15.08.30 No Substitutes Ephesians 2.1 – 10 Notes

Catholic teaching provides followers with a substitute for the most essential doctrine of Christianity – salvation by faith alone in Jesus alone.

The challenge for us will be to **Invite Catholics to**  **the free grace that God offers.**

1. **BACKGROUND**
2. **Christians cannot substitute the word of and tradition for God’s word.**

Catholics believe that the  of the church have equal authority with the Bible. Mark 7.8, 9, 13

Catholics regard the  as a direct successor of Peter, whom they believe Jesus appointed as the first pope. Matthew 16.13 – 19

 is the foundation of the church. 1 Corinthians 3.11

The Pope, as the head of the Catholic Church, is regarded as  **.**

No one is infallible. Everyone sins and falls short of God’s standards. Romans 3.23

The Bible is  word revealed to mankind. 1 Timothy 3.16 – 17; Colossians 3.16

APPLICATION: Develop an ever increasing  for the Bible. Share that passion with others. John 17.17; Psalm 119

1. **Christians cannot substitute good works for god’s .**

Baptism

The Bible is clear that baptism is a step of obedience that  repentance and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior for forgiveness of sins.

 is the most important sacrament of the Catholic Church. 1 Peter 3.18

Purgatory is a state or condition in which souls undergo purification.

Salvation is completely a work of God. Read Ephesians 2.1 – 10.

APPLICATION: Be loving, prayerful, and  . Colossians 4.2 – 6

**Invite Catholics to** **accept the free grace that God offers.**