

Biblical Proof of Things Men Must Do to Be Saved

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Warning

Beware of the false Catholics and false Catholic churches in Rome and elsewhere. They will lead you to hell! (See RJMI article *No Popes since Innocent II or Catholic Theologians since 1250.*)

Biblical Proofs

Biblical proofs of things men must do to be saved:

To be saved, men must

1. Obey all of God's commandments.

Regarding Abraham, God said,

“Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my precepts and commandments and observed my ceremonies and laws.” (Gen. 26:5)

God said to Moses and the other Israelites,

“Keep my commandments and do them. I am the Lord.” (Lev. 22:31)

God, speaking through Moses, said,

“Behold I set forth in your sight this day a blessing and a curse: A blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day: A curse, if you obey not the commandments of the Lord your God but revolt from the way which now I shew you...” (Deut. 11:26-28)

Regarding dogmas on faith and morals, Jesus said,

“Do not think that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. For amen I say unto you, till heaven

and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall not pass of the law till all be fulfilled.” (Mt. 5:17-18)

“If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” (Mt. 19:17)

St. Paul said,

“For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.” (Rom. 2:13)

“That thou keep the commandment without spot, blameless, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Tim. 6:14)

“He [Jesus] became to all that obey him the cause of eternal salvation.” (Heb. 5:9)

Obedying all of God’s commandments includes the following:

To be saved, men must

2. Know and believe in the true God – God said, *“I am, I am the Lord: and there is no saviour besides me... That you may know and believe me and understand that I myself am.”* (Isa. 43:10-11) The Levites said, *“Hear me, ye men of Juda and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem: believe in the Lord your God and you shall be secure: believe his prophets, and all things shall succeed well.”* (2 Par. 20:20) And St. Paul says, *“Without faith it is impossible to please God. For he that cometh to God, must believe that he is and is a rewarder to them that seek him.”* (Heb. 11:6)
3. Worship and adore the true God – King David says, *“Come let us adore and fall down...before the Lord that made us.”* (Ps. 94:6) The three Hebrew children said, *“For behold our God, whom we worship, is able to save us...”* (Dan. 3:17) And Jesus says, *“Adore the Father...”* (Jn. 4:23)
4. Fear God – the Blessed Virgin Mary says that God’s *“mercy is from generation unto generation to them that fear him.”* (Lk. 1:50) St. Peter says, *“Fear God.”* (1 Pt. 2:17) And St. Paul says, *“Let us serve, pleasing God with fear and reverence.”* (Heb. 12:28)
5. Love God – Jesus says, *“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.”* (Mt. 22:37)
6. Love all men – Jesus says, *“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself”* (Mt. 22:39) and *“Love your enemies.”* (Mt. 5:44)
7. Hate sin – the Prophet Amos says, *“Hate evil and love good.”* (Amos 5:15) Speaking of Jesus, St. Paul says, *“Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity”* (Heb. 1:9) and *“Let love be without dissimulation. Hating that which is evil, cleaving to that which is good.”* (Rom. 12:9)
8. Thank God – King David says, *“Now therefore, our God, we give thanks to thee and we praise thy glorious name.”* (1 Par. 29:13) And St. Paul

says, “Give thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God and the Father.” (Eph. 5:20)

9. Believe in Jesus Christ – Jesus says, “Amen, amen I say unto you: He that believeth in me hath everlasting life.” (Jn. 6:47) And “He that believeth in the Son hath life everlasting; but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (Jn. 3:36)
10. Believe in the Holy Trinity; that is, one God in three divine Persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Even though each of the three Persons is God, there is only one God – Speaking to the disciples, Jesus said, “Going therefore, teach ye all peoples: baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt. 28:18-19) St. John said, “There are three who give testimony in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit. And these three are one.” (1 Jn. 5:7) And the Holy Trinity was made manifest on several occasions, such as at the Incarnation, “And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High [God the Father] shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Lk. 1:35) And at Jesus’ baptism: “Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also being baptized and praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape, as a dove, upon him; and a voice came from heaven: Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.” (Lk. 3:21-22)
11. Get baptized – Jesus said, “Going therefore, teach ye all peoples: baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt. 28:19) And “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be condemned.” (Mk. 16:16)
12. Be members of the Catholic Church and thus believe in and obey the Catholic Church as the only Church of God on earth – St. Paul says that there is only “One Lord, one faith.” (Eph. 4:5) Hence there can only be one Church of God. Jesus says, “There shall be one fold.” (Jn. 10:16) Therefore Jesus says, “If he will not hear the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and publican.” (Mt. 18:17)
13. Believe in and obey the hierarchy of the Catholic Church; that is, the pope (the visible head of the Catholic Church on earth) and the other rulers of the Church – “There shall be one fold and one shepherd.” Hence Jesus made St. Peter the first pope when he said, “Thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose upon earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven.” (Mt. 16:18-19) And he made the other apostles bishops, rulers, and teachers under the pope when he said to them: “Going therefore, teach ye all peoples... Teaching them to observe all

things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.” (Mt. 28:19-20) “He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.” (Lk. 10:16) Speaking to the bishops, St. Paul says, “Take heed to yourselves, and to the whole flock, wherein the Holy Spirit hath placed you bishops, to rule the Church of God...” (Acts 20:28)

14. Believe in the Catholic faith, which consists of all the Catholic dogmas on faith and morals, many of which are not mentioned in this list of things that men must do to be saved – St. Paul says, *“The Church of the living God [is] the pillar and ground of truth.”* (1 Tim. 3:15)
15. Eat the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist – *“Jesus said to them: Amen, amen I say unto you: Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you.”* (Jn. 6:54) When instituting the Holy Mass during the Last Supper, *“Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke, and gave to his disciples, and said: Take ye, and eat. This is my body. And taking the chalice, he gave thanks, and gave to them, saying: Drink ye all of this. For this is my blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many unto remission of sins.”* (Mt. 26:26-28) And St. Paul says, *“The chalice of benediction which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? And the bread which we break, is it not the partaking of the body of the Lord?”* (1 Cor. 10:16)
16. Pray – Jesus says, *“We ought always to pray...”* (Lk. 18:1) And St. Paul says, *“Be instant in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving.”* (Col. 4:2)
17. Do penance – Jesus said, *“The days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they shall fast.”* (Mt. 9:15) St. Paul said, *“But I chastise my body and bring it into subjection, lest perhaps when I have preached to others I myself should become a castaway.”* (1 Cor. 9:27)
18. Study the Catholic faith – The Book of Proverbs says, *“He that refuseth to learn will fall into evils.”* (Prv. 17:16) St. Paul says, *“Attend unto reading, to exhortation, and to doctrine... Take heed to thyself and to doctrine: be earnest in them. For in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.”* (1 Tim. 4:13, 16) *“We...cease not...to beg that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: That you may walk worthy of God, in all things pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”* (Col. 1:9-10)
19. Confess their sins – Speaking to his apostles and disciples, Jesus gave them and their priest successors the power to forgive sins: *“He [Jesus] breathed on them, and he said to them: Receive ye the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.”* (Jn. 20:22-23)

20. Avoid all sin, which consists of avoiding sins against the faith and morals – Jesus said, “*Sin no more*” (Jn. 8:11) and “*Sin no more, lest some worse thing happen to thee.*” (Jn. 5:14) St. Paul says, “*Know you not that the unjust shall not possess the kingdom of God? Do not err: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor the effeminate, nor liars with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor railers, nor extortioners shall possess the kingdom of God.*” (1 Cor. 6:9-10)
21. Profess the faith when necessary – Jesus says, “*Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God. But he that shall deny me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.*” (Lk. 12:8-9) The Book of Proverbs says, “*Study wisdom...that thou mayest give an answer to him that reproacheth.*” (Prv. 27:11) St. Peter says to be “*ready always to satisfy every one that asketh you a reason of that hope which is in you.*” (1 Pt. 3:15) And St. Paul says, “*Let your speech be always in grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.*” (Col. 4:6)
22. Condemn sin – St. Paul says, “*Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*” (Eph. 5:11)
23. Admonish or denounce sinners when necessary – Jesus says, “*If thy brother sin against thee, reprove him.*” (Lk. 17:3) St. Paul says, “*Them that sin reprove before all, that the rest also may have fear.*” (1 Tim. 5:20) And “*The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slothful bellies. This testimony is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.*” (Titus 1:12-13) God, speaking through Moses, says, “*If any one sin and hear the voice of one swearing and is a witness either because he himself hath seen or is privy to it: if he do not utter it, he shall bear his iniquity.*” (Lev. 5:1)
24. Punish sinners when necessary and possible – God said to Samuel regarding Heli the high priest, “*I will judge his house for ever for iniquity, because he knew that his sons did wickedly and did not chastise them.*” (1 Ki. 3:13) Regarding sinners, St. Paul said, “*If you be without chastisement...then are you bastards and not sons.*” (Heb. 12:8) And “*He deserveth worse punishments who hath trodden underfoot the son of God.*” (Heb. 10:29) Regarding the incestuous man, St. Paul said, “*Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” (1 Cor. 5:5)
25. Not be in religious communion with non-Catholics, nominal Catholics, or bad Catholics – St. Paul says, “*I beseech you, brethren, to mark them who make dissensions and offences contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them.*” (Rom. 16:17) “*A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, avoid: Knowing that he, that is such an one, is subverted and sinneth, being condemned by his own judgment.*” (Titus 3:10-11) And “*I have written to you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or a server of*

idols, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner: with such a one, not so much as to eat.” (1 Cor. 5:11)

26. Kill for Christ if necessary – Jesus says, *“As for those my enemies, who would not have me reign over them, bring them hither and kill them before me.”* (Lk. 19:27) Hence Jesus tells his followers that there will be a time when they must take up the sword: *“When I sent you without purse and scrip and shoes, did you want any thing? But they said: Nothing. Then said he unto them: But now he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a scrip; and he that hath not, let him sell his coat and buy a sword.”* (Lk. 22:35-36) And St. Paul and St. John speak of sins that merit the death penalty. After giving a list of sins, St. Paul says, *“They who do such things are worthy of death; and not only they that do them, but they also that consent to them that do them.”* (Rom. 1:32) And he says that those who fall away from the faith are worthy of worse than death: *“A man making void the law of Moses dieth without any mercy under two or three witnesses: How much more do you think he deserveth worse punishments who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God?”* (Heb. 10:28-29) What punishment can men inflict upon others that is worse than death? Torture, and then death. And St. John says that some sins are worthy of death: *“All iniquity is sin. And there is a sin unto death.”* (1 Jn. 5:17)
27. Die for Christ if necessary – Jesus says, *“He that shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.”* (Mt. 16:25) *“You shall be betrayed by your parents and brethren, and kinsmen and friends; and some of you they will put to death. And you shall be hated by all men for my name’s sake.”* (Lk. 21:16-17) And St. Paul says, *“For thy [Christ’s] sake we are put to death all the day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”* (Rom. 8:36)
28. Obey civil authorities in all things but sin – Jesus says, *“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God, the things that are God’s.”* (Mt. 22:21) And St. Paul says, *“Let every soul be subject to higher powers... And they that resist, purchase to themselves damnation... Render therefore to all men their dues. Tribute, to whom tribute is due; custom, to whom custom; fear, to whom fear; honour, to whom honour.”* (Rom. 13:1-7)
29. Do good works, which includes the spiritual and corporal works of mercy – St. James says, *“Faith without works is dead.”* (Ja. 2:20) Jesus says, *“Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to render to every man according to his works.”* (Apoc. 22:12) St. Peter says, *“Wherefore, brethren, labour the more that by good works you may make sure your calling and election. For doing these things, you shall not sin at any time.”* (2 Pt. 1:9-10) And St. Paul says, *“With fear and trembling, work out your salvation.”* (Phil. 2:12)

30. Have charity – St. Paul says, “*If I should have prophecy, and should know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.*” (1 Cor. 13:2-3) Charity, then, is not only faith in Jesus or feeding the poor or dying for Christ. St. John tells us what charity is: “*This is charity: that we walk according to his commandments.*” (2 Jn. 1:6) “*For this is the charity of God: that we keep his commandments.*” (1 Jn. 5:3) Hence we have come full circle back to salvation by obedience to all of God’s commandments.

On the Church Fathers and Papal Proofs

The Church Fathers are

1. The Apostles and other disciples who knew Jesus;
2. The Apostolic Fathers, who were the Church Fathers that knew the Apostles and other disciples who knew Jesus; such as St. Clement of Rome (c. 20-101), who knew St. Peter; St. Ignatius of Antioch (d. c. 115), who knew the Apostle St. John; and St. Polycarp (69-150), who was made bishop of Smyrna by the Apostle St. John;
3. The Church Fathers who knew the Apostolic Fathers; such as St. Irenaeus (130-202), who knew St. Polycarp;
4. And the following Church Fathers.

All of the Church Fathers believed in the things listed in this article and hence these things are dogmas of the ordinary magisterium because they were held by the unanimous consensus of the Church Fathers. And many popes have infallibly defined the things mentioned in this article and thus these things are also dogmas of the solemn magisterium. (See RJMI article *History of the Solemn and Ordinary Magisterium.*)

Beware of Heretics like Martin Luther

Beware, then, of those who teach the heresy that men only need to have an empty belief and faith in Jesus in order to be saved and thus do not have to obey all of God's commandments. This heresy was held by some in the early days of the Church but was made famous and popular in the 16th century by the heresiarch Martin Luther. It is one of the worst heresies with the worst consequences to society in general.

- See RJMI video and audio *Men Must Believe in the Catholic Jesus to Be Saved*
- See RJMI book *One Church, Infallibility, and Mediation*
- See RJMI letter *Grace Alone Cannot Save Anyone*
- See RJMI "Against Protestant and Schismatic Religions" webpage on the St. John the Baptist Website

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