

## **History of the Catholic Heresy of Mary's Immaculate Conception**

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According to Catholics, the Immaculate Conception, a solemnity, is the patronal feast of the United States. It is one of the few Holy days of obligation on the Catholic Church calendar (i.e., all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on this day...December 8th). As this feast occurs early in Advent, it is a time for Catholics to consider Mary and her important role in the celebration of Christmas.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, *Ineffabilis Deus*, clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. In proclaiming the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a dogma of the Church, the pope expressed precisely and clearly that Mary was conceived free from the stain of original sin. This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. (The picture above shows her mother, Anna, with the infant Mary within her womb). This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting (according to Catholicism) because she was destined to be Mother of God. Thus, Catholics believe that the purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians (Catholics).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says of the Immaculate Conception of Mary:

490. To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace." In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

491. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1844:

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854.)

492. The "splendor of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son." The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love."

493. The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (Panagia) and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature". By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.

*For more on the role of Mary in Salvation History, read the entire section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, §§ 456-511.*

### **What Does The Word of God Teach?**

The Bible NEVER teaches any such nonsense about the "immaculate conception" of Mary. In fact, the Bible clearly teaches the exact opposite concerning Mary...

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." -Romans 3:10-12

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a fraud, a big hoax! God's Word clearly declares that all of humanity is sinful. The ONLY person who ever walked this earth without sin was the Lord Jesus Christ. We know this is true because the Bible clearly proclaims Christ's sinlessness...

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." -2nd Corinthians 5:21

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." -Hebrews 4:15

Jesus was perfect! Jesus never did or said anything which He should not have. Jesus was the Lamb of God, without spot or blemish. Mary, Jesus' earthly mother, was a sinner just like you and me. Mary was a sinner just like Hitler or Gacy (a mass murderer). We are ALL horrible sinners. We tend to think that we're not so bad because we compare ourselves to worse sinners. However, the ONLY accurate measuring stick is the Word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. If we compare ourselves to God's Word, then we will see just how filthy and wicked we really are in God's eyes...