

<p style="text-align: center;">General Beliefs of Protestantism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Belief of the Catholic Church</p>
<p>According to Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” therefore, Mary was NOT perfect as she was part of the “all” in that statement.</p>	<p>Mary was a sinless and perfect human just like Jesus was.</p>
<p>According to Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25, and 1 John 2:1, Jesus is our intercessor or advocate. There are no Bible verses that establishes that Mary <i>is</i> or is <i>also</i> our intercessor.</p>	<p>Mary is the intercessor for us to God. In other words, the Catholic Church teaches that Catholics can pray to Mary, and she will intercede for the one praying.</p>
<p>There is nothing in the Bible that calls Mary our spiritual mother or the Queen of Heaven. The idea came forth in the 19th century when Pope John XXIII wrote the Second Vatican Council. In other words, this was established by the mouths of fallible men, rather than the infallible Word of God.</p>	<p>They teach that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and earth, as well as the spiritual mother.</p>
<p>It is clear that those who have been assumed into heaven, which means they never died, rather God took them up into Heaven without experiencing death, were all notated in the Bible. Catholics try to take the verses in Revelation 12:5-6, which states, “She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but <i>her child</i> was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days” and claim that in this section, Mary is the woman and Mary was assumed into heaven. However, it talks about the child being caught up with God, not the woman.</p>	<p>They teach that Mary never died, rather she was assumed up into Heaven just like Elijah and Enoch.</p>