

“THE PEAKS” CLINIC—July 2010

Theme: “Toppling the Titans”
II Corinthians 10:3-6

Steve Compton: Roman Catholicism
(Preaching Notes)

I. DEVELOPMENT OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. BEGINNINGS

313—Edict of Milan, Constantine, Christianity legal.

380—Edict of Thessalonica—State religion of Rome.

2. CANONIZATION AND COUNCILS

367—Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria—Order—N.T. same today

393—Synod of Hippo—Approved N.T. Canon

397 & 419 Councils of Carthage—Approved Canon (Eastern by 400)
(1546—Council of Trent—Official, Added Apocrypha)

3. 7 Councils—355 Nicea, 381 Constantinople, 431 Ephesus, 451 Chalcedone,
533 Constantinople, 680 Constantinople, 787 Nicea

4. POPE—PAPAL POWER

533—Emperor Justinian → John II “Lord of the Church”; Issue Power to
Suppress all Heresy

552—“Succession”

600—Gregory I “the Great”—Organized Army / Fought Wars for the
Church

607—Pope Boniface III “Head of all the Churches”—Emperor Phocas

756—Pepin / 774 Charlemagne—Land to Pope—Papal States.

1059—College of Cardinals—Cardinals Select Pope / Rather than
Emperor

1198 – 1215 Pope Innocent III—Zenith of Papal Power

Crusades—1100 – 1300 (10) 1095-1099 / 1147-1153 / 1190-1193/
1196-1197 / 1201-1204 / 1212 / 1216-1229 / 1239-1242 / 1248 /
1259-1291 (32yrs)

1495—Papal Control of Marriage Rights

1870—Infallibility of the Pope

5. DOCTRINES

400 – Original Sin (Total Hereditary Depravity), Infant Baptism
Necessary.

753 – Sprinkling Approved by Pope / 1311 Sprinkling Authorized

998 – Fish Eating (Friday), Lent, Good Friday

1009 – Holy Water

1090 – Rosary Beads Introduced

1123 – Celibacy Enforced

1190 – Sale of Indulgences

- 1215 – Mass (A Sacrifice of Christ) → Transubstantiation
- 1268 – Priest—Absolution Power
- 1414 – Laity Deprived of Cup (Dip)
- 1438 – Purgatory
- 1545 – Tradition = Same Authority as Bible
- 1546 – Mass in Latin—Universal, Apocrypha, Pope – Has Interpretive Authority
- 1547 – Confirmation
- 1845 – Immaculate Conception of Mary (Catechism: Pg. 122-128, sec. 490&91)

II. HOW DESTRUCTIVE ROMAN CATHOLICISM IS

1. So large, old; basis for all “Christian” denominations in the West, influences all denominations
2. Good people comfortable going to Hell.
 - a) My family—Mom, Dad, Grandma Mae examples
 - b) Mother Theresa, Father Quinin growing up
 - c) Attitude—don’t know Bible, don’t need to know: like water off a duck’s back
3. Locked-in families
 - a) Infant sprinkling (baptism) – original sin
 - b) Marriage – within Church
4. Clergy / Laity system (mentality)
 - a) Concept: “can’t understand Bible on your own.” Catechism: pg. 27, Section 85
 - b) Separate priesthood
 - 1) “Succession” (Matthew 16:18&19)
 - 2) New prophecy = Scripture not sufficient (make it up as you go)
5. Purgatory & Limbo
Gives everyone a “second chance.”
6. Praying to Mary, Saints
7. Transubstantiation – closed Communion
Confession requirement – 1215 A.D.

III. SETTING PEOPLE FREE FROM ROMAN CATHOLICISM (PRINCIPLES AND SCRIPTURES)

1. Newest “Papal authorized” Catholic Bible in American English—almost identical to NASB! – Get them to read it!
2. Organization and practice of Roman Catholic Church
 - a) So different from Scripture!
 - b) So many holes – should sink = sponge example
 - c) “Too big to fail” – AIG, GM bailouts!

3. Original sin
See Ezekiel 18:20 & context, Matt. 18:1-6,10 / Heb. 1:14, Romans 7:9
4. "Father"
Matt. 23:9 (also v.8-teacher, 10-leader)
5. Priesthood – all Christians
I Peter 2:5, Rev. 1:5, 20:6
6. Jesus only mediator
 - a) Confessional – I Tim. 2:5&6
 - b) Praying – Romans 8:26&27
7. Celibacy, abstaining from foods (Example: no meat on Fridays) – I Tim. 4:1-3
"doctrine of demons"
8. N.T. baptism
 - a) "Immersion" / burial – Rom. 6:4
 - b) "Repent," "believe" = adults, not infants
9. N.T. – not combined with Old.
 - a) Heb. 7:12, 8:9&13, 10:9
 - b) Galatians 2:16, 3:24&25, 4:21-31

IV. CONCLUSION – APPLICATIONS FOR US (CHRIST'S CHURCH)

1. Gradualism
 - a) Over time small deviations from Scripture will produce more and larger departures from the N.T. pattern for the Church.
 - b) If we are not restoring the Church according to the 1st century original, then we will naturally drift from it.
2. Power concentration
 - a) Scriptures the final, and ultimately the only, authority – John 12:48
 - b) Individuals or groups - un-Scriptural or unaccountable powers leads to ruin. Example: Elders → bishops over several congregations
3. Ritual
 - a) Tradition vs. Scripture – Matt. 15:19
 - b) Outward conformity vs. faith & submission to God.
4. Physical vs. spiritual
Outward forms and material things are only temporary. The unseen things that the Scriptures share are eternal, and comprise the essence of eternal life – (II Cor. 4:18, Rom. 10:17, John 6:63).