

Beliefs of the Catholic Church	Beliefs of the Protestant Church (specifically EBC)
<p>Salvation: The Church teaches that salvation is multifaceted and comes through baptism, faith, good works, remaining in good standing with the Catholic church and participating in the sacraments.</p>	<p>Salvation: Protestantism teaches that salvation comes through faith alone. Ephesians 2:8-9 (also basically all of Galatians) make it clear that salvation is independent of works. Romans 5:1 tells us that a person is justified by faith alone. Although James 2:14-26 tells us that true faith <i>produces</i> good works, works are a fruit of faith and do not lead to salvation on their own.</p>
<p>Baptism: Taught to be an act that saves you and cleanses you from the sin you were born with (original sin). Infants can be baptized without faith and be brought into the church that way.</p>	<p>Baptism: Although not a saving act, it is a symbolic ceremony representing a person's faith in Christ and his or her identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. It points to Jesus' sacrifice, our only way to salvation. Again see Ephesians 2:8-9</p>
<p>Confession of sins: A priest is needed to confess sins, and the priest has been given the power of absolution. He can forgive the sin or tell the sinner to do some sort of penance to cancel the sin, which echoes the belief in works over faith.</p>	<p>Confession of sins: Jesus is the only person need to confess sins as he is the only mediator between God and man. Further, his sacrifice is enough to cover all sins and no extra work to cancel one's sins is needed. 1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."</p>

<p>Eucharist: This teaching says that the elements of the Lord's Supper become the actual body and blood of Jesus after being blessed by a priest and can therefore worship the elements themselves. They are taught that they are partaking in Christ's sacrifice.</p>	<p>Eucharist: The Lord's Supper is here to <i>remind</i> us of Jesus' sacrifice but that sacrifice was "once for all" (Hebrews 10:14)</p>
<p>Afterlife: Purgatory, the place where those in friendship with God can be purified from "pardonable" sins, exists and not only involves cleansing by fire according to 2 Maccabees 12:41-46 but often requires prayer on behalf of the dead.</p>	<p>Afterlife: After death, there are two options. Those who believed in Christ and were saved get to go to Heaven. Those who didn't end up going to Hell where there is eternal suffering.</p>
<p>These are the extra books in the Catholic Bible: Baruch, Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom (or Wisdom of Solomon), and Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus)</p>	