

**A Biblical Study of
The Catechism
of the Catholic Church:
Bible Answers to the Most
Frequently Asked Questions
about Catholic Beliefs and Practices**

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**DOES SALVATION
COME THROUGH
CATHOLIC MASS?**

**DOES GIVING
MONEY TO CHURCH
SAVE US?**

“the Church, a pilgrim now on earth, is necessary for salvation”
(CCC 846)

“They could not be saved
who, knowing that the
Catholic Church was
founded as necessary by
God through Christ,
would refuse to enter it or
to remain in it” (CCC 846)

...these cosmic elements,
human rituals, and
gestures of remembrance
of God become bearers of
the saving and
sanctifying action of
Christ” (CCC 1189)

“The second precept ‘You shall confess your sins at least once per year’ ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness” (CCC 2042)

Tobit 4:11 "For alms deliver from all sin, and from death, and will not suffer the soul to go into darkness."

Tobit 12:9 "For alms delivereth from death, and the same is that which purgeth away sins, and maketh to find mercy and life everlasting."

2 Maccabees 12:43 "And making a gathering, he sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection."

Romans 10:9–10 “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” (ESV)

Romans 10:17 "So
faith comes from
hearing, and hearing
through the word of
Christ." (ESV)

Matthew 23:4 “They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.” (ESV)

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (ESV)

Is there a Bible verse
that you can find that
says the Church is
“necessary for
salvation” (CCC
846)?

Why would the Catholic Church say that “they could not be saved” who “refuse to enter ... or to remain in” the Catholic Church? Do we lose our salvation because of not being a member of the Catholic Church?

When is our “conversion” complete according to the Bible?

At what point are we totally saved and forgiven according to

Romans 10:9-10? Why would the Catholic Church add so many more requirements to salvation? How is that different than Acts 10:42-44?

Why does Paul describe giving as something to do as a “willing gift” and “not under compulsion” (2 Corinthians 9:5-7)? How is this different than being “obliged” (CCC 2043) and that “alms deliver from all sin” (Tobit 4:11) and that “alms delivereth from death” (Tobit 12:9)?

Does this difference concern you? Why?

What do you think of 2 Maccabees 12:43?

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