

The Perversions of the Catholic Church

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The recent scandals involving Catholic officials have caused the Catholic church to be in news on a daily basis. As the news and details of each scandal become apparent, the public becomes more and more appalled at the misconduct of those who are considered by many to be “holy” and “just”. Not only has the recent media scrutiny revealed the perversions of some individuals in the Catholic church, it has also shown many of the perversions in the practices and teachings of the Catholic church that many overlook or do not recognize as perversions. Let’s look at a few of the most obvious.

One perversion that has been seen while the media spotlight has been on the Catholic church is the Catholics’ misapplication of the term “father”. We have seen and heard many men who are given the title of “father” by the Catholic church interviewed recently. The practice of referring to a man in such a way is in direct contradiction to the teachings we see in the New Testament. In Matthew 23:9, Jesus said, “*And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.*” Clearly, Jesus teaches us against the Catholic practice of calling one of our fellowmen “father”. This title should be reserved for our heavenly father. Catholics would be wise to consider their practices and cease this perversion.

Another perversion that has been evident as result of the recent media coverage is the Catholics’ demand of celibacy from certain members of its church. While we can read about a demand like this in the New Testament, it denounced as being a false teaching. Notice what is written in I Timothy 4:1-3:

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

The Catholic demand of celibacy is in contradiction to the plain teachings of the New Testament.

Finally, the Catholic designation of a certain few in the “church” as priests is yet another perversion of the simple truths we read about in the Bible. We see in the scriptures that all Christians are priests, not just a select few. II Peter 2:9, speaking about all saints, says, “*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light*”. The Catholic priesthood organization is an obvious perversion of what we read in the New Testament.

With the aid of the illumination of the media and a quick comparison with the scriptures, we see the many perversions that exist in the Catholic church. Our prayer is that members of the Catholic church will recognize the error of their practices, cease them, and follow the simple teachings of the Bible.