

SUNDAY SESSIONS

World Religions

WEEK 5 - CATHOLICISM

Introduction

- The Dialecture

Global Statistics

1910: 290 million, 2010: 1.1Billion almost Half of Christians in the world

Geographic distribution:

History: Key Dates

- 33-100 - The Apostolic Age
- 60 - Paul in Rome executed. Peter in Rome executed.
- 100-325 - Rapid Growth and Distinction

- 200's - Bishop's Authority and Governance Established
- 313 - Emperor Constantine Legalized Christianity
- 325 The Council of Nicaea Leadership Emerges; A Roman System
- 330 Constantine moved the empire's Capitol East (Constantinople later Istanbul)
- 551 Council of Chalcedon east and west begin to split
- 590 Pope Gregory initiates a powerful papacy, Roman leadership
- 632 - Mohammed Dies. Islam Wars for Converts. Europe War-torn. Centuries of Persecution. Christianity Survives.
- 1054 - The Great Schism - Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholicism Formally Separate

Belief and Practice

The 7 Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church

Baptism

Eucharist

Confirmation

Reconciliation-Penance

Anointing of the Sick

Marriage

Ordination

1st Discussion Time: "Why I am no longer a Catholic."

Belief and Practice (continued)

Doctrinal Comparison Catholicism Vs. the Bible

Doctrines

Location of Authority

Head of the Church

Papal Infallibility

Justification by Baptism

Eucharistic Sacrifice/Mass

Purgatory

Penance

Indulgences

Mary Veneration/Worship

Other Concerning Practices: Rosary, praying to Saints, priests/fathers....

The Protestant Reformation

2nd Discussion Time: "How can we share our faith with Catholics?"

Evangelism

Evangelizing Catholics

Common Ground and History

Resources:

Same Words, Different Worlds by Leonardo De Chirico

Holy Ground Walking with Jesus as a Former Catholic by Chris Castaldo

Talking with Catholics about the Gospel, A Guide for Evangelicals by

Chris Castaldo

The Gospel Coalition website