

# The Holy Ghost, Yours, Mine (and Theirs?)

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## The (Holy) Spirit in the Roman Church

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Church Authority = God's Word + the Papacy = the Papacy

882 The *Pope*, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and the whole company of the faithful." "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered." (p. 234)

Scripture Alone (Reformation bumper sticker) is in opposition to this...

| <u>Scripture</u>                            | <u>Tradition/Oral Apostolic Tradition</u>                            | <u>Papacy</u>                                     |
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| - A consequence (not source) of the church. | - takes freedom from Christians and makes free traditions into laws. | -Vicar of Christ; visible Head in Christ's place. |
| Baptism                                     | - penance system (g t)   | -authoritative over God's Word.                   |
| Lord's Supper                               | - liturgy and all (g t)  |   |
| Absolution                                  | - OHM = Levitical priesthood   | -Authority to give communion in one kind or not.  |
| OHM as servant, not master.                 | - Peter as first Pope in Rome  |   |
|   | - Prayers to saints/treasury of merits                               |   |
|   | - penal reward system-purgatory                                      |   |
|   | - enslavement to 'spiritual estate'                                  |   |
| <u>Holy Spirit</u>                          | <u>Holy Spirit + Inspired people</u>                                 | <u>Inspired Pope</u>                              |

Luther's road to the Reformation was born of believing the doctrine of the insufficiency of Christ and the requirement to make satisfaction to God. The office of the Pope became the emblem and the lynch pin of this false doctrine. The Pope's opposition to the pure doctrine because the proof that the Pope's church was the devil's Church.

### (Catholic View of Salvation)

Salvation = (Christ) Faith + (Obey your Priest) Good Works= Good Works

### (Biblical View of Salvation)

Salvation = Christ alone (good works are freely done but do not contribute to Christ's saving work)