

Pope's Visit - Fatima - Mary's Appearances

A recent article about the Pope's visit to the U.S. (Teen to Visit Pope in NYC, 4-19-08 pg. A3) mentioned the desire to know for sure what the third secret of Fatima is. It then goes on to reveal that the third secret "supposedly states that salvation can be gained through penance and prayer."

This teaching of Fatima is actually a false teaching which leads people even children from trusting in Jesus as their Savior. Jesus, God's Son, lived a perfect, innocent and obedient life to God the Father. When Jesus, who is fully God and fully man, died on the cross, He paid the penalty that everyone deserves for their sin, physical and spiritual death (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 50-58). Later Jesus ascended into heaven on the clouds and promised to return the same way. Many people believe that what is taught about Jesus is true but the scriptures point out that the demons believe also and tremble (James 2:19). The person who is truly a Christian has put their full trust in Christ sacrifice alone as their payment for their sin. These appearances of Mary at Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe, etc. are really appearances of Satan, who is able to appear as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). Satan, manifest himself this way to lead people astray from the sure hope we have in Christ (Galatians 1:8).

Jesus taught that **we should love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength** and love on another.

After Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, the apostle John writes in his epistle that God's command is that **we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ** and love one another (1 John 3:23).

God warns that many false prophets have gone out into the world and the only way to know which ones are true is to know God's written word (1 John 5:9-13).

To better understand what God has in store for those who truly love Him; in spirit and truth, and work and deed; read Revelation chapters 21 and 22.

For "Blessed is he who reads ... for the time is near"
(Revelation 1:3).

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