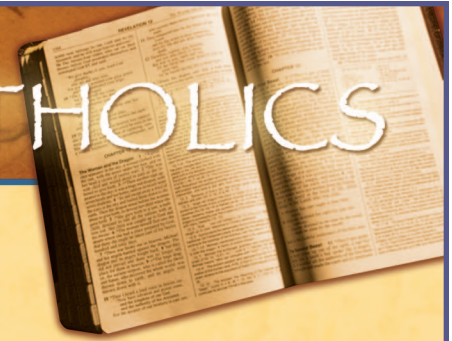


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SCRIPTURE ALONE ?

Jn 21:25 ... not everything is in the Bible.

2 Tim 2:2; 1 Cor 11:2 ... St. Paul speaks of oral tradition.

Acts 2:42 ...early Christians followed apostolic tradition.

2 Jn 1:12 ...more oral tradition.

2 Pet 1:20-21 ... against personal interpretation.

Heb 5:12 ... guidance needed to interpret scriptures.

FAITH ALONE ?

Jas 2:14-17, 24 ... what good is faith without works?

Heb 10:26 ... must avoid sin.

Jas 5:20 ... "earning" forgiveness.

Lk 6:46; Mt 7:21; Mt 19:16-21; Jn 5:29 ... must do will of God.

Phil 2:12; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 2:6-10; Mt 25:32-46; Gal 6:6-10; Rev 20:12 ... works have merit.

1 Jn 2:3-4; 1 Jn 3:24; 1 Jn 5:3 ... keep commandments.

SALVATION ONCE AND FOR ALL?

1 Cor 9:27 ... after preaching ... I myself disqualified.

1 Cor 10:12 ... thinks that he stands ... lest he fall.

Phil 2:12 ... work out salvation with fear and trembling.

Heb 4:1 ... fear of failing to reach salvation.

1 Jn 5:16,17 ... some sins are mortal, some are not.

INFANT BAPTISM

Acts 2:38; Acts 16:15, 16:33, 18:8; 1 Cor 1:16... suggests baptism of all, incl. children.

Jn 3:5; ... necessity of baptism.

Mk 16:16 ...He who believes and is baptized will

be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Col 2:11-12 ... circumcision (normally performed on in-fants c.f. **Gen 17:12**) replaced by baptism.

CONFESSION

Jn 20:22-23 "... if you forgive sins of any, they are forgiven."

Mt 18:18 ... whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven.

2 Cor 5:18 ... ministry of reconciliation.

Jas 5:14-16 ... forgiveness of sins, anointing of the sick, confession.

PETER & PAPACY

Mt 10:1-4; Mk 3:16-19; Lk 6:14-16; Acts 1:13 ... Peter always mentioned first, as foremost apostle.

Mt 18:21; Mk 8:29 ... Peter speaks for the apostles.

Acts 3:6-7 ... Peter worked first healing.

Acts 10:46-48 ... Gentiles to be baptized revealed to Peter.

Jn 1:42 ... Simon is Cephas (Aramaic: Kephra for rock).

Mt 16:18-19 ... "on this Rock... keys of the Kingdom."

Is 22:22; Rev 1:18 ... keys as symbol of authority.

Jn 21:17 ... "feed my sheep"

Lk 22:31-32 ... "strengthen your brethren."

"BROTHERS" OF JESUS

Mk 6:3 ... who are called the "brothers of Jesus."

Acts 1:12-15 ... apostles, Mary, "some women", and Jesus' "brothers" number about 120. That is a lot of brothers.

Jn 19:26-27 ... Jesus gives care of Mary to John, not one of his "brothers."
2 Sam 6:23 ... "until."

MARY EVER VIRGIN

Lk 1:27 ...to a virgin betrothed to a man..."

Mt 1:23 ...Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son...

Mt 1:25 ...but knew her not until she had borne a son...

Lk 1:34 ...how can this be since I do not know man...

MOTHER OF GOD

Mt 1:23 ...a virgin will bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us).

Lk 1:43 ...and why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Gal 4:4 ...God sent forth his Son, born of woman.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Lk 1:28 ... Hail full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Lk 1:30 ... You have found favor with God.

Lk 1:47 ...my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

CALL NO MAN "FATHER"

Acts 7:2 ...And Stephen said, Brethren and Fathers.

Rom 4:16 ... to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all.

1 Cor. 4:15 ... for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

Heb 12:9 ...besides this, we have had earthly fathers...

PURGATORY

Rev. 21:27 ...nothing unclean shall enter Heaven.

2 Sam 12:13-14 ...David, though forgiven, still punished for his sins.

2 Macc 12:44-46 ...atoned for the dead to free them from their sins.

1 Pt 3:19 ...in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison...

SAINTS

Mk 12:26-27... "not God of the dead, but of the living..."

1 Cor 12:25-27; Rom 12:4-5 ... body of Christ.

Eph 6:18; Rom 15:30; Col 4:3; 2 Thess 1:11 ... intercessory prayer.

Jos 5:14; Dan 8:17; Tob 12:16 ... veneration of angels united with God (**Mt 18:10**).

1 Cor 13:12; 1 John 3:2 ... saints also united with God.

Lk 20:34-38 ... those who died are like angels.

2 Mac 15:11-16 ... deceased Onias and Jeremiah interceded for Jews.

Rev 8:3-4; Jer 15:1 ... saints' intercession.

STATUES/IMAGES/RELICS

Ex 25:18-22, 26:1,31; Num 21:8-9... God commands images made.

1 Kg 6:23-29, 35, 7:29 ... Solomon's temple: statues and images.

Acts 19:11,12 ... Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons.

2 Kg 13:20-21 ... Elisha's bones.

Acts 5:15-16 ... Peter's shadow.

Mt 9:20-22 ... Jesus' garment cures woman.

CHURCH & AUTHORITY

Acts 2:42 ... doctrine, community, sacred rite (bread).

Eph 5:25-26 ... Christ loved the Church.

1 Tim 3:15 ... church is pillar/foundation of truth.

Mt 16:19 ... whatever you bind on earth is bound in Heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.

Mt 18:17-18 ... church as final authority.

Jn 20:23 ... If you forgive; the sins of any, they are forgiven, if you retain them, they are retained.

JUSTIFICATION

Gal 5:6 ... Faith requires work.

1 Cor 13:2 ... Faith without love is nothing.

Jn 14:21 ... You must keep God's commandments.

Mt 19:6 ... If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments.

Jas 2:24-26 ... Faith without works is dead.

1 Cor 9:24-27... Must continue in faith and works until the end.

Eph 2:8-10... Grace is required

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Jn 15:5 ...Unity of all Christians.

1 Cor 10:17 ...we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Eph 2:19 ...but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

Rom 15:30 ...strive together with me in prayer...

WORSHIP STATUES ?

Ex 20:4-5...God prohibits worshipping statues.

Ex 25: 18-19; Num 21:8, Jn 3:14-15; 1 Kg 7:27-29... God does not prohibit image making.

JESUS = GOD

Mt 28:9 ... and they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Jn 1:1-5...in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Acts 7:59 ...Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Rom 9:5 ... according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all.

Col 2:6 ...As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord.

2 Pt 1:1 ...in the right-eousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

REAL PRESENCE

Jn 6:53-56...truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

Mt 26:26-28...take, eat; this is my body.

Mk 14:22-24...Take, this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and they all drank of it. This is my blood of the covenant...

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

Eph 2:20; Acts 1:2, Jn 6:70; Mt 16:18; Mt 10:1-5; Rev. 21:14...the Church is built on the foundation of the apostles which Christ chose.

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Mt 28:19, Jn 3:5, Acts 2:38, Acts 16:15

Confirmation

Acts 8:14-19, Acts 19:1-6, 2 Cor 1:21-22

Holy Eucharist

Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 10:16, Jn 6:53-57, 1 Cor 11:23-30

Penance & Reconciliation

Ex 32:20, Num 14:19-23, Jn 20:23, Acts 19:18, 2 Cor 2:6-11, Jas 5:16

Holy Orders

Mt 18:18, Lk 22:19, Acts 18:18, 1 Tim 3:1-7, 1 Tim 5:17, 1 Pt 5:1

Holy Matrimony

Gn 2:18-25, Mt 19:1-9, Mk 10:2-12, Rom 7:2-3, 1 Cor 7:1-24

Anointing of the Sick

Mk 6:5, 12-13, Acts 9:17-18, Jas 5:14-15



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