

acred Scripture Confirms:

There is No Salvation Outside the Catholic Church

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Editor's note: Bishop George Hay (1729-1811) from Scotland was one of the greatest Catholic teachers and apologists of the early 19th Century. His three famous books are *The Sincere Christian*, *The Devout Christian*, and *The Pious Christian* (all out of print). Bishop Hay was a formidable opponent of liberalism, and his works have received high praise from numerous Catholic bishops of the 19th Century. Paul Cardinal Cullen said, "the learned Bishop's writings display a great power of reasoning, and great critical acumen, while they supply an inexhaustible mine of erudition and Scriptural knowledge." What follows is taken from the concluding chapters of Bishop Hay's superb work, *The Sincere Christian*. It is here that Dr. Hay demonstrates from Scripture that the Catholic Church is the one true Church, outside of which there is no salvation. The bishop's presentation is scrupulously methodical. He thoroughly explains, one point, then employs it as a foundation for the next. This exhaustive treatise is desperately needed, especially in our age when the doctrinal truth on the one true Church of Christ is denied by a great multitude of Catholic laity, clergy and prelates.

An Inquiry, Whether Salvation Can Be Had Without True Faith, and out of the Communion of the Church of Christ

Part IX

Q. 32. But as all this is so evident, regarding the necessity of the Catholic Church for salvation, how comes it, that some now-a-days, who profess themselves members of the

avor of those who are not of their Communion, proposing excuses for them, and using all their endeavors to prove a possibility of salvation for those who live and die in a false religion?

A. This is one of those devices which the enemy of souls makes use of in these unhappy times, to promote his own cause, and which there are grounds to fear has, from various reasons,

