

The power of Rome as an ecclesiastical unit was greatly advanced by these men and others like them..among the many infamous there were some truly capable people. (Some catastrophes are noted later) You will see that the presence of wicked men in the papacy does not bother the catholic claim to preeminence for it is argued that if the office were not of God, these men would have ruined it...the same sort of logic that is used to argue for the excellence of biblical texts...survival being a proof of God's blessing. I say this wryly for in debate we often do not look to see what the total end of our logic may be and we often wind up supporting indirectly inadmissible issues. Please remember that TVT has TR sympathies but not on the basis of survival or widespread use of the text.

#### Increased Ceremonial Life

Ceremonial life tends to give people a sense of oneness as they participate in common activities and do the same things together. It is less meaningful in protestantism and even less meaningful in our wider independent churches but in any form of society where common participatorial events are recognized and honored, there is a tighter bond. The church developed some through the years...some inadvertently and some to meet special purposes. Rituals, rites, ceremonies, offices, ideals, etc., all tend to give community life a shared quality and therefore it is harder for people to have any sort of life outside the circle. But it is very easy for them to continue life within the circle even though there may be plenty of hardships and dissatisfactions associated with it. Changes might be for the better but if they tend to disrupt the accepted community they are likely to be neglected. I hope you can see that this works for good and for not good depending on the orientation of the group.

#### Sacred Seasons and Holidays

##### SUNDAY

The first day of the week always had special significance for Christians. It is recognized as the official day of worship in the earliest annals of church life. The term "Lord's Day" seems to come into common use after Nicaea but