



In recent times, a dangerous distortion of sacred doctrine has seeped into the mindset of many Catholics. Behind seemingly pious slogans like *"let us not judge," "let us be tolerant,"* or *"let's not mix religion and morality,"* lies a diluted, timid Catholicism—one that strays from the firmness that has always characterized Holy Mother Church.

Against this *"watered-down Catholicism"*—fraternal in appearance but weak in substance—stands Christ's eternal truth: a message of **love, yes, but also of justice; of mercy, yes, but also of conversion.**

## I. The Distortions of False Catholicism

### 1. "Judge Not" (Mt 7:1): An Excuse for Relativism?

Many carelessly quote Christ's words: *"Judge not, that you be not judged"* (Mt 7:1), yet forget that the same Jesus also said: *"By their fruits you will know them"* (Mt 7:16). **The Church has always taught that we must discern between good and evil,** for indifference to moral truth leads to spiritual ruin.

St. Paul exhorts: *"Speak the truth in love"* (Eph 4:15). **Correcting error is not hatred; pointing out sin is not a lack of charity, but true love for one's neighbor.**

### 2. "Turn the Other Cheek" vs. Defending the Truth

Christ taught us not to respond to evil with violence (Mt 5:39), but this does not mean **passivity in the face of error.** The same Jesus drove the money-changers from the Temple with a whip (Jn 2:15), showing that there are times when firmness is necessary.

The Church cannot *"turn the other cheek"* in the face of heresy, public sin, or the corruption of souls. **Truth demands courage, not cowardice disguised as humility.**

### 3. "Let's Not Mix Religion and..." (Politics, Morality, Public Life)

This is one of the most pernicious lies of the modern world. **Christ did not come to be a private "spiritual teacher" but the King of the Universe.** He commanded: *"Go and teach all nations"* (Mt 28:19).

The Catholic faith is not a private feeling but **a truth that must illuminate every sphere of life,** including society. To claim that *"religion should not influence politics"* is to deny the Social Kingship of Christ.



## II. True Catholicism: Steadfastness in Truth

Against these distortions, **authentic Catholicism is marked by:**

- **TRUTH:** *"The truth will set you free"* (Jn 8:32). The Church does not negotiate dogma.
- **FIRMNESS:** Like St. Paul: *"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort"* (2 Tim 4:2).
- **COURAGE:** Like the martyrs, who chose death over betraying the faith.
- **AUTHORITY:** Christ founded a hierarchical Church, not a democracy of opinions.

## III. Conclusion: Charity or Cowardice?

Mercy without justice is complicity. Tolerance without truth is betrayal. **Catholicism is not a feel-good club but the religion of God-made-Man, who came to save man from sin.**

Now more than ever, Catholics must be **the light in the darkness** (Mt 5:14), unafraid to proclaim the truth, even if the world calls us *"intolerant."* For, as Chesterton said: *"The modern world is full of Christian virtues gone mad, severed from Christ's humility and wisdom."*

**Let us not settle for a lukewarm Catholicism! Let us be fearless Catholics, faithful to Christ the King!**

*"Whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when He comes in His glory"* (Lk 9:26).

**□ What do you think? Have you noticed these distortions in the faith? Share and defend the truth with both charity and firmness!**

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, save souls!*