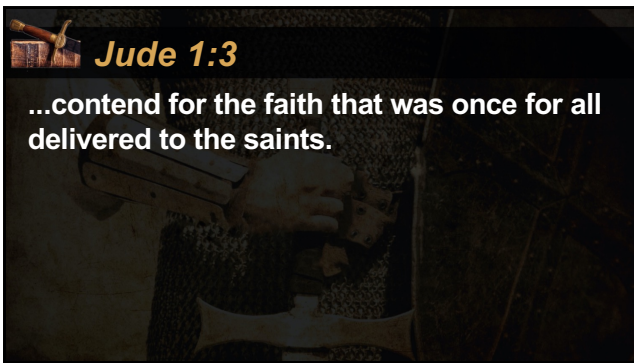
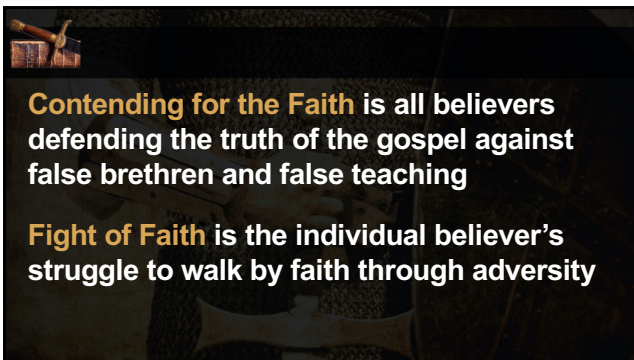





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Contending for the Faith

1. Gospel brings conflict and controversy
2. Know how to articulate your convictions
3. Memorize the Apostles Creed
4. Passions are doors for false teaching
5. Recognize the fruit of false teachers


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Contending for the Faith

6. Maintain divine tension in biblical truths
7. Aware of corrupting influence of sin
8. Avoid the judgment of the rebellious
9. Con-Tending to ourselves and the weak


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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary;


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Apostles Creed

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended to heaven and is seated at the
 right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From there he will come to judge the living
 and the dead.


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Apostles Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Early Church Heresies

Judiazers: Some early Jewish Christians believed that
 circumcision and the Mosaic Law were necessary for salvation
 for Gentile converts.

Gnosticism: emphasis on secret knowledge (gnosis)
 over Apostle's teachings and authority. Viewing matter as evil,
 many Gnostic groups denied the Incarnation, claiming Christ
 only appeared human and that Yahweh was an evil deity
 distinct from the New Testament God.


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Acts 15:1

“But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” ² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them,”


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1 Timothy 6

20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” [gnosis] 21 for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.

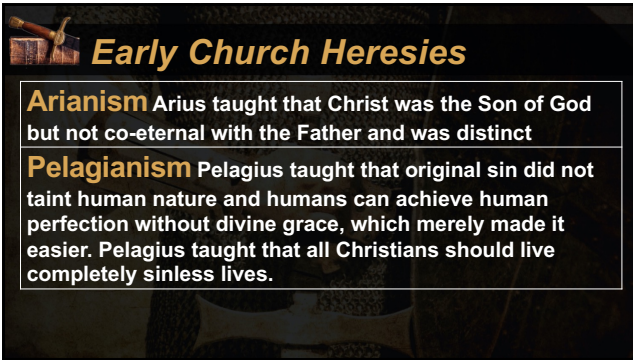
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Contend with Judaizers

It was in opposition to Judaizer heresy and its insistence on “works of the law” that Paul wrote his epistles to the Romans and the Galatians (Galatians 2:12 & 5:2, Romans 2:28-29, Colossians 2:11-12).

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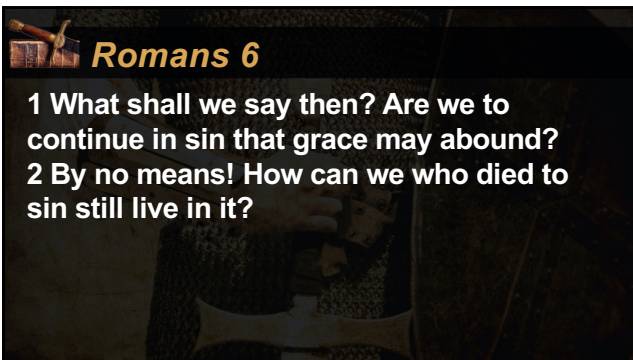


Early Church Heresies

Arianism Arius taught that Christ was the Son of God but not co-eternal with the Father and was distinct

Pelagianism Pelagius taught that original sin did not taint human nature and humans can achieve human perfection without divine grace, which merely made it easier. Pelagius taught that all Christians should live completely sinless lives.

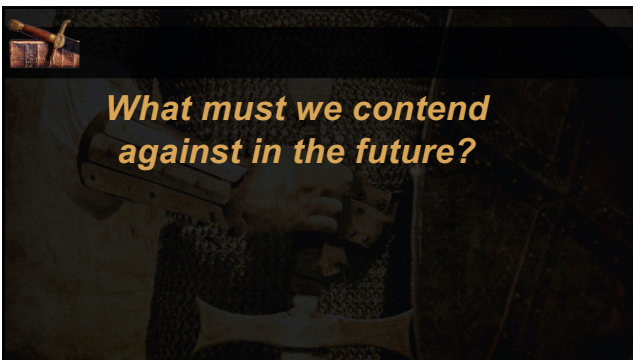
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Romans 6

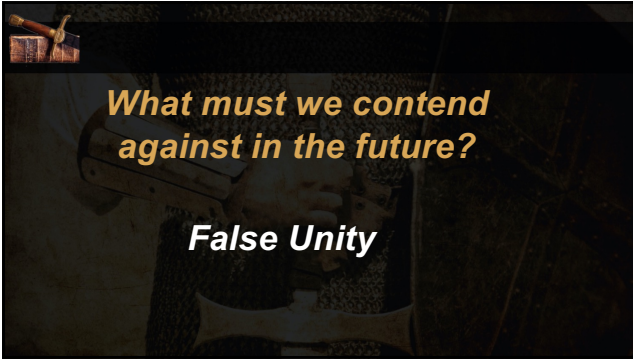
1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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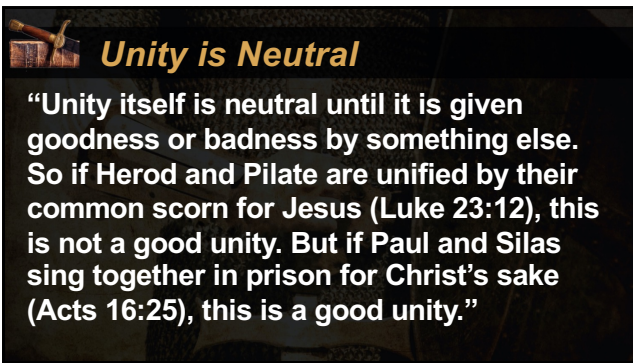


What must we contend against in the future?

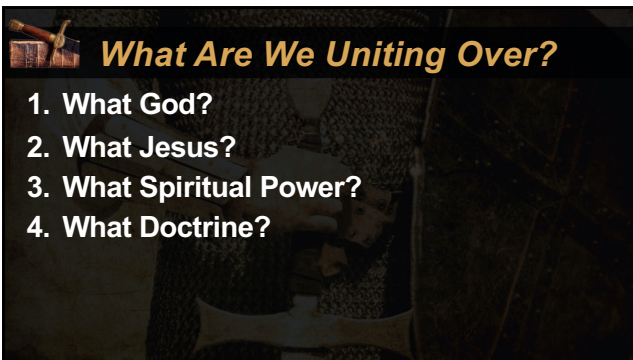
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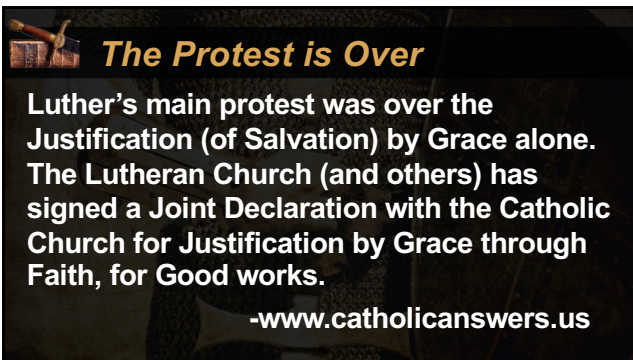
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Contending for the Faith

1. False unity with the Catholic Church

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The Protest is Over

Luther's main protest was over the Justification (of Salvation) by Grace alone. The Lutheran Church (and others) has signed a Joint Declaration with the Catholic Church for Justification by Grace through Faith, for Good works.

-www.catholicanswers.us

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5 Solas of the Reformers

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)
 Sola Fide (Faith Alone)
 Sola Christus (Christ Alone)
 Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)
 Soli Del Gloria (God's glory Alone)

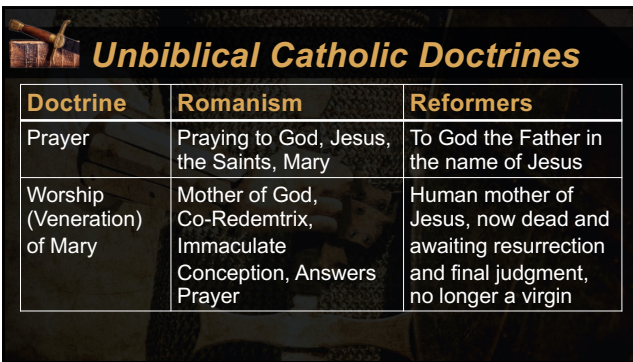
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Protest is Over?

Issue	Romanism	Reformers
Sufficiency and authority of Scripture	Bible and Catholic tradition	Sola Scriptura

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Unbiblical Catholic Doctrines

Doctrine	Romanism	Reformers
Prayer	Praying to God, Jesus, the Saints, Mary	To God the Father in the name of Jesus
Worship (Veneration) of Mary	Mother of God, Co-Redemtrix, Immaculate Conception, Answers Prayer	Human mother of Jesus, now dead and awaiting resurrection and final judgment, no longer a virgin

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Protest is Over?

Issue	Romanism	Reformers
Pope	Vicar of Christ" (a substitute) and represents Jesus as the head of the Church with ability to speak ex-cathedra "equal to scripture"	There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus 1 Timothy 2:5

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Protest is Over?

Issue	Romanism	Reformers
How are we saved?	Saved by grace through faith in Christ plus "meritorious works" plus church sacraments of baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance	Saved by grace [Sola Gratia] through faith [Sola Fide] in Christ [Sola Christus] alone

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Protest is Over?


Issue	Romanism	Reformers
What happens when we die?	Purgatory Place for "saved" to endure "temporal punishment" for transgressions that did not receive payment in their lives	Heaven - Absent from the body present with the Lord

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Contending for the Faith

1. False unity with the Catholic Church
2. False unity with Islam


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Chrislam Worship Service

“The Bible and the Koran are viewed as equal, reading is done from both of them. People are free to call on Allah or God when they pray and Moses, Muhammad and Jesus were all prophets of equal status and they are to be loved. In the music worship part, Christian and Islamic hymns are sung. Holidays like Christmas, Easter, Ramadan and other Christian and Islamic holidays are equally observed. “

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Is it the Same God?


“Before we “shake your hand” in responding to your letter, we ask forgiveness of the All-Merciful One and of the Muslim community around the world.”

– Rick Warren, *one of the main signers of the Yale Covenant For Islam and Christian Unity*


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2022 United Arab Emirates opening the World Interfaith Headquarters




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Chrislam?

Issue	Islam	Reformers
God	Allah the moon god, non-trinitarian	Trinitarian Father, Son, Holy Spirit
Jesus	Venerated prophet similar to Moses. He didn't die on the cross but was switched	Jesus crucified, died as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of those who believe

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Chrislam?

Issue	Islam	Reformers
Mary	Venerated as the only woman named in the Quran (70 times), immaculate conception, virgin birth, considered the greatest woman who ever lived.	Human mother of Jesus, now dead and awaiting resurrection and final judgment, no longer a virgin


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Mosques named after Mary

1. Mary Mother of Jesus Mosque in Hoppers Crossing, Victoria, Australia.
2. Mosque Maryam (Mary), the Nation of Islam National Center, Chicago, IL
3. Qal'bu Maryam Women's Mosque (Heart of Mary), Berkeley, CA
4. Maryam Umm Eisa (Mary Mother of Jesus), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
5. Mariam Al-Batool Mosque (Virgin Mary) in Paola, Malta
6. Mary (Ahmadiyyah) Mosque in Galway, Ireland.

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Mary the Great Uniter?

“Mary has been one of the strongest symbols across the Middle East for unity, across religions, tribes and nations...Our Lady of Soufanieh remains a focal point of prayer in Damascus—every day at 5 pm, the house is open for prayer, and those who come include both Christians and Muslims.”

-ABC News article 17 July 2013


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Fatima

”The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children (“The Three Seers”) near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. “


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Fatima Message from Mary

“war is a punishment for sin and warned that God would further castigate the world for its disobedience to His Will by means of war, hunger and the persecution of the Church, the Holy Father and the Catholic Faithful. God’s Mother prophesied that Russia would be God’s chosen “instrument of chastisement,” spreading the “errors” of atheism and materialism across the earth, fomenting wars, annihilating nations and persecuting the Faithful everywhere.”


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Contending for the Faith

1. False unity with the Catholic Church
2. False unity with Islam
3. False unity with the world system


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Later Church Heresies

antinomianism: means “against the law.”
 Theologically, antinomianism is the belief that there are no moral laws God expects Christians to obey. The biblical teaching is that Christians are not required to observe the Old Testament Law as a means of salvation. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He fulfilled the Old Testament Law (Romans 10:4; Galatians 3:23-25; Ephesians 2:15). The unbiblical conclusion is that there is no moral law God expects Christians to obey.


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Ditch the Old Testament?

“Participants in the new covenant (that’s Christians) are not required to obey any of the commandments found in the first part of their Bibles,” wrote Pastor Andy Stanley.
 -Relevant Magazine

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Ditch the Old Testament

“Participants in the new covenant are expected to obey the single command Jesus issued as part of his new covenant: as I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Pastor Andy Stanley


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2 Corinthians 6:17

Therefore, “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”

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Jude 1:3

...contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

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