

God and "The Pope" Agree by [John T Polk II](#) For [The Fellowship Room](#)

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According to the "Living faith" section C of The Huntsville Times, Friday, June 14, 2013, the article on *Religion & Church News* carried an item titled, "NO, I did not want to be Pope." It was an interview from McClatchy-Tribune that quoted the three-month-in-office "Pope" of the Roman Catholic Church, Francis, as saying: "No, I didn't want to be pope. A person who wants to be pope does not love himself," the pontiff added, in a trademark show of humility."

Based upon his comments, God would agree that:

1. Since "Pope" is a Latin term for "father," and since Jesus Christ forbade anyone using the term "father" as a term for a spiritual leader ([Matthew 23:9](#)), then God would agree that Francis should not be "pope!"
2. Francis "didn't want to be pope," a position which is supposed to be the head of the Roman Catholic Church. But the Apostle Paul claimed "the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord" ([Ephesians 3:9-11](#)). Since God's "mighty power" raised Jesus from the dead and "put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all" ([Ephesians 1:22-23](#)), then God placed Jesus Christ over His church, not a "pope!" Thus, God would agree that He didn't want Francis to be "pope" over the church!"
3. Francis said, "A person who wants to be pope does not love himself." God's Word has said that, after "the falling away," "and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" ([2 Thessalonians 2:3-4](#)), but whose followers would be "among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved" ([2 Thessalonians 2:10](#)), then Francis must not "love himself" for taking the position of apostasy that God condemns! God would agree that any man who takes such a position "does not love himself" or the truth, either!
4. Contrary to the article cited above, there is no "trademark show of humility" in anyone who opposes God, sits in God's temple, or claims to forgive sins which only God can do ([Matthew 9:1-8](#))! Jesus Christ condemned public

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displays of the Pharisees, which are remarkably like that of a "pope:" "all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues" ([Matthew 23:5-6](#)). No "pope" has ever manifested a "trademark show of humility," while claiming to be equal with God! The real head of the church of Christ, "humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross" ([Philippians 2:8](#)). No "pope" has ever humbled himself to die on a cross for the church of Christ! God would agree that there is no "trademark show of humility" in this, or any other "pope."

5. It's too bad the "pope" refuses to tell his followers what Jesus said would give salvation in [Mark 16:16](#): "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Will this "pope" agree with God?

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