

The Difference Diagram

Catholic Teaching

Protestant Teaching

Destiny

- Purgatory

- Heaven & Hell

- You can be certain of going to heaven

Conduct

- Mortal sin kills grace
- Sacraments like confession restore grace

- God's people worship him at church
- God will judge us for how we live

- Saved by grace alone
- You can't earn salvation by being good

Belief

- Only Catholicism has the means of salvation
- It has a treasury of merit to give us for our salvation

- 1 Holy God
- Sinful man
- Christ died to save man

- Only faith is necessary for salvation

Assump-tions

- The Church's Tradition is also God's Word

- The Pope/Bishops define Tradition & interpret Scripture

- The written Bible is the actual Word of God

- Only the written Bible is God's Word

- The Holy Spirit teaches each reader