

**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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**HOW CAN WE BE
SAVED?**

**IS SALVATION
ALONE THROUGH
THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH?**

“No one can have
God as Father who
does not have the
Church as
Mother” (CCC 181)

We believe the
Church as the
mother of our
new birth”
(CCC 169)

“For it is through Christ’s Catholic Church alone, which is the universal hope toward salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained” (CCC 816)

“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 986)

“It is only within
the faith of the
Church that each of
the faithful can
believe” (CCC 1253)

“Reconciliation
with the Church is
inseparable from
reconciliation with
God” (CCC 1445)

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (ESV)

Acts 4:12 “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (ESV)

1 Peter 1:23 “since you
have been born again,
not of perishable seed
but of imperishable,
through the living and
abiding word of
God” (ESV)

2 Timothy 3:15 “from
childhood you have been
acquainted with the
sacred writings, which are
able to make you wise for
salvation through faith in
Christ Jesus.” (ESV)

Luke 5:24 “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” (ESV)

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (ESV)

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)

How do we have God as our Father? What does Jesus say in John 14:6?

Why does He not mention the Church or Peter's priesthood and authority?

How can we be born
again? Have eternal life?
Become a child of God?

Who has the power to
forgive sins according to
Luke 5:24?

How do we find
forgiveness from sin?
Does the Bible teach us
that forgiveness comes
through the church or
directly through Jesus?

What does Romans 8:28-30 and 10:9-10 say about how salvation happens? Is salvation exclusive to belonging to a particular church or through Jesus being confessed as Lord and believed upon as resurrected?

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