

Selected Scriptures
“Mary Worship or Veneration? Call It What IT Is!”
(pt. 4)

INTRO- *You be the judge using only the Bible as the sole arbitrator in all disputes*
(be it marital, religious, etc).

*One of the central disagreements between Catholics and Evangelicals is whether Rome’s
“veneration of Mary” crosses the line into the realm of blasphemy &/or idolatrous worship!*

The Roman Catholic hierarchy has distorted God’s Word
and blasphemes the Son of God in these 3 Ways:

- 1)

- 2)

- 3)

During all my research on Mary and Luke 1 the following four key lessons have been
impressed upon my heart and mind:

I)

(Exodus 20:1f; 34:14; Isaiah 42:8)

Jot down some of erroneous features/traits that Catholic’s have attributed to Mary:

A Second Key Lesson
II)

(Revelation 19:9-10)

Catholic theologians basically invented three "smoke and mirrors" terms:

Latria-

Dulia-

Hyperdulia-

A Third Key Lesson
III)

(2 Tim. 2:15; Jude 3-4;
2 Pet. 3:14-18; Eph. 4:11-15)

A Fourth key lesson
IV)

(Mark 16:15; 1 Pet. 3:15
Col. 1:13-18; Luke 13:12-30
John 10:13; 14:6)

Conclusion

For Further Reflection/Application:

If you want/need a silver-platter evangelism opportunity consider joining the *Good News Club* via CEF and LCBC. This established club needs loving Christian witnesses to serve the children at Swallow School in Hartland. Please contact Maribeth.Pipkorn@cefonline.com or Bill Wagner (LCBC) for more information.

If God's Word is the sole authority of the Church does Catholic "Mariolatry" withstand the test of holy Scripture? If not, how should we respond?

Is it unloving to ask our lost religious friends who to reconsider what God's Word *actually says* about the REAL Mary, the BIBLICAL Jesus, and the TRUE gospel?

How do Catholic's justify their exalted veneration of Mary? (see lesson 2)

Pope John XIII said that "the Madonna is not pleased when she is put above her Son." Scriptures teaches that God is not pleased when anyone is placed on level ground with His one of a kind Son (note John 1:1-18; Col. 1-2; Heb 1-2).

How does Ligouri's *The Glories of Mary* (as one Catholic example) violate Pope John XIII's teaching?

When are you tempted to employ "verbal gymnastics" rather than shooting straight with someone?

How do Roman Catholic's employ "verbal gymnastics" with regards to Mary and Jesus?

"A missions minded local church preaches the gospel both near and far." Is LCBC as committed to reaching the lost for Christ in Lake Country as we are in India or China?

When is the last time you shared the gospel with someone? Are you as intentional in your witnessing as the Lord calls you to be? If not, explain why this is such a struggle and seek out another believer who could disciple you in this important area of our Christian walks.

There are many former Roman Catholic converts who are now part of solid, evangelical churches (including LCBC). Ask a former Catholic to share their testimony of how God brought them out of the Catholic church (Ephesian 2:1-10)? This would make for great lunch fellowship.

Are you faithfully engaging in gospel seed sowing (Mark 16:15/Acts 1:8) and in Christian apologetics (1 Peter 3:15/Jude 3-4)? If not, why?

Related Biblical Texts:

Matthew 1:18-25; Mark 3:31-34; 6:1-6; 15:40; Luke 1:26-46; 2:1-52; 11:27-28; John 2:1-12; 19:25-27; Acts 1:12-14; Galatians 4:4-5; Colossians 1-2; John 19:25-27; John 1:12; Matt. 12:46-50; 1 Kings 2.