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[Acts 1:15-26](#) - <sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, <sup>16</sup> "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. <sup>18</sup> (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup> And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup> For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'His office let another take.' <sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us -- one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup> And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, "Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

[Acts 6:5-6](#) - <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.

[Acts 14:21-23](#) - <sup>21</sup> When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. <sup>23</sup> And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed.

[1 Timothy 3:1-7](#) - <sup>1</sup> The saying is sure: If any one aspires to the office of bishop, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Now a bishop must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, an apt teacher, <sup>3</sup> no drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and no lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way; <sup>5</sup> for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil; <sup>7</sup> moreover he must be well thought of by outsiders, or he may fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

*We can see from the above readings that Our Lord established a real Church and that the apostles understood that authority in that Church was to be given by those who already possessed that authority. Only Our Lord or the apostles (or their successors, the bishops) could legitimately give church authority to a person.*



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<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/apostolic-succession-is-assurance-of-truth>

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[Luke 11:37-38](#) - <sup>37</sup> While he was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him; so he went in and sat at table. <sup>38</sup> The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash (Greek-baptizo) before dinner.

[Acts 2:38-41](#) - <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized (Greek-baptizo) every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

[Acts 9:17-19](#) - <sup>6</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized (Greek-baptizo), <sup>19</sup> and took food and was strengthened. For several days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

[Ezekiel 36:25](#) - <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

*The Greek word for baptism (baptizo) washed used to refer to the washing of hands before eating as well as for the sacrament. The baptism at Pentecost was likely not performed by full immersion because a body of water large enough to easily baptize 3,000 would not have been available. Additionally, Saul was baptized in the home of Ananias where full immersion was not likely possible. Clearly, the form of baptism was not restricted to full immersion.*

<https://www.catholic.com/index.php/tract/baptism-immersion-only>

Baptism, Need for ([back](#))

[Mark 1:9-11](#) - <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; <sup>11</sup> and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

[John 3:1-5, 22](#) - <sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into



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his mother's womb and be born?"<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> After this Jesus and his disciples went into the land of Judea; there he remained with them and baptized (Greek-baptizo)

[Mark 16:15-16](#) - <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

[Acts 22:16](#) - <sup>16</sup> And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

[1 Peter 3:21](#) - <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

*From the above passages we can clearly see that baptism is a supernatural event (Jesus' baptism), that it is necessary because Our Lord commanded it, and that it SAVES us.*

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/the-necessity-of-baptism>

Baptism, Infant ([back](#))

[Gen 17:12-14](#) - <sup>12</sup> He that is eight days old among you shall be circumcised; every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house, or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, <sup>13</sup> both he that is born in your house and he that is bought with your money, shall be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant.

[Matthew 19:13-15](#) - <sup>13</sup> Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people; <sup>14</sup> but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." <sup>15</sup> And he laid his hands on them and went away.

[Colossians 2:11-12](#) - <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

*Sacred Scripture refers to baptism as the "circumcision of Christ." Circumcision was legitimately performed on infants, bringing them into the old covenant. Additionally, Jesus rebuked His disciples for preventing children from being brought to Him. He did not make an exception to prevent very little children.*



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[2 Timothy 3:14-17](#) - <sup>14</sup> I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, <sup>15</sup> if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. <sup>16</sup> Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

[2 Peter 1:20-21](#) - <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

[2 Peter 3:15-16](#) - <sup>15</sup> And count the forbearance of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures.

[1 John 4:1, 6](#) - <sup>1</sup> Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world...<sup>6</sup> We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

*These passages point out that the Church, not the Bible, is responsible for conveying revealed truth to the world and that private interpretation, that is, interpretation outside of the interpretation provided by the apostles and their successors, is NOT reliable.*

Brothers of Jesus ([back](#))

[Mark 6:3](#) - <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

[Matthew 10:2-4](#) - <sup>2</sup> The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

[Matthew 27:55-56](#) - <sup>55</sup> There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; <sup>56</sup> among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

*Each person described as the brother of Jesus, by name happen to have a mother other than Jesus' mother, Mary.*



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Confession ([back](#))

[John 20:19-23](#) - <sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

[Mark 2:7](#) - <sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Crucifixes ([back](#))

[Galatians 3:1](#) - <sup>1</sup> O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?

[1 Corinthians 1:23](#) - <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

Confirmation ([back](#))

[Acts 8:14-17](#) - <sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; <sup>16</sup> for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

[Acts 19:1-6](#) - <sup>1</sup> While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Faith and Works ([back](#))

[Galatians 2:15-16](#) - <sup>15</sup> We ourselves, who are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners, <sup>16</sup> yet who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not!



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[Galatians 3:5-6](#) - <sup>5</sup> Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith? <sup>6</sup> Thus Abraham "believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

[James 2:14-26](#) - <sup>14</sup> What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But some one will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe -- and shudder. <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you shallow man, that faith apart from works is barren? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works, <sup>23</sup> and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> And in the same way was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.

Hell ([back](#))

[Matthew 3:10-12](#) - <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

[Matthew 13:47-50](#) - <sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.

[Matthew 18:8-9](#) - <sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

[Mark 9:42-48](#) - <sup>42</sup> "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>44</sup> <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with



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one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>49</sup> For every one will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Holy Spirit ([back](#))

[1 Corinthians 2:10-13](#) - <sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit. <sup>14</sup> The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#) - <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

[Matthew 28:19](#) - <sup>6</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Indulgences ([back](#))

[2 Maccabees 12:38-46](#) - <sup>38</sup> Then Judas assembled his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the seventh day was coming on, they purified themselves according to the custom, and they kept the sabbath there. <sup>39</sup> On the next day, as by that time it had become necessary, Judas and his men went to take up the bodies of the fallen and to bring them back to lie with their kinsmen in the sepulchres of their fathers. <sup>40</sup> Then under the tunic of every one of the dead they found sacred tokens of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. And it became clear to all that this was why these men had fallen. <sup>41</sup> So they all blessed the ways of the Lord, the righteous Judge, who reveals the things that are hidden; <sup>42</sup> and they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen.

<sup>43</sup> He also took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. <sup>44</sup> For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. <sup>45</sup> But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. <sup>46</sup> Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.



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[Colossians 1:24](#) - <sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

Jesus is God ([back](#))

[John 8:56-59](#) - <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup> The Jews then said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup> So they took up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

[Exodus 3:14](#) - <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, `I AM has sent me to you.'"

[John 1:1-4](#) - <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God; <sup>3</sup> all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

[John 18:5-6](#) - <sup>5</sup> They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I AM." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When he said to them, "I AM," they drew back and fell to the ground.

[Isaiah 45:5-12](#) - <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I gird you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup> that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe, I am the LORD, who do all these things. <sup>8</sup> "Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth, and let it cause righteousness to spring up also; I the LORD have created it. <sup>9</sup> "Woe to him who strives with his Maker, an earthen vessel with the potter! Does the clay say to him who fashions it, `What are you making'? or `Your work has no handles'? <sup>10</sup> Woe to him who says to a father, `What are you begetting'? or to a woman, `With what are you in travail?'" <sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work of my hands? <sup>12</sup> I made the earth, and created man upon it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.

[John 20:27-29](#) - <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

[Hebrews 1](#) - <sup>1</sup> In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to what angel did God ever say,



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"Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, "Who makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of thy kingdom." <sup>9</sup> Thou hast loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness beyond thy comrades." <sup>10</sup> And, "Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." <sup>13</sup> But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet"? <sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

[Colossians 2:9](#) - <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily,

Marriage and Divorce ([back](#))

[Matthew 5:31-32](#) - <sup>31</sup> "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

[Matthew 17:23-33](#) - <sup>23</sup> The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, <sup>24</sup> saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies, having no children, his brother must marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.' <sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> So too the second and third, down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> After them all, the woman died. <sup>28</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, to which of the seven will she be wife? For they all had her." <sup>29</sup> But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, <sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." <sup>33</sup> And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

[Mark 10:1-12](#) - <sup>1</sup> And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them. <sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." <sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and



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marries another, commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

[1 Corinthians 7:10-11](#) - <sup>10</sup> To the married I give charge, not I but the Lord, that the wife should not separate from her husband <sup>11</sup> (but if she does, let her remain single or else be reconciled to her husband) -- and that the husband should not divorce his wife.

Mary, the Assumption ([back](#))

[Revelation 12:1-6, 13, 17](#) - <sup>1</sup> And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; <sup>2</sup> she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery. <sup>3</sup> And another portent appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his heads. <sup>4</sup> His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, that he might devour her child when she brought it forth; <sup>5</sup> she brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, <sup>6</sup> and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which to be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.....<sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had borne the male child.....<sup>17</sup> Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

[2 Kings 2:11](#) - <sup>11</sup> And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces.

[Matthew 27:51-53](#) - <sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; <sup>52</sup> the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,

Mary, Without Sin ([back](#))

[Romans 3:9-18](#) - <sup>9</sup> What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all; for I have already charged that all men, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin, <sup>10</sup> as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> no one understands, no one seeks for God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned aside, together they have gone wrong; no one does good, not even one." <sup>13</sup> "Their throat is an open grave, they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." <sup>14</sup> "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." <sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood, <sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery, <sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they do not know." <sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

[Psalm 14:2-6](#) - <sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any that act wisely, that seek after God. <sup>3</sup> They have all gone astray, they are all alike corrupt;



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there is none that does good, no, not one. <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD? <sup>5</sup> There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.

[Luke 1:5-6](#) - <sup>5</sup> In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

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[Malachi 1:11](#) - <sup>11</sup> For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

[John 6:22-66](#) - <sup>22</sup> On the next day the people who remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> However, boats from Tiberias came near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the people saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you; for on him has God the Father set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform?" <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; <sup>39</sup> and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." <sup>41</sup> The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Every one who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that



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any one has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "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; <sup>54</sup> he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. <sup>56</sup> He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever." <sup>59</sup> This he said in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." <sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him.

[Luke 22:14-20](#) - <sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

[1 Corinthians 11:23-30](#) - <sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.



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[2 Chronicles 29:25-30](#) - <sup>25</sup> And he stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres, according to the commandment of David and of Gad the king's seer and of Nathan the prophet; for the commandment was from the LORD through his prophets. <sup>26</sup> The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. <sup>27</sup> Then Hezekiah commanded that the burnt offering be offered on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song to the LORD began also, and the trumpets, accompanied by the instruments of David king of Israel. <sup>28</sup> The whole assembly worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. <sup>29</sup> When the offering was finished, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped. <sup>30</sup> And Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed down and worshiped.

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[Matthew 16:16-19](#) - <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

[Isaiah 22:15-24](#) - <sup>15</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, "Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: <sup>16</sup> What have you to do here and whom have you here, that you have hewn here a tomb for yourself, you who hew a tomb on the height, and carve a habitation for yourself in the rock? <sup>17</sup> Behold, the LORD will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you, <sup>18</sup> and whirl you round and round, and throw you like a ball into a wide land; there you shall die, and there shall be your splendid chariots, you shame of your master's house. <sup>19</sup> I will thrust you from your office, and you will be cast down from your station. <sup>20</sup> In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, <sup>21</sup> and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your girdle on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. <sup>22</sup> And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. <sup>23</sup> And I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house. <sup>24</sup> And they will hang on him the whole weight of his father's house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons.

[John 21:15-19](#) - <sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know



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everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, "Follow me."

[Acts 1:15-17, 20-25](#) - <sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, <sup>16</sup> "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry... <sup>18</sup> For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'His office let another take.' <sup>19</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>20</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us -- one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>21</sup> And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>22</sup> And they prayed and said, "Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen <sup>23</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place." <sup>24</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

Prayer, Repetitious ([back](#))

[Matthew 6:7-8](#) - <sup>7</sup> "And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

[Luke 18:2-8](#) - <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; <sup>3</sup> and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

[Matthew 26:36-44](#) - <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were



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heavy. <sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

[Revelation 4:8](#) - <sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to sing, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Praying to Saints ([back](#))

[John 2:1-11](#) - <sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

[Matthew 22:31-32](#) - <sup>31</sup> And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, <sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living."

[Revelation 5:8](#) - <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints;

[Revelation 6:9-11](#) - <sup>9</sup> When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne; <sup>10</sup> they cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before thou wilt judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell upon the earth?" <sup>11</sup> Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

Priests, Call No Man Father ([back](#))

[Matthew 23:8-12](#) - <sup>8</sup> But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. <sup>9</sup> And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. <sup>11</sup> He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; <sup>12</sup> whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.



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[1 Corinthians 4:14-15](#) - <sup>14</sup> I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. <sup>15</sup> For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

[Luke 16:24](#) - <sup>24</sup> And he called out, ' Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.'

Priests, Celibacy ([back](#))

[1 Corinthians 7:32-38](#) - <sup>32</sup> I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; <sup>33</sup> but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. And the unmarried woman or girl is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord. <sup>36</sup> If any one thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry -- it is no sin. <sup>37</sup> But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well.

[Matthew 19:11-12, 29-30](#) - <sup>11</sup> But he said to them, "Not all men can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. <sup>12</sup> For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it." ... <sup>29</sup> And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

Purgatory ([back](#))

[1 Corinthians 3:10-15](#) - <sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw -- <sup>13</sup> each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

[2 Maccabees 12:38-46](#) - <sup>38</sup> Then Judas assembled his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the seventh day was coming on, they purified themselves according to the custom, and they kept the sabbath there. <sup>39</sup> On the next day, as by that time it had become necessary, Judas and his men went to take up the bodies of the fallen and to bring them back to lie with their



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kinsmen in the sepulchres of their fathers. <sup>40</sup> Then under the tunic of every one of the dead they found sacred tokens of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. And it became clear to all that this was why these men had fallen. <sup>41</sup> So they all blessed the ways of the Lord, the righteous Judge, who reveals the things that are hidden; <sup>42</sup> and they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. <sup>43</sup> He also took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. <sup>44</sup> For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. <sup>45</sup> But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. <sup>46</sup> Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.

[Matthew 5:23-26](#) - <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; <sup>26</sup> truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny.

Relics ([back](#))

[Acts 19:11-12](#) - <sup>11</sup> And God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

Salvation, Losing It ([back](#))

[Matthew 10:21-22](#) - <sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

[Matthew 25:31-46](#) - <sup>31</sup> "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he



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will say to those at his left hand, `Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, `Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, `Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' <sup>46</sup> And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

[Mark 4:3-8, 14-20](#) - <sup>3</sup> "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it had not much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil; <sup>6</sup> and when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." ... <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown; when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word which is sown in them. <sup>16</sup> And these in like manner are the ones sown upon rocky ground, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; <sup>17</sup> and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are the ones sown among thorns; they are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> but the cares of the world, and the delight in riches, and the desire for other things, enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But those that were sown upon the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

[Mark 10:17-19](#) - <sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: `Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"

[Phillipians 2:12-13](#) - <sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

[Hebrews 3:18-19](#) - <sup>18</sup> And to whom did he swear that they should never enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.



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Statues ([back](#))

[Numbers 21:6-9](#) - <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> And the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent, and set it on a pole; and if a serpent bit any man, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

[1 Kings 7:25, 29](#) - <sup>25</sup> It stood upon twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east; the sea was set upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.... <sup>29</sup> and on the panels that were set in the frames were lions, oxen, and cherubim. Upon the frames, both above and below the lions and oxen, there were wreaths of beveled work.

Tradition ([back](#))

[Matthew 15:2-9](#) - <sup>2</sup> "Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat." <sup>3</sup> He answered them, "And why do you transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.' <sup>5</sup> But you say, 'If any one tells his father or his mother, What you would have gained from me is given to God, he need not honor his father.' <sup>6</sup> So, for the sake of your tradition, you have made void the word of God. <sup>7</sup> You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: <sup>8</sup> 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>9</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'"

[1 Corinthians 11:2](#) - <sup>2</sup> I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you.

[2 Thessalonians 2:15](#) - <sup>15</sup> So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter....

Wine ([back](#))

[John 2:1-12](#) - <sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but



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you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him. <sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples; and there they stayed for a few days.