

## **Jesus Christ Resigns as The Head of the Church of Christ!** (That is, if Roman Catholic Church claims are right) by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### 1. **The "Papacy" IS The Pinnacle Of Apostasy In "The Roman Catholic Church!"** Please read **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

A. **"There is no difference between the Pope and Jesus Christ"** ("St." Thomas Aquinas, **Summa Theologica xxxiv** and **Papal Bull of Pope Pius V** in 1570.)

B. Catholic Johann Joseph Ignaz von Dollinger, once wrote:

In future every Catholic Christian when asked why he believes this or that can and may give but the one answer: I believe or reject it because the infallible Pope has bidden it to be believed or rejected (**Declarations and Letters**, pgs. 101,101.)

### 2. **The Roman Catholic Church Has Maintained Four Different Views Regarding The Authority Of The "Pope"** [all of which are false, because there is NO "Pope" of souls except God! (**Matthew 23:8-9**; **1 Peter 1:3-5**)]

A. *Minister not Master, Executive not Legislative* held by these:

- 1) **Popes**: Pius, Julius, Siricius, Zozimus, Celestine, Sixtus, Gregory, Eugenius, Innocent, Adrian;
- 2) **Councils**: Pisa, Constantinople (4<sup>th</sup> Session), Basil (2<sup>nd</sup> & 33<sup>rd</sup> Session); yet he was **given "infallible" status**.

B. *Unlimited Sovereignty, Civil & Ecclesiastical* held by these:

- 1) **Popes**: Celestine, Gelasius, Leo, Nicholas, Gregory the 7<sup>th</sup>, Urban, Pascal, Boniface the 8<sup>th</sup>, Clement, Paul the 4<sup>th</sup>;
- 2) **Councils**:
- 3) **Florence** gave authority to teach all Christians in whole world,
- 4) **Lateran** (5<sup>th</sup>)- gave Leo **equal power with the councils**,
- 5) **Trent** (14<sup>th</sup>)- **"supreme power in the universal church;"**
- 6) **Cardillus**- The pontiff **"holds as a mortal God, the place of Christ on earth**, and cannot be judged by a general council;"
- 7) **Orders**: Jesuits.

C. *Equal With God*:

The pope and the Lord form the same tribunal, so that, sin excepted, the pope can do nearly all that God can do. (**Innocent, Jacobatius, Decius**)

- 1) **Popes:** Gregory, Nicholas, Innocent;
- 2) **Councils:** Lateran, Trent - The pope "has the **power of dispensing with all laws**, and **the same authority as the Lord.**" (Lainez).

**D. Superior to God:**

- 1) **Canon Law:** The Pope, in the plenitude of his power, **is above right**, can change the substantial nature of things, and **transform unlawful into lawful**;
- 2) **Cardinal Bellarmine:** The Pope can transubstantiate sin into duty, and duty into sin.

3. The **Jesus Christ** of the New Testament **has NO human representative** ("vicar") **on earth**, *except as reflected in those who keep His commandments* (**John 15:9-17**). **This Jesus:**

A. **Loves "the church of God** which **He purchased with His own blood"** (**Acts 20:28**). NO "POPE" EVER SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR THE CHURCH!

B. **Never abandons His Church "bride"** like a husband who should remain with his wife.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her (**Ephesians 5:25**).

NO "POPE" IS FAITHFUL TO THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF CHRIST!

C. **Was raised from the dead** to be **the head of His body, the church** (**Ephesians 1:20-23**), a position He has in "heavenly places" NOT on earth!

NO "POPE" QUALIFIED TO BE THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BY BEING RAISED FROM THE DEAD!

D. **"Is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body"** (**Ephesians 5:23**). NO "Savior of the body" will "resign" – and Jesus never has nor will, for

He always lives to make intercession for them (**Hebrews 7:25**).

NO "POPE" MAKES INTERCESSION FOR SAINTS LIKE JESUS CHRIST (1 Timothy 2:5)!

E. **NEVER makes mistakes or sins**, as "Popes" have!

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself (**Hebrews 7:26-27**).

NO "POPE" IS WITHOUT SIN, BUT MUST REPENT AND BE FORGIVEN OF HIS OWN SINS, THEREFORE CANNOT STAND IN THE PLACE OF JESUS CHRIST (**Hebrews 4:15**)!

The present Roman Catholic Church does NOT represent New Testament Christianity,  
NOR does the "Pope" represent Jesus Christ on earth!

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