
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN THE PROTESTANT AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC?

The main differences have to do with the attitude toward the Word of God, the church of God, and the salvation of lost souls.

Protestants accept the sacred Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, the *only* infallible rule of faith and practice. Through the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures are *a perfect guide in all things*. By them the believer is not only made wise unto salvation, but is thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:15, 16). Any church that does not conform to the Holy Scriptures in doctrine and practice is not a part of the true Church, but is apostate.

For 15 centuries after its completion the Bible remained a closed book to all except a very few for the reason that the great multitude of humanity was entirely illiterate. During this time a mass of tradition accumulated. The edict of Constantine, A.D. 313, led to the organization of Christianity, and the church began to attain secular and political power, and the decree of its councils claimed an equal authority with tradition. They became as binding as the traditions of the Jews in the time of Christ, of which Jesus said, "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your traditions" (Matt. 15:6;