

The Scriptures teach us that the Pope is rather an antichrist than the Head of Christ's church, because He preaches justification by the works of the law in addition to faith. This is a different gospel from that which the apostles preached.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time...24Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

Here John warns believers of following "antichrists", who preach a different gospel other than the one they have heard from the beginning, according to their mere teachings of men. John testifies that the Holy Spirit will guide God's people to the truth without the help of human traditions:

1 John 2:26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things... Paul the apostle wrote an epistle to the church at Galatia concerning preachers of another gospel, whom John calls "antichrists" (1 John 2:18) and Paul calls "false brethren" (Gal 2:4).

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Here Paul curses any teachers, the Pope or even angels included, who preach a different gospel from the gospel of faith that he and the other apostles taught. Paul makes it clear that he is specifically thinking of those false teachers who preach justification by faith and works later in the epistle:

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

The Pope, like the antichristian Judaizers in Galatia, teaches his followers that they must seek justification by faith and by good works. He has created a new "law" by substituting human traditions for God's true statutes. If no man is justified by the Law that God gave through Moses, how much less could a man be justified by following the manmade rules of the Roman Church? Justification by works nullifies Jesus' sacrificial death, by which we obtain righteousness through faith:

Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

As Paul writes in Galatians, any teaching that adds good works to faith for justification is a false gospel. As John writes, teachers who preach other gospels are antichrists. In conclusion, the Pope is not God's chosen head of His church, but an antichrist.

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