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### Bishop's falsehoods challenged



Bishop Patrick Walsh

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor, Patrick Walsh, has urged his flock to fast for Lent! He told his diocese: "Lent is a time of conversion, of turning to God, and the seriousness of our desire to be converted, to return to God, may be measured by our willingness to make Lent a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving." He urged his people to join in the "Lenten fast", fasting on Ash Wednesday and on each Friday in Lent, concluding on Good Friday, from after breakfast until evening, taking only something to drink in between. Dr Walsh said that: "Such penance will make reparation for our own sins, and for the sins of others." "Our fasting is not an end in itself. It is part of our conversion."

Bishop Walsh advertises the fact that the Rome, from which Martin Luther and John Calvin and John Knox and a host of other godly and courageous men separated in the 16th century, remains the same dark and unscriptural system. Ecumenical churchmen have persuaded most Protestants that Rome has changed and no longer peddles the lies of former times — just as the ecumenical politicians have persuaded the majority of Protestants that Irish republicans no longer believe in terrorism and murder!

#### Same Old Folly

But Dr. Walsh preaches the same old lies that have blighted Ireland and the nations of the world for many a century. The deviant priests, whose wickedness has scandalised the world, advertise the ineffectiveness of this "gospel."

- It is a lie to say that such fasting as advocated by Bishop Walsh is pleasing or acceptable to God.
- It is a lie to say that such activities will work our conversion.
- It is a lie to say that fasting will make reparation for our sins and for the sins of others.

This is but part of the same old devil-inspired recipe of works that Rome has long pressed upon her people as the means of salvation, but which can never save those who engage in them, no matter how earnestly and sincerely they may do so.

#### The Word of God

God's Word plainly tells us that salvation is not by our works. "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified," Galatians 2:16. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8-9. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and



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renewing of the Holy Ghost," Titus 3:5.

### **No Reconciliation**

There can be no reconciling the teaching of Dr. Walsh with these verses from the epistles of Paul. They more than scupper Dr. Walsh's fraudulent gospel.