

## Few Are Saved

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God loves all men while they are alive<sup>1</sup> and wants them to be saved:

“But thou hast mercy upon all because thou canst do all things, being lenient to the sins of men for the sake of repentance. For thou lovest all things that are and hatest none of the things which thou hast made, for thou didst not appoint or make any thing hating it.” (Wis. 11:24-25)

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim. 2:3-4)

But, sadly, God also tells us that most men will not cooperate with his saving graces and thus only few men will be saved:

“Enter ye in at the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there are who go in thereat. How narrow is the gate and strait is the way that leadeth to life and few there are that find it!” (Mt. 7:13-14)

Pope St. Gregory the Great, *Forty Gospel Homilies*, Homily 38, 6th century: “8. ...The more the wicked abound, so much the more must we suffer with them in patience; for on the threshing-floor few are the grains carried into the barns, but high are the piles of chaff burned with fire.”<sup>2</sup>

Not only all who die as unbelievers (which during the New Covenant era are non-Catholics) will be damned but also most believers (Catholics) will be damned for mortally disobeying one or more of God’s moral commandments.

“For many are called [Catholics] but few chosen.” (Mt. 20:16)

“And if the just man [a good Catholic] shall scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” (1 Pt. 4:18)

Pope St. Gregory the Great, *Forty Gospel Homilies*, Homily 19, 6th century: “There are many who arrive at the faith but few who are led into the heavenly kingdom. Behold how many are gathered here for today’s Feast-Day. We fill the church from wall to wall. Yet who knows how few they are who shall be numbered in that chosen company of the Elect?”<sup>3</sup>

During the Old Covenant era, the descendents of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were God’s chosen people. But the Word of God says the only few of them will be saved even though the number of them will be as great as the sand of the sea:

“And they that remain of the trees of his forest [faithful Israelites who will be saved] shall be so few that they shall easily be numbered, and a child shall write them down. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and they that shall escape of the house of Jacob, shall lean no more upon him that striketh them: but they shall lean upon the Lord the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall be converted, the remnant, I say, of Jacob, to the mighty God. For if thy people, O Israel, shall be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them shall be converted...” (Isa. 10:19-22)

“And Isaias cried out concerning Israel: If the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.” (Isa. 9:27)

It is said that when all is said and done, only ten percent of the Jews will believe in Jesus and be saved. And that percentage may be too high:

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<sup>1</sup> However, God does not love but hates all those who are in the hell of the damned, both devils and humans.

<sup>2</sup> PL76:1281.

<sup>3</sup> PL76:1155.

*Catholic Commentary* on Isa. 6:13: “There shall be some left; though only a tenth part will embrace Christianity.”

Solomon says that only one out of a thousand men are faithful (.1%), and the number is even less than that for women:

“Which yet my soul seeketh, and I have not found it. One man among a thousand I have found, a woman among them all I have not found. Only this I have found, that God made man right and he hath entangled himself with an infinity of questions. Who is as the wise man? And who hath known the resolution of the word?” (Ectes. 7:29-30)

Jesus, son of Sirach, says it this way:

“The token of a good heart and a good countenance thou shalt hardly find, and with labour.” (Eccus. 13:32)

In the days of Prophet Elias, only seven thousand Jews remained faithful out of about one million or more Jews (.7%):

“And I will leave me seven thousand men in Israel whose knees have not been bowed before Baal, and every mouth that hath not worshipped him kissing the hands.” (3 Ki. 19:18)

*Catholic Commentary* on 3 Ki. 19:18: “**Seven thousand:** After answering the first part of the prophet’s complaint and informing him that the guilty should not pass unpunished, God lets him know that he is not left alone but that seven thousand even in Israel still continue faithful. This number served God out of 1,110,000 men in Israel (1 Par. 21:5)”

Jesus confirms this when he says there was only one faithful widow in Israel in the days of the Prophet Elias and possibly no Jewish men or women dwelling in Israel who were faithful in the days of the Prophet Eliseus:

“In truth I say to you, there were many widows in the days of Elias in Israel, when heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there was a great famine throughout all the earth. And to none of them was Elias sent, but to Sarepta of Sidon, to a widow woman. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet and none of them was cleansed but Naaman the Syrian.” (Lk. 4:25-27)

Only two Jews who were over twenty years of age who left Egypt with Moses entered the Promised Land, Josue and Caleb. Moses and Aaron were not even allowed to enter:

“And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: How long doth this wicked multitude murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Say therefore to them: As I live, saith the Lord: According as you have spoken in my hearing, so will I do to you. In the wilderness shall your carcasses lie. All you that were numbered from twenty years old and upward and have murmured against me, shall not enter into the land, over which I lifted up my hand to make you dwell therein, except Caleb, the son of Jephone, and Josue, the son of Nun.” (Num. 14:26-30)

St. Paul speaks of the Jews who died in the desert and thus were not allowed to enter the Promised Land and warns Catholics not to commit the same sins:

“For we are made partakers of Christ; yet so if we hold the beginning of his substance firm unto the end. While it is said, today if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts as in that provocation. For some who heard did provoke; but not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. And with whom was he offended forty years? Was it not with them that sinned, whose carcasses were overthrown in the desert? And to whom did he swear that they should not enter into his rest but to

them that were incredulous? And we see that they could not enter in, because of unbelief.” (Heb. 3:14-19)

*Catholic Commentary* on Heb. 3:16: “**Could not enter in:** Let us Catholics not flatter ourselves with having quitted Egypt by our baptism unless we also quit that opposition and that disobedience of our heart to the laws and maxims of the gospel. The Israelites, under the guidance of Moses, left Egypt for the promised land and after travelling in the desert for the space of two years, found themselves on the confines of that so much desired country; but the possession of it was denied them, and they were left to perish in the desert because they distrusted God’s promises, and were incredulous to his word. All that happened to this chosen people, says St. Paul, was a figure of what was to happen to us. Here then we may read our destiny, if, like them, we prove ungrateful to God.”

Amos prophesied that at given times only ten percent of the Jews are faithful:

“For thus saith the Lord God: The city, out of which came forth a thousand, there shall be left in it a hundred; and out of which there came a hundred, there shall be left in it ten, in the house of Israel.” (Amos 5:3)

Speaking to Catholics, the heretic John Chrysostom says,

Heretic John Chrysostom, *Homily 40*, to the People of Antioch, 4th century: “What do you think? How many of the inhabitants of this city may perhaps be saved? What I am about to say is very terrible, yet I will not conceal it from you. Out of this thickly-populated city with its thousands of inhabitants not one hundred people will be saved. I even doubt whether there will be as many as that!”

Even though Thomas Aquinas was an apostate, he teaches the truth in this regard:

Apostate Thomas Aquinas, *Summa*, 13th century: **Reply to Objection 3.** ... Those who are saved are in the minority. In this especially, however, appears the mercy of God, that he has chosen some for that salvation, from which very many in accordance with the common course and tendency of nature fall short.”<sup>4</sup>

At times the Jews were so evil during the Old Covenant era that they lost their active hierarchy:

“For from the least of them even to the greatest, all are given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, all are guilty of deceit.” (Jer. 6:13)

“The prophets prophesied falsehood, and the priests clapped their hands, and my people loved such things. What then shall be done in the end thereof?” (Jer. 5:31)

“Woe to the pastors that destroy and tear the sheep of my pasture, saith the Lord. Therefore, thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, to the pastors that feed my people: You have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not visited them. Behold I will visit upon you for the evil of your doings, saith the Lord... For the prophet and the priest are defiled; and in my house, I have found their wickedness, saith the Lord.” (Jer. 23:1-2, 11)

“Her princes have judged for bribes, and her priests have taught for hire, and her prophets divined for money.” (Mich. 3:11)

“Her prophets are senseless men without faith, her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have acted unjustly against the laws.” (Soph. 3:4)

“For the children of Israel shall sit many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without altar, and without ephod, and without theraphim.” (Osee 3:4)

And even worse, at times God hid the faith from most of the Jews, which is known as the Amos’ Curse, the worse curse of all:

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<sup>4</sup> I, q. 23, art. 7.

“Behold the days come, saith the Lord, and I will send forth a famine into the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst of water, but of hearing the word of the Lord. And they shall move from sea to sea, and from the north to the east, they shall go about seeking the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.” (Amos 8:11-12)

“Then shall they call upon me, and I will not hear; they shall rise in the morning and shall not find me:” (Prv. 1:28)

“Save me, O Lord, for there is now no saint; truths are decayed from among the children of men.” (Ps. 11:2)

“And many days shall pass in Israel without the true God, and without a priest a teacher, and without the law.” (2 Par. 15:3)

And during the New Covenant era, the world has been under the Amos’ Curse for a long time to the point that the only person I know of in the whole world that is teaching the full deposit of the Catholic faith, living by it, and enforcing it, is I: Richard Joseph Michael Ibranyi.

If the number 144,000 mentioned in Apocalypse 7:4 is literal, then only 144,000 Jews will convert in the final days out of about 14,800,000 million (the number of Jews in 2022), which is about 1%.

“And I heard the number of them that were signed, an hundred forty-four thousand were signed, of every tribe of the children of Israel.” (Apoc. 7:4)

Indeed, in the history of the Jewish race most were evil and thus only very, very, few were good, as time and time again “God...despised them, and he reduced Israel exceedingly as it were to nothing.” (Ps. 77:59) The same is true of God’s chosen people during the New Covenant era. Most Catholics are evil and very, very few are good.

The prophet Isaias compares the number saved to the fruit left on a tree or bough after the harvest:

“And it shall come to pass in that day that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin and the fatness of his flesh shall grow lean. And it shall be as when one gathereth in the harvest that which remaineth, and his arm shall gather the ears of corn; and it shall be as he that seeketh ears in the vale of Raphaim. And the fruit thereof that shall be left upon it, shall be as one cluster of grapes and as the shaking of the olive tree, two or three berries in the top of a bough, or four or five upon the top of the tree, saith the Lord the God of Israel.” (Isa. 17:4-6)

“For it shall be thus in the midst of the earth, in the midst of the people, as if a few olives that remain should be shaken out of the olive tree, or grapes when the vintage is ended.” (Isa. 24:13)

The prophet Jeremias says the number saved will be as only one person of a city and two of a kindred:

“Return, O ye revolting children, saith the Lord, for I am your husband; and I will take you, one of a city and two of a kindred, and will bring you into Sion.” (Jer. 3:14)

King David, Isaias, and Micheas say that there are times when all the men on earth are evil:

“The Lord hath looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there be any that understand and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are become unprofitable together, there is none that doth good, no not one.” (Ps. 13:2-3)

“And we are all become as one unclean, and all our justices as the rag of a menstruous woman; and we have all fallen as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. There is none that calleth upon thy name; that riseth up and taketh hold of thee; thou hast hid thy face from us and hast crushed us in the hand of our iniquity.” (Isa. 64:6-7)

“There is none that calleth upon justice, neither is there any one that judgeth truly, but they trust in a mere nothing, and speak vanities; they have conceived labour and brought forth iniquity.” (Isa. 59:4)

“Because I came, and there was not a man. I called, and there was none that would hear.” (Isa. 50:2)

“The holy man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood, every one hunteth his brother to death.” (Mich. 7:2)

In context, it does not mean absolutely none are good but that so few are good that it would appear as if none are good, as King David, Isaias, and Micheas were good and saved. And in the time of Noe, God said that all men were evil but that did not include Noe and his seven family members. Genesis 6:12 says that during the time of Noe “*all* flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth”; and in Genesis 6:17 God says “Behold I will bring the waters of a great flood upon the earth to destroy *all* flesh.” Yet Noe and his seven family members were not corrupted and not destroyed by the flood. In this case, then, the word “all” means almost all with the exception of Noe and his seven family members, as Genesis 6:9 says that “Noe was a just and perfect man in his generations, he walked with God.” Likewise when God says none are good he means almost none are good and thus a very, very, very few are good.

Jesus compares his second coming to the days of Noe and the flood when only eight were saved from the flood:

“And as in the days of Noe, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, even till that day in which Noe entered into the ark, And they knew not till the flood came, and took them all away; so also shall the coming of the Son of man be.” (Mt. 24:37-39)

In the days of the Great Apostasy, especially in the days of the Antichrist, the number of evildoers will be as the sand of the sea:

“And when the thousand years shall be finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go forth, and seduce the nations which are over the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, and shall gather them together to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.” (Apoc. 20:7)

Jesus says that upon his second coming so few will be faithful that it would seem as if there were no faith on earth, which means almost every so-called Catholic will be a nominal Catholic, either an apostate, idolater, heretic, or schismatic:

“And will not God revenge his elect who cry to him day and night: and will he have patience in their regard? I say to you, that he will quickly revenge them. But yet the Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth?” (Lk. 18:7-8)

How can it be, then, that all the people that call themselves Catholic (hundreds of millions) in these days are faithful and thus truly Catholic! And worse, how can it be that Protestants and Schismatics (hundreds of millions) are now heretically placed among the faithful and thus as true Christians. And even worse, how can it be that pagans, Moslems, and apostate Jews (hundreds of millions) are now idolatrously placed among the faithful and thus are true believers when Jesus said “Yet the Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth.” Instead of being among the faithful, these hundreds of hundreds of millions of people are among the unfaithful. They are unbelievers, and their Churches, sects, and religions are false, either idolatrous (pagan), apostate, heretical, or schismatic.

So few are faithful in the last days that St. John fits them into one church:

“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod, and it was said to me: Arise and measure the temple of God and the altar and them that adore therein. But the court which is without the temple, cast out and measure it not because it is given unto the Gentiles; and the holy city they shall tread under foot two and forty months. And I

will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks, that stand before the Lord of the earth.” (Apoc. 11:1-4)

*Catholic Commentary* on Apoc. 11:1-2. “The apostle is ordered to measure the temple. Two prophets are promised to teach mankind. They are put to death, and in three days and a half after they are raised to life, and ascend to heaven. A great earthquake follows. The seventh Angel sounds the trumpet. The elders give thanks to God. **Measure the temple:** This is to signify that the divine Providence would always protect his faithful servants who are called the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:17), (2 Cor. 6:16) but by the outward court not to be measured because it is given to the Gentiles, etc, which is commonly understood idolaters, infidels, heretics, who are not in the temple of God, not in his Catholic Church. The churches consecrated to the true God, are so much diminished in number, that they are represented by St. John as one church; its ministers officiate at one altar; and all the true faithful are so few, with respect to the bulk of mankind, that the evangelist sees them assembled in one temple, to pay their adorations to the Most High.”

Why would there be a need of two prophets (the two witnesses) to teach mankind and restore the Catholic Church, faith, and hierarchy in the end times if there was a Catholic hierarchy intact? This is one proof of the Great Apostasy in which there are no Catholics or very few Catholics and no true popes, cardinals, Catholic bishops, and Catholic priests:<sup>5</sup>

St. Vincent Lerins, *Communitory*: “What then should a Catholic do if some portion of the Church detaches itself from communion of the universal faith? What choice can he make if some new contagion attempts to poison, no longer a small part of the Church, but the whole Church at once? Then his great concern will be to attach himself to antiquity which can no longer be led astray by any lying novelty.”

We can get an approximate number of how many evildoers are on the earth during Jesus’ second coming when he has his angels gather together the evildoers and kill them in Kidron Valley. When compared to the approximate world population, we get the percentage of the very few who are saved:

“The Son of man shall send his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all scandals and them that work iniquity, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth... So shall it be at the end of the world. The angels shall go out and shall separate the wicked from among the just. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Mt. 13:41-42, 49-50)

“From the enemies of thy hand. O Lord, divide them from the few of the earth in their life...” (Ps. 16:14)

*Catholic Commentary* on Ps. 16:14: “**Divide them from the few:** That is, cut them off from the earth from the few; that is, from thy elect, who are but few, that they may no longer have it in their power to oppress them. He predicts the final separation of the wicked from the elect.”

The Book of the Apocalypse says that this gathering and killing will take place “without the city [of Jerusalem],” which is in Kidron Valley. And it tells us the amount of blood from the evildoers that will be shed:

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that did fly through the midst of heaven: Come, gather yourselves together to the great supper of God that you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of tribunes, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all freemen and bondmen, and of little and of great. And

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<sup>5</sup> See RJMI books “*The Great Apostasy*”; “*Non-Catholics Cannot Hold Offices in the Catholic Church*”; “*The Catholic Church Survives without Catholics*”; “*The Hellenization of Christianity by the Anti-Church Fathers and Scholastics*”; and “*The Great Apostasy*” menu on the St. John the Baptist website.

the angel thrust in his sharp sickle into the earth and gathered the vineyard of the earth and cast it into the great press of the wrath of God. And the press was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the press, up to the horses' bridles, for a thousand and six hundred furlongs." (Apoc. 14:17-20)<sup>6</sup>

Indeed,

"The just shall rejoice when he shall see the revenge. He shall wash his hands in the blood of the sinner. And man shall say: If indeed there be fruit to the just, there is indeed a God that judgeth them on the earth." (Ps. 57:11-12)

When can measure the dimensions of Kidron Valley and the average height of a horse's bridle and get the volume of blood in the valley. We then divide that by the average amount of blood in a human body, (which is 10 pints) and we get the approximate number of dead evildoers. When they divide that by the approximate human population and get the approximate number of the few that are not killed and of the elect.

- Dimensions of space containing blood in Kidron Valley: (Width) 200' x (Height of a horse's bridled) 5' x (Length) 1,056,000' (200 mi.) = (Volume in Cubic feet of blood in Kidron Valley) 1,056,000,000
- Gallons of blood in Kidron Valley: 7,899,428,572
- Pints of blood in Kidron Valley: 63,195,428,576
- Number of evildoers killed based upon 10 pints of blood per person: 6,319,542,858 (6.3 billion)
- Approximate world population as in 2030 will be 8.6 billion. This will be reduced by during the reign of the Antichrist to let say about 2 billion so that at the end of the reign of the Antichrist there will be by 6.6 billion.
- Approximate number of the few saved then would be: .6 billion (6.6 -6.3= .3 billion)
- Approximate percentage of the few saved then would be 4.5 percent: (.3 of 6.6 = 4.5 percent)

This is only an approximation, as things can change; such as, the size of Kidron Valley, the world population at the beginning of the reign of the Antichrist, and the number of men who die during the reign of the Antichrist.

In one sense it could be said many are saved even though only very, very, very few are saved:

St. Augustine, *Sermon 11 and Against Cresconius*<sup>7</sup>: "It is certain that few are saved."

St. Augustine, *Sermon 224*: "1. ...If you wish to imitate the multitude, then you shall not be among the few who shall enter in by the narrow way."<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> "Behold the Lord shall lay waste the earth, and shall strip it, and shall afflict the face thereof, and scatter abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be as with the people, so with the priest: and as with the servant, so with his master: as with the handmaid, so with her mistress: as with the buyer, so with the seller: as with the lender, so with the borrower: as with him that calleth for his money, so with him that oweth. With desolation shall the earth be laid waste, and it shall be utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. The earth mourned, and faded away, and is weakened: the world faded away, the height of the people of the earth is weakened. And the earth is infected by the inhabitants thereof: because they have transgressed the laws, they have changed the ordinance, they have broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore shall a curse devour the earth, and the inhabitants thereof shall sin: and therefore they that dwell therein shall be mad, and few men shall be left... For it shall be thus in the midst of the earth, in the midst of the people, as if a few olives, that remain, should be shaken out of the olive tree: or grapes, when the vintage is ended. These shall lift up their voice, and shall give praise: when the Lord shall be glorified, they shall make a joyful noise from the sea." (Isa. 24:1-6, 13-14)

<sup>7</sup> b. 3, c. 66; b. 4, c. 53.

<sup>8</sup> PL38:1093.

St. Augustine, *Admonition and Grace*, 426: “The fact that a few are saved (they are indeed few in comparison to those who are lost, though their number itself is large) is the work of grace.”<sup>9</sup>

After all, about 300 million people is still a lot of people. Imagine if 300 million people were on your front lawn! Yet, they would be about only 4.5% of mankind at that time. A gambling man would not take such odds. So much for the heresies that all men or most men will be saved!

### **Beware, then, of the heretics who believe most are saved and few damned**

What follows are some examples of the heresy the most are saved and thus few are damned:

Apostate Dr. Ludwig Ott, *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*, 1957: “In contrast to the rigoristic view of Mt. 7,13 et seq (cf. Mt. 22,14), which was expounded by Thomas also (S. th. I 23,7), that the number of the predestinated is smaller than the number of the reprobate, one might well assume, in view of God’s universal desire for salvation, and of Christ’s universal deed of salvation, that the kingdom of Christ is not smaller than the kingdom of Satan.”<sup>10</sup>

You know what they say when you assume, especially if your assumption contradicts dogmas? Those who assume this and teach it to others make an “ass” out of “u” and “me.” And what does the apostate Ott use to defend his heresy? The fact the God wants all men to be saved. That dogma does not say one way or the other how many will be saved. And, according to Ott’s heresy that most are saved and thus few are damned, God would be unjust for even damning the few because he wants all men to be saved. That is all beside the fact that he denies the dogma the few are saved, as taught by God himself in many other Bible verses and as taught by the Catholic Church’s solemn magisterium and ordinary magisterium. All that overwhelming abundance of evidence Ott ignores or throws out! And so we see that the apostate Ludwig Ott has changed the Holy Scriptures. His version of Matthew 7:13-14 is as follows:

The Bible According to the apostate Dr. Ludwig Ott: “Enter ye the wide gate: for narrow is the gate, and straight is the way that leadeth to hell, and few there are that go thereat. How wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to life: and most there are that find it!”

The following quote from the heretical nominal *Catholic Encyclopedia* contains three heresies: 1) the heresy that Protestants and other self professed Christians who are not Catholic are true Christians; 2) the heresy non-Catholics (such as Protestants, Jews, Mohammedans, and pagans) can be in the way of salvation and thus teaches the heresy that there is salvation outside the Catholic Church; and, 3) the heresy that few are damned and thus most men will be saved:

Nominal *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Predestination, 1907: “Since in reality only those reach heaven who die in the state of justification or sanctifying grace, all these and only these are numbered among the predestined, strictly so called. From this it follows that we must reckon among them also all children who die in baptismal grace, as well as those adults who, after a life stained with sin, are converted on their death-beds. The same is true of the numerous predestined who, though outside the pale of the true Church of Christ, yet depart from this life in the state of grace as catechumens, Protestants in good faith, schismatics, Jews, Mohammedans, and pagans. Those fortunate Catholics who at the close of a long life are still clothed in their baptismal innocence, or who after many relapses into mortal sin persevere till the end, are not indeed predestined more firmly, but are more signally favoured than the last-named categories of persons... Will one-half be damned the other half saved? In this question the opinion of the rigorists is opposed to the milder view of the optimists. Pointing to several texts of the Bible (Matt. 7:14; 22:14) and to

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<sup>9</sup> p. 2, sec. 2, c.11.

<sup>10</sup> b. 4, pt. 1, sec. 1, 12. The Mystery of Predestination, 3. Properties of Predestination, p.244.



sayings of great spiritual doctors, the rigorists defend as probable the thesis that not only most Christians but also most Catholics are doomed to eternal damnation... But supplementing these two sources by arguments drawn from reason, we may safely defend as probable the opinion that the majority of Christians, especially of Catholics, will be saved.”

How is that for a total disregard and contempt of the true Catholic faith as taught by the popes and Church Fathers for not only the first 1000 years of the Catholic Church but also until the 16th century, when the Salvation Dogma began to be denied!<sup>11</sup>

### *The heresy that Judas Iscariot was or could have been saved*

In spite of Jesus Christ, God Almighty, telling us that Judas Iscariot is damned to hell, some heretics believe the heresy that Judas was or could have been saved:

*Dare We Hope “That All Men Be Saved” with a Short Discourse On Hell*, by apostate Hans Urs Von Balthasar, 1986. “[Chapter 3] That is probably the reason why the Church, which has sanctified so many men, has never said anything about the damnation of any individual. Not even about that of Judas, who became in a way the representative example for something of which all sinners are also guilty. Who can know the nature of the remorse that seized Judas when he saw that Jesus had been condemned (Mt 27:3)?... [Chapter 1] R. Schnackenberg, for instance, ...says of Judas Iscariot that it ‘is not certain that he is damned for all eternity’!”<sup>12</sup>

*Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith*, by apostate bishop Robert Barron. Publisher: Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, 2011: “If there are any human beings in hell, they are there because they absolutely insist on it. The conditional clause with which the last sentence began honors the church’s conviction that, though we must accept the possibility of hell (due to the play between divine love and human freedom), we are not committed doctrinally to saying that anyone is actually ‘in’ such a place. We can’t see fully to the depths of anyone’s heart; only God can. Accordingly, we can’t declare with utter certitude that anyone—even Judas, even Hitler—has chosen definitively to lock the door against the divine love. Indeed, the liturgy compels us to pray for all of the dead, and since the law of prayer is the law of belief, we must hold out at least the hope that all people will be saved. Furthermore, since Christ went to the very limits of god forsakenness in order to establish solidarity even with those who are furthest from grace, we may, as Hans Urs von Balthasar insisted, reasonably hope that all will find salvation.”<sup>13</sup>

While it is true that Hitler may have been saved if he converted before he died and went to his particular judgment even though he is presumed to be in hell, Catholics cannot say that same of Judas Iscariot because Jesus teaches that Judas is damned to hell. Jesus calls Judas a son of perdition and says that he is lost:

“Those whom thou gavest me [the apostles] have I kept; and none of them is lost but the son of perdition [Juda Iscariot], that the scripture may be fulfilled.” (Jn. 17:12)

St. Peter was lost when he denied Christ but he repented and thus Jesus does not include St. Peter in this statement, which is proof that not only was Judas lost but he remained lost and thus never sufficiently repented. And the following statement by Jesus regarding Judas is even more emphatic that Judas is damned to hell. Jesus says that it were better if Judas had not been born:

“The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him. But woe to that man by whom the Son of man shall be betrayed; it were better for him if that man had not

<sup>11</sup> See RJMI book *The Salvation Dogma and Related Topics: The Heresy that Some Men Can be Saved Outside the Catholic Church*.

<sup>12</sup> Translated by Dr. David Kipp and Rev. Lothar Krauth. Publisher: Ignatius Press, San Francisco.

<sup>13</sup> c. 10, pp. 257-258.

been born. And Judas that betrayed him, answering, said: Is it I, Rabbi? He saith to him: Thou hast said it.” (Mt. 26:24-25)

If Judas Iscariot were saved and thus in heaven, Jesus would never have said that it were better that he had not been born. Therefore, when Jesus says someone is in hell as recorded in the Bible, then that is infallible and thus not a presumption but a fact. In the same way when the Bible says someone is saved, that is also an indisputable dogma.<sup>14</sup>

*For the glory of God; in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, St. Joseph, Ss. Joachim and Anne, St. John the Baptist, the other angels and saints; and for the salvation of men*

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<sup>14</sup> See RJMI book *The Salvation Dogma and Related Topics*: The Salvation Dogma from the Profession of Faith for the Days of the Great Apostasy.