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How does Bible scripture compare against the law of Rome that was ratified in 1563.

Rome's law states you need a priest and two witnesses to be married (state involvement):

Those who shall attempt to contract marriage otherwise than in the presence of the parish priest or of another priest authorized by the parish priest or by the ordinary and in the presence of two or three witnesses, the holy council renders absolutely incapable of thus contracting marriage and **declares such contracts invalid and null**, as by the present decree it invalidates and annuls them. Moreover, it commands that the parish priest or another priest who shall have been present at a contract of this kind with less than the prescribed number of witnesses, also the witnesses who shall have been present without the parish priest or another priest, and also the contracting parties themselves, shall at the discretion of the ordinary be **severely punished**.

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Note these Bible verses on marriage: **NO priest or WITNESSES were required for a woman to become a wife:**

*The law of 1563 states that the noted records in scriptures below are **invalid and null** – see also historical account*

Gen 2:24 -25[KJV] – one flesh represents marriage (sex)

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be **one flesh**. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

(Gen 16:3-4 [KJV]) - Going unto a woman (sex – one flesh)

And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, **and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. 4 And he went in unto Hagar**, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

(Gen 24:66-67 [KJV]) - Going unto (took) a woman

And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, **and took Rebekah, and she became his wife**; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

Gen 29:23-25 [KJV]) - Going unto a woman

And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, **and brought her to him**; and **he went in unto her**. 24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid *for* an handmaid. 25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah: and he said to Laban, What *is* this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

(Gen 29:29-30 [KJV]) - Going unto a woman

And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. 30 And he **went in also unto Rachel**, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

(Deut 25:5 [KJV]) - Going unto a woman

If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall **go in unto her, and take her to him to wife**, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

(Matt 19:4-6 [KJV])

And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they **twain shall be one flesh**? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, **but one flesh**. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

(1Cor 6:13-17 [KJV]) – Becoming one with a Harlot

Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* **the members of an harlot**? God forbid. 16 What? **know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two**, saith he, **shall be one flesh**. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is **one spirit**.

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A Historian Account:

For most of Western history, they didn't (*need the state or priest and witnesses*), **because marriage was a private contract between two families** (*as described in scriptures above*). The parents' agreement to the match, not the approval of church or state, was what confirmed its validity. **For 16 centuries**, Christianity also defined the validity of a marriage on the basis of a couple's wishes. If two people claimed they had exchanged marital vows — even out alone by the haystack — **the Catholic Church accepted that they were validly married**. **In 1215**, the church **decreed that a "licit" marriage must take place in church**. But people who married illicitly (*by the bible method*) had the same rights and obligations as a couple married in church: their children were legitimate; the wife had the same inheritance rights; the couple was subject to the same prohibitions against divorce. However in 1563 the Catholic Church at the Council of Trent said that ALL marriages are invalid if not conducted in the presence of a Priest and two witnesses.

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Conclusion:

In the scripture by God's word when a man goes unto a woman she becomes his wife (two become one -sex). However the Catholic Church in 1563 decreed that a marriage can "only" happen in the presence of a priest and two witnesses (no longer two becoming one). So if two become one, a man cannot call the woman his wife after the act of intimacy (as per Rome). This is now seen and treated as sin by the church and the ignorant. So the doctrine of marriage is not based on scripture, but rather it is based on the Law of 1563. It is important to note that if anyone does not agree with the Catholic Church on their doctrine, they will be **severely punished**.