

# Unity is based on the Biblical Truth not on ECT social hopes

## **Biblical Beliefs:**

### **Justified by faith in Christ apart from works**

*Rom 3:28* Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

### **Christ is our righteousness through Faith**

*Rom 3:22* Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:

### **Forgiveness of sin is in Christ alone**

*Mark 2:7* who can forgive sins but God only?

### **Jesus is our only Mediator**

*1 Tim 2:5* For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

### **Jesus is only Saviour and our Salvation**

*1 Pet 3:18* For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God,

### **Christians stand redeemed in Christ**

*Rom 8:1* There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

### **Christians flee Idolatry**

*Exod 20:4-5* Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:

### **Christians sole rule of Faith is the Written Word**

*2 Tim 3:16-17* All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

## **Catholic Doctrine:**

### **Justified by faith in Christ plus your own works**

# 1821 We can therefore hope ... to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ

### **Righteousness is by faith plus works**

# 1364 As often as the sacrifice of the Cross . . . is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out."

### **The priest is necessary for the forgiveness of sin**

# 1456 "Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance."

### **There are many Mediators, priests and Saints**

# 969 the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix.

### **The Church is needed for Salvation**

# 169 Salvation comes from GOD alone; but because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother: "We believe the church as the Mother of our new birth."

### **Sins penalties continues after death in Purgatory**

# 1472 Grave sin ... makes us incapable of eternal life ...sins punishments are a kind of vengeance inflicted by God. Every sin must be purified either here or after death in the state called Purgatory.

### **Idolatry is not discouraged**

#'s 2199-2132 They do not forbid images of Christ and the saints. But to make and honor the images of Christ our Lord, of holy and virginal mother, and of the saints, all of whom were clothed with human nature, is not forbidden in this commandment. This position is confirmed by the monuments of the Apostolic age.

### **The written word is not the sole rule of Faith**

#82 "The Church . . . does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the Holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence."