

What If ??????????

There's someone in your group that has been a lifelong Catholic, and now they're really asking questions and wanting to know what the Bible really says. They keep asking you questions, but each week they are also getting heavy pressure from family and friends that are telling them they just need to stick with the tradition of the church and trust the leaders of the church. Some of their friends have even told them they really can't understand the Bible, so they should trust the leaders of the Catholic Church to tell them what to believe. Below are some of the questions he's asking you. How would you answer?

You have 5 minutes to decide how you should proceed and you *must* have at least one verse to motivate / guide your decision.

- Can you really know for sure that you are saved? Where does the Bible teach that we can know? Why is it not arrogant to say that you know you're going to heaven?
- Where are some of the best places in the Bible that teach / show salvation is by grace and not by works or keeping the law? What book of the Bible in particular would be a good one to study together with your Catholic that is wrestling with works vs. grace?
- If we are not saved by works then how do you explain **James 2:14-26**?
- What about praying to Mary and other saints? Why is this wrong? Where does the Bible teach us to pray directly to God through His Son Jesus Christ?
- What about the Eucharist? Is Christ continually dying in the 'mass' each week? What Scripture teaches us that His death is finished?