

“Is the Protest Over?”

- I. The Call from Babylon: “Come Back”
 1. In many countries the Catholic Church is no longer the state church.
 2. The new approach is to be the ecumenical leader.
“Catholicism has become the ecumenical leader in a move to unite not only the “separated brethren” of Protestantism but all of the world’s religions in a new world church. *A Woman Rides the Beast, Dave Hunt, page 417*
 - a. 1965 Vatican II
 - b. 1967 Catholics embrace charismatic worship.
 - c. March 29, 1994 “Evangelicals and Catholics together: The Christian Mission in the 3rd Millennium”. A document where Catholics and Evangelicals accept each other as Christians. *Ibid, page 5*
 - d. October 31, 1999 Catholics and Lutherans state “Together we confess: By grace alone, in faith in Christ’s saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works.” *The Press Enterprise, October 8, 1999*
 - e. The Pope says, “What separates us?
1) Sins and 2) Misunderstandings throughout history. There has been a long road of sin that we have shared in. Who is to blame? We all have sinned. Only Jesus is blameless.”
 3. Bishop Tony Palmer says that the protest is over.
 - a. Catholics now believe that all are saved by grace. (But who gives grace?)
“All gifts, all virtues, and all graces are dispensed by the hands of Mary to whomsoever, when, and as she pleases. O Lady, since thou art the dispenser of all graces, and since the grace of salvation can only

come through thy hands, our salvation depends upon thee.” *St. Alphonsus de Liguori, The Glories of Mary, pp. 161-62,170*

- a. Doctrines are not important. (1 Timothy 4:16 + Luther had other objections)
- b. We need to set aside differences and follow **John 13:35** (Also **John 14:15**)
- c. **John 17:21&22** Unity through the Holy Spirit. (**Acts 5:36**)

- I. The Call to Babylon:
“Come out of her my people” **Revelation 18:4**
Who is Babylon? => All those who have drunk of the wine of Babylon. **Revelation 14:8**
Why come out?
 1. Because Babylon is/has fallen and become impure. **Revelation 18:1 & 2**
 2. Because Babylon has united with the governments of the world. **Revelation 18:3** She has joined church and state.
 3. Because we do not want to be involved in her sins. **Revelation 18:4**
 4. Because we do not want to receive her plagues. **Revelation 18:4**
- II. Call for all non-Catholics to sign the declaration on the doctrine of justification.
“How the Roman church can clear herself from the charge of idolatry we cannot see....And this is the religion which Protestants are beginning to look upon with so much favor, and which will eventually be united with Protestantism.
RH June 1, 1886