God and with His people that is celebrated. In the New Jerusalem this communion will be face to face as

<sup>23</sup> Catechism, Para. 1395. Authors' emphasis.

<sup>24</sup> John 6:63

<sup>25</sup> Catechism, Para. 1395. Authors' emphasis.

<sup>26</sup> Hebrews 10:8

<sup>27</sup> "Hocus Pocus" derives from the Latin words spoken by the priest during the Mass in pre-Reformation times: "Hoc est corpus meum." ("This is my body.")

<sup>18</sup> Catechism, Para. 1367

outlined by the Apostle John, *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."*<sup>28</sup>

For now, the reality of our fellowship with the Lord is celebrated in signs, and not face-to-face. *"This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."*<sup>29</sup>

The New Testament observance is intimate spiritual communion with Him, done in remembrance of Christ the Lord, not by ingesting physical substances that were never intended to render spiritual transformation themselves.

### Conclusion: Trust in Christ, Not in False Roman Catholic Sacraments

Biblically, the believer's salvation is founded on Christ and His righteousness alone. An individual's faith **begins and ends in the Lord Jesus Christ Himself** and not in the ordinances that He has given.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper bear witness to the Lord's finished work of salvation. However, these ordinances are neither the Lord Himself nor His power.

As an individual believes on *"the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth,"*<sup>30</sup> he knows that *"of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace."*<sup>31</sup> Only God possess full grace. **It is not delegated to any church or any ceremony of a church.**

The Roman Catholic Church's teaching of physical signs as necessary for salvation is **a futile exchange of her**

**sacraments for Him**, the Lord and giver of life. It is a blasphemous denial of Him and His perfect finished sacrifice.

Calling "sacramental grace" as **"the grace of the Holy Spirit" separates a person's soul from God and earns eternal condemnation. It is also sacrilege against the All Holy God.**

Scripture proclaims God's grace to consist of His righteousness directly imputed to the believer in Jesus Christ alone, not rituals or physical sacraments. This is justification, **and** necessary for salvation in God's plan and purpose. Because God is a Spirit, so worship of Him, including the Lord's two ordinances, must be in spirit and in truth. *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*<sup>1</sup>

The merchandise of Rome in her sacramental system is of a most serious matter on two counts. Firstly *"our God is a consuming fire".*<sup>2</sup> Secondly, Catholic sacraments traffic in the souls of men. The Holiness of God demanded the perfect satisfaction of Christ Jesus in His absolute faithfulness and His perfect blood sacrifice. The Gospel in which **the** finished work of the Lord is proclaimed is such as not to be spoken against without dreadful consequences.

Both Christ's perfect sacrifice and His Gospel are manifestly and blasphemously denied in Papal Rome's teaching and practice. His Divine Person is denigrated in Papal Rome's purporting to offer His sacrifice daily.

In Rome's ritually usurping His place and sacrifice, she has become His greatest adversary. **The supreme**

**enemy of Christ and His Gospel is not the materialism, lust, and pride of men, but spiritual apostasy that pretends to stand in His place.**

Let our dear Catholic reader hear the clear command of Christ recorded in Scripture; *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."*<sup>3</sup>

Christ Jesus Himself has graciously declared, *"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*<sup>4</sup> He came to free His people from the yoke of works and religion that can never satisfy God's holiness or make a person truly free from sin. That glorious display of Christ's greatness is seen only in this invitation. It is the duty and interest of weary and heavy-laden sinners to come to Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is the answer to the essential problem that we all face, how can we, as unholy sinners, be right before the all Holy God. In the first chapter of Romans, the Apostle Paul says: *"for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written. The just shall live by faith."*<sup>5</sup> Only Christ Jesus can answer your problem. No earthly ritual can. 🌿

<sup>28</sup> 1 John 3:2

<sup>29</sup> Luke 22:20

<sup>30</sup> John 1:14

<sup>31</sup> John 1:16

<sup>1</sup> John 4:24

<sup>2</sup> Hebrews 12:29

<sup>3</sup> 2 Corinthians 6:17

<sup>4</sup> Matthew 11:28

<sup>5</sup> Romans 1:16-7

## Mailbag

- Dear Brother Richard, Surely, the angels are singing joyfully before our precious Savior because of your dedication to the truth. I have received this E-mail three times now so you don't need to send it again. I thank my heavenly Father for those like you Richard who have remained faithful in spite of the persecution. The enemy hates truth and loves lies, however satan has already been defeated and we stand in triumph with the Son of the most high. Shalom, blessings and strength in Him who loved us first,  
**Judy from Holland-email**

- Dear Mr. Bennet, My name is Jason and I am a (relatively) young physician from NY. I'm what I would like to consider a devout Catholic - 15 decade Rosary, mortifications, fasting, and all - but there are things with which I struggle. While I honestly have no issues with the Rosary or the other prayers, as much of this has been done for centuries long before Protestantism came on the scene, I find that I still have the same sins. I go to confession every week, and I often list the same sins. While I love the Liturgy and Sacred Mysteries, I envy truly saved Protestants who have a living faith and a personal relationship with Christ. While I believe I meet Christ in the Eucharist, I don't feel that I have this same personal knowledge or experience. I truly feel dead in sin and trespass. **Jason- email**

- Dear Mr. Bennett, I just wanted to let you know how grateful I am for your ministry and the immense help it has been to me. I have shared your website with many people although dispensationalism seems firmly entrenched. Our Evangelical church even requires belief in the premillennial end times scenario for membership. I have not applied for membership for this reason, although I attend regularly. I have recently discovered Mark Fitzpatrick on YouTube as well as Paul Flynn through your appearances at their church and YouTube videos so I am learning much from them as well.....God bless you and your work. Please express my gratitude to all those who assist you in your ministry. Processing all this new information is like drinking from a fire hose - and I am reading scripture in a whole new light Thank you, thank you,  
Sincerely, **Pat - email**

- Hi Bro. Richard, I hope you are doing great in your ministry! I am glad to have listened to your talk via Christian Answers about Roman Catholicism. As you see our country is predominantly Roman Catholic. Several years ago many faithful Roman Catholics do not know how to use the Bible to defend their faith. However, today is a different ballgame. Since many individuals like Scott Hahn, Mark Shea, Mark Noli, Dave Armstrong, Marcus Grodi, to name a few who were either Protestants and Evangelicals have converted to Roman Catholicism, many new breed of young Roman Catholic Filipinos are now becoming aware of why they believe what they believe using the Bible as their tool because of these rising number of Catholic apologists. I have read several articles and literatures refuting their arguments. Thank you Bro. Richard for your generosity. May the Lord continue to grant you more years so many more Roman Catholics will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I hope you can visit our country. Blessings, **Benito- email- Philippines**

- Richard Bennett, I wanted to write and thank you for you videos on youtube that expose the false teachings of the Roman Catholic church and the pope in Rome. My family and I are Americans but we are temporarily living in Milan, Italy, and we are seeing firsthand how deceived the people in Italy are and are being misled by the false teachings of the RCC. It is very sad. While living here we found out that everyone who lives and works in Italy pays a tax to the pope or the vatican..... Thanks so much also for all your videos that warn about the dangers of mystical teachings that are being spread to so many churches today throughout the world. It is so sad to see that occultic practices are being promoted and so many people are being deceived. I was led into mystical teachings in "Christian" psychological counseling back in the 90s and was led into mystical practices which nearly destroyed my life. It was by God's grace that I was led out of it. I see now that the Lord allowed me to go through those things to prepare me for the false teachings that are widespread in the churches today. Thank you, **Barbara - email Milan, Italy**

- Very well written. I totally agreed. Thank you Bro Richard for this teaching. **-email**

- Dear Pastor Bennett, Thanks for sending the May and September 2017 issues of your newsletter. The articles in both issues is a reminder to me to keep on praying for your ministry as you reach out to Roman Catholics with the Gospel. Many have misunderstood the efforts of former Catholics to witness for the Lord and have claim such as "attacking Roman Catholics". Please continue with the work God entrusted to you. Your brother in Christ: **Jose- email**

- Dear Bro. Bennett, I have been listening to your testimony and teaching through youtube. I appreciate your dedication to see Catholics saved. I was raised Catholic by a devout mother. I went to Catholic school until the 9th grade. I knew I was a sinner at age 5 and did not want to go to purgatory. As a child, I listened intently to the nuns' religious teaching trying to find a way to escape purgatory. As you know, there were no guarantees, particularly to a child.... After Vatican II I was discouraged because of changes to some church laws. I could not understand why it was a mortal sin one day to eat meat on Friday, and on the next day abstinence was not required. Other changes puzzled me as well. But still I was searching for the way to heaven. I had a couple of friends who were not Catholic that tried to share the Gospel with me but I rejected the truth, still believing that the Catholic church was the one true church. In 1975, I reached the end of my rope... My life changed completely. I began to study the Bible. Time after time I would read a scripture that contradicted Catholic teaching. A new Catholic church was established in my town. I was hoping that it would be different than my current church. It took me a while to see that there was not real difference in the two parishes. It took me until 1981 to leave the Catholic church, which was a huge blow to my mother. I tried for years to help her to understand the false teaching of the Catholic church and to show her that her good works would not save her. My family is still lost in Catholicism. I have been praying for their salvation since I got saved. I know God is in control and if they are reachable, he will reach their hearts and save them. Again, thank you for your bold stand for the truth of God! - **Margaret- email**

- Dear Richard, I hope you are well, although I know that you are getting older and we are all getting nearer to meeting the Lord, which is good for only us. We pray that others will fill the small gap we leave and that they may build on what has been done and that the Lord will revive and bless his people. As you continue to persevere and, with help, keep writing, you are encouraging many, including those of us who share your concern to keep on preaching truth and against error, preaching both the Gospel and that Rome is not Christian. I hope to keep publishing your articles in English Churchman as we have done for a long while and I hope you are happy with that so I assume that is ok with you unless I hear otherwise, God bless, **Peter- email**

I'm blessed to have found this man speaking the Truth, and the fact that he's a former Catholic priest speaking on this, is sensational. **William-Youtube**

Enjoyed your message, God bless you mightily, and your ministry, Praying for all eyes to be opened to the truth, for all our brothers and sisters to come in, in Jesus mighty name amen! **Vicki - Youtube**

Maria PW I just left the Catholic church too and this year I was born again! Praise Jesus Christ. My sister it will happen for you to but you have to learn God's word in order to know him. So pick up a King James version bible and start at Genesis if you don't understand something there's many saved men who have studied every detail of the bible and there work is on YouTube. One of my favs is Vernon McGee's struggle of a saved soul it's on yt. I'm so happy your eyes are open. For a lot of my family even when told the Truth seem too indoctrinated to care for it. Just as the bible says they took after vain tradition and cared not for the word of God. God bless you sister I know you'll figure it all out. **Al Cabins- Youtube**

I am glad I found you Richard. Thank you, God bless, **Charlotte- Youtube**

Video on Why Did 50 Priests Leave the Roman Catholic Church? What a wonderful video Richard Bennett, thank you for sharing your testimony and those of your friends, your messages were heartfelt and genuine in truth. God bless you. **Robert - Youtube**

Video on A Catholic Priest is Biblically Saved Absolutely brilliant testimony! I was raised in it, went through hell, and Jesus pulled me out. God is Love! **ScriptTheFlip G -Youtube** 🇺🇸



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## Social Media

Through the work started last April in reaching out to people through Social Media, the Berean Beacon has been able to reach many new believers and nonbelievers. The Lord has blessed us greatly indeed! In less than 9 months we have over 3,500 friends & followers on Facebook who are reading our articles and watching our videos! And it gets better. Many of these people are sharing the articles and videos with their friends and so on. Our latest newsletter garnered over 1000 views in the 1st week we posted it and we estimate that it has been shared with over 100,000 people around the world since! This is the type of outreach we have prayed for and our prayers are being answered every day. By the Lord leading the faithful to support our ministry, we have been able to accomplish this and so much more. Although we will never know the many hearts that are being regenerated by God's grace alone, we do know that we are ready to guide those who reach out in search of the truth that we have been entrusted with! Praise God!

Hi guys, thanks for writing to me. I came across Richard Bennett on YouTube a couple of nights ago and was very blessed by watching his story and how the traditions of the Catholic Church have contradicted the scriptures. I was previously unsure whether Catholics were actually saved. I now realize for sure that most of them are not. It has motivated me to bring the message of the true gospel to Catholics as well. Bless your ministry! I will pray! **(M.R. Facebook)**

Dearest Richard Your a beautiful human being Mr. Bennett . Thank you soooooooooo much for all your teachings . Your testimony, life and explanation of biblical doctrine has set me free from the prison of catholicism! To God be all the glory, praise and honor. You have become a very powerful instrument Of God in assisting Him to bring others to know Him and to live with His supernatural Mercy and Grace. Thank you for the amazing journey into the heart of God that you have so sacredly shared with the world. **(C.S. Facebook)**

I read the update. I will be praying. I am a Christian Apologist and Catholicism is one of my areas of focus. I have written a lot on it and have done podcasts on the subject. Due to my health and my hospitalization a year ago (minor things, I am a disabled Veteran) I have taken some time off from my ministry work. Until the other day when I ran into your videos, I have seen them in the past, but when I ran into them the other day I got to say I kind of got a little convicted by the Holy Spirit. My 1 year off turned into 2 and I have been dragging my feet about getting back into it. Your channel on you tube inspired me to get back to work. Though I know its not the aim of your ministry, your ministry also helps and inspires others in other ways as well, as in getting my lazy but back to work for the Kingdom. Be blessed, your ministry is on my prayer list.. **Thanks -Sarge (FB)**



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