

A Catholic, by his belief in purgatory, does not accept God's judgment as final. He believes that if a man has not committed the worst sins, after he dies he will go to purgatory, where he will suffer punishment for a while for his sins, and afterward be freed to go to be with God. He believes that if the relatives of those in purgatory pay for masses and prayers for them, their punishment in purgatory will be less.
Revelation 20:10-15

On the other hand - The true Christian recognizes that the judgment of God is eternal. That all those who die in their sins, whether great or small, will go to Hell without any hope of escaping the judgment of God. He recognizes that the Bible speaks of only two places for the souls of the dead, either Heaven or Hell. Every man who dies without the salvation of Jesus Christ must go to Hell forever.
Rev. 20:10-15



A Catholic has no assurance of his salvation. He doesn't know where he will go when he dies, nor does he know if God will have mercy on him on the day of judgment. He awaits the day of his death with fear and uncertainty.

On the other hand - The true Christian has full assurance that he will go to be with God, because his trust is in the sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. The true Christian has believed on Jesus Christ, he has received the forgiveness of his sins that comes when a repentant man call's on the name of Jesus asking for eternal pardon. He believes that God is faithful and didn't lie when he said: He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck him out of my hand.
John 3:36; 10:28



The Difference Between Catholic and Christian

A Catholic accepts what he has been taught from childhood without reading the Bible with the intention of finding out the truth.

He accepts the word of the Pope and priests without comparing it to the Scriptures.

On the other hand - The true Christian is bound to the Scriptures and recognizes that the Bible is the supreme authority.

He reads the Bible, studies it, searches it out, and compares every doctrine preached with the word of God and rejects whatever is not in agreement.
John 5:39; Acts 17:11

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A Catholic worships (venerates) the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God, and he actually prays to her as if she were the Queen of Heaven.
Jeremiah 7:18

On the other hand - The true Christian recognizes that God hates every kind of idolatry, and that he will not share His glory with any other, not even the Virgin Mary. He also recognizes that God being eternal has no mother nor beginning. He understands that Mary was chosen by the Almighty to be simply the mother of the body which our God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, inhabited. He recognizes that the fact that God chose Mary in no way indicates that she has any power, because she has no power nor any influence whatsoever. He does not pray to her, because the only God that deserves the reverence of his prayers is Jesus Christ.
Isaiah 42:8; 1 Timothy 2:5

Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven, whereby we must be saved.
Acts 4:12

A Catholic believes that by his good works (alms, pilgrimages, prayers, rosaries, infant baptism, mass, the sacraments, etc.) he can attain forgiveness for his sins (drunkenness, anger, stealing, lying, adultery, sexual perversity, etc.).

A Catholic believes that because of his sincerity and faithfulness to his religion God will forgive his sins.
Romans 4:3-5

On the other hand - The true Christian recognizes that his sin is an offense to God and that his smallest sin requires the blood of Jesus Christ to be pardoned. He knows that salvation is not by works but by grace through faith.
Ephesians 2:8,9

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness...

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
Romans 4:5; 5:6