



## **One of the most Overlooked Signs in the End Times – Deception**

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**2 Timothy 4:3-4** “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables”.

The word “time” in verse 3 was translated from the Greek word *kairos*, which depicts a specific season. Paul said, “**This specific season shall come.**” The tense is futuristic, pointing to a season in the future, or to events that will occur in the very last part of the last days.

In this end-times season, the Holy Spirit said increasing numbers of people in the Christian community “...**will not endure sound doctrine...**” (v. 3).

The words “sound doctrine” in 2 Timothy 4:3 are very telling. The Greek word for “sound” indicates something that is *wholesome and healthy* and that produces *a healthy state of being*. The word “doctrine” refers to the *long-held teachings and tenets* of the Christian faith.

**Matthew 24:4-5** And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. **5** For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.”

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, **4** who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

**Two significant events occurred on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**

1. The passing of Pope Francis, the leader of the Catholic Church, which is said to have 1.3 billion members.
2. The resignation of Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

### **The World Economic Forum (WEF)**

**Is an international organization committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic, and other leaders of society to shape global agendas. It operates as a non-for-profit foundation and convenes leaders at global events, promoting partnerships and fostering dialogue on pressing issues. The WEF's influence stems from its ability to bring together diverse stakeholders, influence policy discussions, and promote specific agendas.**

Some believe that the World Economic Forum is actually an organization that is serving up the new world order for a one-world government headed ultimately by the Antichrist.



The ironic thing about both leaders giving up their respective positions on April 20<sup>th</sup> is that they were both 88 years old. We know that the number 8 is the biblical number of new beginnings.

### **Catholic Answers**

The Pope stands in the place of Jesus Himself as the "Vicar of Christ on earth." He is the head of the Catholic Church, and there are nearly 1.3 billion Catholics and he is responsible for the Salvation of all the Souls throughout the entire world. We believe that Jesus chose St. Peter to be the first Pope.

*(There is nowhere in the Bible or other 1st and 2nd century documentation that I could find that Peter was the first Pope).*

### **Catholic dictionary-VICAR OF CHRIST**

The Pope is the visible head of the Church on earth, acting for and in the place of Christ. He possesses supreme ecclesiastical authority in the Catholic church. This title for the Pope dates from at least the eighth century and gradually replaced the former title, "Vicar of St. Peter." Its biblical basis is Christ's commission of Peter to "feed my lambs, feed my sheep" (**John 21:15-17**).

Who does the Bible say is Christ's representative here on the earth? We are! Not one individual but the collective body of Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:20-21** Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus put the Holy Spirit in us so we could represent him on the earth

**John 14:16-18** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

**1 Corinthians 12:13-14** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. **14** For in fact the body is not one member but many.

The Holy Spirit shares Christ's truth and attributes with us so we can represent Christ.

**John 16:13-14** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

**Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**Witness** – Greek word ***martus***: A witness. One who has information or knowledge of something, and hence, one who can give information, bring to light, or confirm something.



**Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Those who follow the Pope and refer to him as the Holy Father are, in essence, placing him in the position of Christ in their lives.

For example, the Bible says that we should call no man father as it relates to a Holy Spiritual Father.

**Matthew 23:9, "And call no man your father on earth, for one is your Father, which is in heaven."**

This passage, often cited in discussions about respecting authority and spiritual relationships, emphasizes that God alone is the ultimate Father and source of spiritual guidance.

#### **Catholic Answers-**

Only God is holy by his very essence; however, by a person, place, or thing's association with God, it too can be called holy. To be called holy is to express the idea of consecration, that someone or something belongs to God. That is why the Bible can call many persons, places, and things holy.

In Genesis 28:16, the place God appears is "holy." In Exodus 19:6, God tells the Israelites through Moses, "and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." God's dwelling place in the Tabernacle is "holy" (Ex 28:43), as is the city of Jerusalem (Is 48:2). Even a goat, the victim of sacrifice to God, is called "holy" in Leviticus 10:17.

After Christ's death and resurrection, the Christians called themselves and each other "holy ones" or "saints," called by God to be his (Rom 1:7). In 1 Peter 1:16 we read, "it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'"

Since we are his holy people, and his people are the Church, it is fitting that the head of his holy people be called Holy Father—not because of his own merit, but because Christ died for him and for the Church that he leads on earth.

The Bible instructs us not to bow down to graven images or create any likeness of what is in heaven above or on earth below.

**Exodus 20:4-6 You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.**

#### **Catholic Answers**

**Veneration vs. Worship:** Catholics distinguish between worshipping God (latria) and honoring saints and Mary (dulia and hyperdulia). Veneration is a form of respect and honor, while worship is reserved for God alone.

**Mary's Role:** Mary is considered the Mother of God, not a goddess herself. She is honored for her role in bringing forth Jesus, who is both fully God and fully human.



**Purpose of Statues:** Statues are not seen as objects of worship, but as visual aids to help Catholics focus on the person or event depicted. They can serve as a reminder of the saints' lives and help to inspire devotion.

**Kneeling and Bowing:** Kneeling and bowing are gestures of respect and humility often associated with prayer and are directed towards God or the person represented in the statue, not the statue itself.

**Praying to Mary:** Catholics believe that Mary, like other saints, can intercede for them before God, meaning she can pray for their needs and offer guidance.

**Not Idolatry:** Catholics do not worship the statues or images but rather venerate the person they represent. It's not idolatry because they are not giving divine worship to the statue or the image but rather using it as a tool to aid their prayer and reflection.

So, what did you think in your mind? Does this break the second commandment?