

## CALVARY ~ YES OR NO?

The matter concerning the salvation of our immortal souls has to be given the most serious consideration that we are capable of. As children of God, in full awareness of our purpose, we must come to a full realization that all matters not directly associated with the salvation of our souls must be given secondary importance and value. In this presentation, therefore, let us focus our attention only on affairs of religious significance. In so doing we must conscientiously strive to arrive at a precise understanding of the difference between the externalisms of the law which pertain to Catholic observance (the fulfillment of the ten thousand different rules that have come to govern liturgical ceremonial and the various rules and laws that govern Catholic conduct), and the salvation that comes through faith in Christ and through the good works born of that faith. This is not to say that regulatory precepts are of no importance. They are, but they, in themselves, do not bring about salvation. Salvation is not in a book. Salvation is not caused by rules. Salvation is not in repetitious argument or in theological and legalistic speculations - which accomplish nothing.

Salvation comes through faith - LOVE AND CONFIDENCE - in Christ and Christ crucified. Love and confidence in God, our loving Father (not theological and legalistic force of argument), are the wings with which the soul undertakes the most daring flights and victoriously gains every height. Argumentation is like a heavy anvil weighing down the soul, forcing it into frustration and confusion.