

## One Religion is not as Good as Another

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THE eloquent Paulist, Rev. A. P. Doyle, defines faith "as a divine influence that comes into our souls, making us accept all the teaching that Christ has revealed to us." Taking this as the basis of one of his recent sermons, he goes on to show how absurd is the thought in the minds of many people to-day that it makes no difference what one believes so long as one does what is right, or one religion is as good as another, for they are all roads leading to the same place.

These ideas, "the father says," are directly antagonistic to the spirit of Holy Church and to the virtue of faith. Our blessed Lord came down from heaven, lived on this earth and died on the cross to teach a certain set form of doctrines, and therefore everything that He has taught is essential, is important. How can one religion be as good as another? For example, Holy Church teaches that there are three persons in God; another religion teaches that there are not three persons in God. Can both be right? If one is right and pleasing to God, the contrary is displeasing to Him. So one religion cannot be as good as another.

Take the question of the Blessed Sacrament. We believe in the real presence, and for that reason when we go into the Church we bend the knee to the ground; for that reason we spend hours there in prayer. If Christ is not in the Blessed Sacrament, for us to go down on our knees before mere bread is horrible idolatry, which God has so strongly condemned. Either our Lord is in the Blessed Sacrament or He is not, and one belief is pleasing to God and the other is not; therefore one religion is not as good as another.

"Such expressions are directly opposed to the virtue of faith, and St. Paul says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God" and our Blessed Lord says, "He that believes and is baptized will be saved; he that believes not will be condemned." Therefore it does make a vast difference what one believes.