

HOLY SPIRIT A PERSON, NOT A FORCE

In 14:26 - "he will teach you all things"
Acts 8:29 - "And the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go up ...'"
Acts 13:2 - "Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me ...'"
Rom 8:27 - "Spirit intercedes for the saints ..."
1 Cor 2:11 - "no one understands thoughts of God, but Spirit knows them ..."
Eph 4:30 - "do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, ..."

MARY

Lk 1:28, 30 - angel: "full of grace, found favor with God"
Lk 1:42 - Elizabeth: "most blessed among women"
Lk 1:48 - Mary: "all generations will call me blessed"

Mother of God

Lk 1:43 - Elizabeth calls her "mother of my Lord" = "God"
Mt 1:23 - virgin bear a son, Emmanuel = "God is with us"
Lk 1:35 - child born will be called holy, the Son of God
Gal 4:4 - God sent his Son, born of a woman

Assumption

Gn 5:24 (Hb 11:5) - Ennoch taken to heaven without dying
2 Ks 2:11 - Elijah assumed into heaven in fiery chariot
Mt 27:52 - many saints who had fallen asleep were raised
1 Thess 4:17 - caught up to meet the Lord in the air
1 Cor 15:52 - we shall be instantly changed at last trumpet
Rom 6:23 - for the wages of sin is death
Rev 11:19-12:1 - ark in heaven = woman clothed with sun

Immaculate Conception

Lk 1:28 - hall full of grace [highly favored] Lord is with you
Lk 1:30 - you have found favor with God
Lk 1:37 - with God nothing shall be impossible
Gn 3:15 - complete enmity between/ woman & Satan, sin
Ex 25:11-21 - ark made of purest gold for God's word
Rom 3:23 - all have sinned & are deprived of God's glory
[quoting Psalm 14 where "all" has explicit exceptions]
*Lk 1:47 - my spirit rejoices in God my savior [a preventative saving from sin, like being kept from falling into a pit, still requires a savior]

Perpetual Virginity

Lk 1:34 - how can this be, since I do not know man
Lk 2:41-51 - age 12, Jesus evidently only son of Mary
*Mt 13:55-56 - brothers James, Joseph, Simon & Jude
Mt 27:56 - Mary the mother of James & Joseph is also
Jn 19:25 - Mary the wife of Clopas
Jn 19:26 - entrusted Mary to John, not a younger sibling
Jn 7:34 - brothers advise like elders: "go to Judea, manifest self" unthinkable for younger siblings (see next verse)
*Mt 3:21 - set out to seize him, "he is out of his mind"
*Mt 1:25 - "Joseph knew her not until she bore first-born"
Mt 28:20 - I am with you always, until end of age
1 Tim 4:13 - until I arrive, attend to reading, teaching ...
1 Cor 15:25 - he must reign until he has enemies underfoot
Lk 1:80 - John in desert until day of his manifestation
Ex 13:2; Nb 3:12 - consecrate first-born that opens womb
Ex 34:20 - first-born among your sons you shall redeem

REPENTIOUS PRAYER

*Mt 6:7 - do not babble like pagans with their many words
1 Ks 18:25-29 - example of vain repetition: call Baal for hours
Mt 26:44 - Jesus prayed a third time, saying same thing again
Rev 4:8 - repeat day & night, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord"
1 Thess 5:17 - pray without ceasing

CALL NO MAN FATHER? (*MT 23:9)

Mt 19:19 - Jesus confirms commandment "Honor father & mother"
Mt 3:9 - Jesus calls Abraham "father"
Mt 5:29-30 - Jesus uses hyperbole "pluck out eye; cut off hand"
Acts 7:2 - St. Stephen calls Jewish leaders "fathers"
Acts 21:40, 22:1 - St. Paul calls Jerusalem Jews "fathers"
Rom 4:16-17 - Abraham called "the father of us all"
1 Cor 4:14-15 - I became your father in Christ thru gospel
Tit 1:4 - my true child in our common faith
Hb 12:7-9 - we have earthly fathers to discipline us
Lk 14:26 - if anyone comes to me w/o hating his father ...
1 Thess 2:11 - we treated you as a father treats his children
Philem 10 - whose father I became in my imprisonment
1 Jn 2:13, 14 - I write to you, fathers, because you know him

SCANDALS IN THE CHURCH

Jer 23:23-25 - OT leaders & priests offered child sacrifices
2 Ks 23:7 - OT cult prostitutes in the temple of the Lord
Jn 4:22 - in spite of their infidelity, salvation is from Jews

Mk 14:43-46 - Judas betrayed Jesus

Mk 14:66-72 - Peter denied him
Jn 20:24-25 - Thomas refused to believe his resurrection
Mk 14:50 - they all left him & fled in garden of Gethsemane
Rom 3:3-4 - if we are infidelities nullify fidelity of God? No!
2 Tim 2:13 - if we are unfaithful, God remains faithful
Mt 13:24-30 - parable of the weeds among the wheat
Mt 13:47-48 - parable of net that collects good and bad

CELIBACY

*1 Tim 4:1-3 - forbidding marriage is a doctrine of demons
*1 Tim 3:2 - bishop must be married only once
Eph 5:21-33 - marriage is good; holy symbol of Christ & church
Mt 19:12 - celibacy praised by Jesus, who was celibate
Jer 16:1-4 - Jeremiah told not to take wife & have children
1 Cor 7:8 - St. Paul was celibate
1 Cor 7:32-35 - celibacy recommended for full-time ministers
2 Tim 2:34 - no soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits
1 Tim 5:9-12 - pledge of celibacy taken by older widows

FASTING (*1 TIM 4:3)

Mk 7:19 - Christ declared all foods clean
1 Tim 4:4-5 - everything created by God is good
Dan 10:3 - Daniel refused to eat choice foods for 3 weeks
Mt 9:15 - Christ's followers will fast once he is gone
Mt 6:16-18 - Jesus gave regulations concerning how to fast

PURGATORY

Mt 5:48 - be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect
Hb 12:14 - strive for that holiness w/o which cannot see God
Jn 3:2 - we all fall short in many respects
Rev 21:27 - nothing unclean shall enter heaven
1 Jn 5:16-17 - degrees of sins distinguished
Jm 1:14-15 - when sin reaches maturity gives birth to death
2 Sam 12:13-14 - David, though forgiven, still punished for sin
Mt 5:26 - you will not be released until paid last penny
Mt 12:32 - sin against Holy Spirit unforgiven in this age or next
Mt 12:36 - account for every idle word on judgment day
2 Mac 12:44-46 - atoned for dead to free them from sin
1 Cor 3:15 - suffer loss, but saved as through fire
1 Pet 3:18-20:46 - Jesus preached to the spirits in prison
2 Tim 1:16-18 - Paul prays for dead friend Onesiphorus
1 Cor 15:29-18 - Paul mentions people baptizing for the dead

HELL

Is 33:11, 14 - who of us can live with the everlasting flames
Mt 25:41 - depart, you accursed, into the eternal fire
Lk 25:46 - these will go off to eternal punishment
Lk 3:16-17 - the chaff he will burn in unquenchable fire
2 Thess 1:6-9 - these will pay the penalty of eternal ruin

ORIGINAL SIN

Gn 2:16-17 - the day you eat of that tree, you shall die
Gn 3:11-19 - God's punishment: for eating of the tree
Rom 5:12-19 - many became sinners through one man's sin
1 Cor 15:21-23 - by a man came death; in Adam all die
Eph 2:1-3 - we all once lived in the passions of our flesh

INFANT BAPTISM

Jn 3:5; Mk 16:16 - baptism required for entering heaven
1 Cor 15:21-22 - in Adam all die, in Christ all made alive
Mk 10:14 - let children come; to such belongs the kingdom
Lk 18:15 - people were bringing even infants to him ...
Col 2:11-12 - baptism has replaced circumcision
Jos 24:15 - as for me and my house, we will serve Lord
Mt 8:5-11 - servant healed b/c of Canaanite woman's faith
Mt 15:21-28 - daughter healed b/c of Canaanite woman's faith
Lk 7:11 - just say the word, and let my servant be healed
Acts 16:31 - believe in Lord Jesus you & house will be saved
Acts 16:15 - she was baptized, with all her household
Acts 16:33 - he and all his family were baptized at once
1 Cor 1:16 - I baptized the household of Stephanas
St. Hippolytus of Rome (c. AD 215): "Baptize first the children; and if they can speak for themselves, let them do so. Otherwise, let their parents or other relatives speak for them."
*The Apostolic Tradition 21.
Origen (post AD 244): "the Church received from the apostles the tradition of giving baptism also to infants."
Commentary on Romans 5, 9.

In AD 252, council of Carthage condemned the opinion that newborns must wait until the 8th day to be baptized, like OT circumcision. St. Cyprian of Carthage, Letter 64 (59), 2.

CONFIRMATION

Acts 8:14-17 - laid hands upon them, they received Holy Spirit

2 Cor 12:1-22 - put seal on us & given Holy Spirit in our hearts
Eph 1:13 - you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit
Hb 6:2 - instruction about baptism & laying on of hands

CONFESSION

Mt 9:2-8 - Son of Man has authority to forgive sins
In 20:23 - whose sins you forgive/retain are forgiven/retained
In 20:22 - breathed on them, "receive Holy Spirit" [recall Gn 2:7]
2 Cor 5:17-20 - given us the ministry of reconciliation
James 5:13-15 - prayer of presbyters forgives sin

Jam 5:16 - confess your sins to one another
Mt 18:18 - whatever you bind & loose on earth, so it is in heaven
1 Jn 5:16 - there is sin that is not deadly

ANONING: THE SICK

Mk 6:12-13 - anointed with oil many sick, cured them
Jam 5:14-15 - presbyters pray over sick, anoint, sins forgiven

HOLY ORDERS

Acts 20:28 - HS appointed you overseers, to tend church
Lk 22:19 - do this in memory of me
In 20:22 - as Father sent me, I send you...receive HS
Acts 6:6 - apostles prayed and laid hands on them
Acts 13:3 - they laid hands on them & sent them off
Acts 14:22 - they appointed presbyters in each church
1 Tim 4:14 - gift received thru laying on of hands of presbyterate
2 Tim 1:6 - gift of God you have thru imposition of hands
Tit 1:5 - appoint presbyters in every town, as I directed you

MATRIMONY

Mt 19:5-6 - leave father & mother, join wife, become 1 flesh
Mk 10:7-12 - what God joined together, no man separate
Eph 5:22-32 - union of man & wife image of Christ & Church
Hb 13:4 - let marriage be honored among all

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Mal 2:14-16 - for I hate divorce, says the Lord
Mt 5:32-33 - to divorce or marry divorced wife is adultery
Mt 19:4-6, 9 - to divorce wife and remarry is adultery
Mk 10:11-12 - if either divorces and remarries=adultery
Lk 16:18 - to divorce or remarry or marry divorced=adultery
Rom 7:2-3 - wife consorts=adultery if living, but not if dead
1 Cor 7:10-11 - if wife separates, stay single or reconcile

CONTRACEPTION

Gn 12:7-28 (Gn 9:1; 35:11) - be fruitful and multiply
Ps 127:3-5 - children gift from God, blessed is a full quiver
1 Chr 25:5 - God gave 14 sons & 3 daughters to exalt him
1 Chr 26:4-5 - God indeed blessed Obed-edom with 8 sons
Hos 9:10-17 - Israel is punished with childlessness
Ex 23:25-26 - blessings promised: no miscarrying, barrenness
Dt 7:13-14 - you will be blessed: no male or female barrenness
Gn 38:9-10 - Onan killed for spilling his seed on ground
Dt 25:5-10 - penalty for defying Levirate law: not death
Lv 20:13 - if man lies with man, put to death (wasting seed)
Note: no similar penalty prescribed for lesbian actions or relations between single man & single woman (Dt 22:28-29)
Lv 20:15 - if man lies with animal, put to death (sterile sex)
Lv 20:16 - woman lies with animal, put to death (sterile sex)
Dt 23:1 - no one who is castrated shall enter the assembly
Dt 25:11-12 - punishment for potential damage to genitals
Rom 1:25-27 - natural function of women (=childbearing)
1 Tim 2:11-15 - women saved thru the bearing of children

Act 5:11-11 - Ananias/Sapphira slam-withholding part of gift
Gal 6:7 - God is not mocked-accepting pleasure, denying fruit
Mt 21:19 - Mk 11:14 - Jesus cursed fruitless fig tree
Gal 5:20:18 - 21:8-Greek pharmakeia=abortifacient potions
1 Cor 6:19-20 - body temple of HS, glorify God in body

HOMOSEXUALITY

Gn 1:27 - complementarity of sexes reflects God's inner unity
Gn 19 - original sin deteriorates to Sodom's self, destroyed
Gn 19:23 - called abomination, cut off from people (v.29)
Lv 20:13 - both shall be put to death for abominable deed
Rom 1:27 - called unnatural, shameful, and a perversity
1 Cor 6:9 - active homosexuals won't inherit kingdom of God
1 Tim 1:9-10 - those who engage in such acts called "sinners"

DRINKING WINE

Gn 27:25 - Isaac brought Jacob wine, and he drank
Dt 14:23-26 - spend money on sheep, wine, & strong drink
Prov 20:1 - wine is a mocker, unwise to be led astray by it
Eccl 9:7 - drink your wine with merry heart - God approves
Is 25:6 - God will provide feast of rich foods & choice wines

Is 5:11 - vove to those rise early & run after strong drink
Is 5:22 - vove to those who are heroes at drinking wine
Lk 7:33-34 - Son of Man eats & drinks; behold glutton & drunk
In 22:10 - miracle at Cana: water turned into good wine
Eph 5:18 - do not get drunk with wine, that is debauchery
1 Tim 5:23 - drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Eph 1:22-23 - he is head of the church, which is his body
Eph 5:21-32 - Christ is head of church, savior of the body
Col 1:18, 24 - he is the head of the body; the church
1 Cor 12:12-27 - if 1 suffers, all suffer; if 1 honored, all rejoice
Rom 12:5 - we are 1 body in Christ, indiv, parts of one another
Eph 4:4 - one body, one Spirit, called to one hope
Col 3:15 - you were called in one body
Rom 8:35-39 - death cannot separate us from Christ
Rom 12:10 - love one another with mutual affection
1 Thess 5:11 - encourage, build up one another
Gal 6:10 - let us do good to all, esp. those in family of faith

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TO SAINTS

Rom 15:30 - join me by your prayers to God on my behalf
Col 4:3; 1 Thess 5:25 - pray for us
2 Th 1:11 - we always pray for you
2 Th 3:1 - finally, brothers, pray for us
Eph 6:18-19 - making supplication for all the saints & for me
Tob 12:12 - angel presents Tobit & Sarah's prayer to God
Rev 5:8 - angel offers prayers of the holy ones to God
*Saints dead, prayer is necromancy (Dt 18:10-11)
Mk 12:26-27 - he is God of the living, not of the dead
Mk 9:4 - Jesus seen conversing with Elijah and Moses
Lk 23:43 - this day you will be with me in paradise
Rev 6:9-11 - martyrs under altar wait earthly vindication
Hb 12:1 - we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses
Lk 16:19-30 - departed rich man intercedes for brothers
Rev 20:4 - saw the souls of those who had been beheaded
Wis 3:1-6 - the souls of the just are in the hand of God

*1 Tim 2:5 -One mediator between God and man"

1 Tim 2:1-7 - offer prayers, petitions for all men
1 Pet 2:5 - be a holy priesthood to offer sacrifices thru Christ
Mk 10:18 - only God is good
Mt 25:23 - well done my good and faithful servant
Jn 10:11-16 - I am good shepherd; one sheep
Jn 11:15-16 - feed my lambs, tend my sheep
Eph 4:11 - he gave some as apostles ... others as pastors
Hb 3:1, 7:24, 9:12-13 - Jesus eternal high priest; one sacrifice
Rev 1:6, 5:10 - he made us a kingdom of priests for God

VENERATION OF SAINTS

Jos 5:14 - Joshua fell prostrate in worship before angel
Dan 8:17 - Daniel fell prostrate in terror before Gabriel
Tob 12:16 - Tobiah & Tobit fall to ground before Raphael
Mt 18:10 - angels in heaven always behold face of God (we venerate angels because of their great dignity, which comes from their union with God. Saints also united with God)
1 Jn 3:2 - we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is
1 Thess 1:5-8 - you became an example to all the believers
Hb 13:7 - remember leaders, consider/imitate their faith & life

RELICS

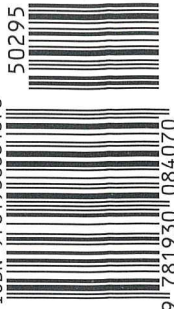
2 Ks 13:20-21 - contact with Elisha's bones restored life
Acts 5:15-16 - cures performed through Peter's shadow
Acts 19:11-12 - cures through face cloths that touched Paul

STATUES

*Ex 20:4-5 - do not make and worship any graven images
Ex 25:18-19 - make two cherubim of beaten gold
Num 21:8-9 - Moses made bronze serpent & put on pole
1 Ks 6:23-29 - temple had engraved cherubim, trees, flowers
1 Ks 7:25-45 - temple had bronze oxen, lions, pomegranates

* Indicates verses used to challenge Catholic doctrines.

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