

The Grounds of Union

In order for the Orthodox Church to accept sacramental communion with the Roman Catholic Church, that is, for Roman Catholics to be readmitted into the Orthodox Church, they have to repudiate and reject (not merely brush aside or “theologize around”) the following:

1. Papal Universal Jurisdiction
2. Papal Infallibility
3. Papal Petrine exclusivism (i.e., that only the Pope is Peter’s successor)
4. Development of Doctrine
5. The *Filioque*
6. Original Sin understood as guilt transmitted via “propagation”
7. The Immaculate Conception of Mary
8. Divine Simplicity
9. Merit and Satisfaction soteriology
10. Purgatory and Indulgences
11. Created grace

Roman Catholics would have to accept and fully confess:

1. The authority of Ecumenical Councils over the Pope
2. The Essence/Energies distinction