

CHURCH

Mt 16:18-19 - upon this rock I will build my Church ...
Mt 18:17-18 - if he refuses to listen even to Church ...
Mt 28:18-20 - go baptize and teach all nations
Mk 16:15-16 - go to whole world and proclaim gospel!
Lk 10:16 - whoever hears you, hears me; rejects you, rejects me
Jn 14:16, 26 - Holy Spirit w/ you always, teach/remind everything
Jn 16:13 - Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth
1 Tim 3:15 - Church is the pillar & foundation of truth

CHURCH IS BODY OF CHRIST

Col 1:18 - he is the head of the body, the church
1 Cor 12:20-27 - you are Christ's body, individually parts of it
Eph 5:30 - we are members of his body
Rom 12:4-5 - though many, we are one body in Christ
1 Cor 6:15 - don't you know your bodies are members of Christ

THE CHURCH MUST BE ONE

Jn 10:16 - there shall be one fold and one shepherd
Eph 4:3-6 - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God & Father
Rom 16:17 - avoid those who create dissensions
1 Cor 1:10 - I urge that there be no divisions among you
Phil 2:2 - be of same mind, united in heart, thinking one thing
Rom 15:5 - God grant you to think in harmony w/ one another
Jn 17:17-23 - I pray that they may be one, as we are one
Mt 17:24 - that they may be brought to perfection as one
1 Cor 12:13 - in one spirit we were baptized into one body
Rom 12:5 - we, though many, are one body in Christ
Eph 4:4 - one body, one Spirit, called to one hope
Col 3:15 - the peace into which you were called in one body
St. Cyprian (c. AD 250): "God is one and Christ is one, and is His Church, and the faith is one, and His people united together by the glue of concord into a solid unity of body. Unity cannot be rent asunder, nor can the one body of the Church, through the division of its structure, be divided into separate pieces." *On the Unity of the Church* 23.
Tertullian (AD 197): "We are a society with a single religious feeling, a single unity of discipline, a single bond of hope." *Apology* 39, 1.

St. Hillary (AD 4th cen): "In the Scriptures our people are shown to be made one; so that just as many grains collected into one ground and mingled together, make one loaf, so in Christ, who is the heavenly Bread, we know there is one body, in which our whole company in joined and united." *Treatise* 62, 13.

APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Jn 15:16 - Jesus chose special men to be his Apostles
Jn 20:21 - Jesus gave the Apostles his own mission
Mt 28:29-30 - Jesus gave them a kingdom
Mt 16:18 - Jesus built Church on Peter, the rock
Jn 10:16 - one shepherd to shepherd Christ's sheep
Lk 22:32 - Jn 21:17 - Peter appointed to be chief shepherd
Eph 4:11 - church leaders are hierarchical
1 Tim 3:1, 8; 5:17 - identifies roles of bishops, priests, deacons
Tit 1:5 - commission for bishops to ordain priests

AUTHORITATIVE CHURCH

Mt 28:18-20 - Jesus delegates all power to Apostles
Jn 20:23 - power to forgive sin
1 Cor 11:23-24 - power to offer sacrifice (Eucharist)
Lk 10:16 - power to speak with Christ's voice
Mt 18:18 - power to legislate
Mt 18:17 - power to discipline
St. Irenaeus (c. AD 200): "...the Church, having received this preaching and this faith, although she is disseminated throughout the whole world, yet guarded it, as if she occupied but one house. She likewise believes these things just as if she had one soul and one and the same heart; and harmoniously she proclaims them and teaches them and hands them down, as if she possessed but one mouth." *Against Heresies* 1, 10, 2.
Eusebius of Caesarea (AD 4th cen): "But the brightness of the Catholic Church proceeded to increase in greatness, for it ever held to the same points in the same way, and radiated forth to all the race of Greeks and barbarians the reverent, sincere, and free nature, and the sobriety and purity of the divine teaching as to conduct and thought." *Ecclesiastical History* 4, 7, 13.
St. Augustine (AD 392): "The Catholic Church is the work of Divine Providence, achieved through the prophecies of the prophets, through the Incarnation and the teaching of Christ, through the journeys of the Apostles, through the suffering, the crosses, the blood and death of the martyrs, through the admirable lives of the saints.... When, then, we see so much help on God's part, so much progress and so much fruit, shall we

St. Justin Martyr (AD 150): "...not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but ... as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nourished, is both the Flesh and Blood of that incarnated Jesus." *First Apology* 66, 20.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons (AD 195): "He [Jesus] has declared the cup, a part of his creation, to be His own Blood, from which He causes our blood to flow; and the Bread, a part of creation, He has established as His own Body, from which He gives increase to our bodies." *Against Heresies* 5, 2, 2.
St. Cyril of Jerusalem (AD 350): "He himself, therefore, having declared and said of the Bread, 'This is My Body,' who will dare any longer to doubt? And when He Himself has affirmed and said, 'This is My Blood,' who can ever hesitate and say it is not His Blood?" *Catechetical Lectures: Mystagogia* 4, 22, 1.

St. Cyril again: "Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that, for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the Body and Blood of Christ." *ibid.* 4, 22, 6.

BIBLE ALONE OR BIBLE PLUS TRADITION?

1 Cor 11:2 - hold fast to traditions I handed on to you
2 Thess 2:15 - hold fast to traditions, whether oral or by letter
2 Thess 3:6 - shun those acting not according to tradition
Jn 21:25 - not everything Jesus said recorded in Scripture
Mk 13:31 - heaven & earth shall pass away, but my word won't
Acts 20:35 - Paul records a saying of Jesus not found in gospels
2 Tim 1:13 - follow my sound words; guard the truth
2 Tim 2:2 - what you heard entrust to faithful men
2 Pet 1:20 - no prophecy is a matter of private interpretation
2 Pet 3:15-16 - Paul's letters can be difficult to grasp & interpret
1 Pet 1:25 - God's eternal word-what is heard
Rom 10:17 - faith comes from what is heard
1 Cor 15:1-2 - being saved if you hold fast to the word I preached
Mk 16:15 - go to whole world, proclaim gospel to every creature
Mt 23:2-3 - chair of Moses; observe whatever they tell you
St. Athanasius (AD 360): "let us note that the very tradition, teaching, and faith of the Catholic Church from the beginning, which the Lord gave, was preached by the Apostles, and was preserved by the Fathers. On this was the Church founded; and if anyone departs from this, he neither is nor any longer ought to be called a Christian..." *Four Letters to Serapion of Thimus* 1, 28.

Origen (c. AD 230): "The teaching of the Church has indeed been handed down through an order of succession from the Apostles, and remains in the Churches even to the present time. That alone is to be believed as the truth which is in no way at variance with ecclesiastical and apostolic tradition." *Fundamental Doctrines* 1, preface, 2.

TRADITION CONDEMNED?

*Mt 15:3 - break commandment of God for your tradition
*Mk 7:9 - set aside God's commandment, to uphold tradition
*Col 2:8 - seductive philosophy according to human tradition
1 Cor 11:2 - commands them for following Apostolic tradition
2 Thess 2:15 - commands them to keep traditions
2 Thess 3:6 - shun those acting not according to tradition

FAITH ALONE OR FAITH PLUS WORKS?

Jam 2:24 - a man is justified by works and not by faith alone
Jam 2:26 - faith without works is dead
Gal 5:6 - only thing that counts is faith working in love
1 Cor 13:2 - faith without love is nothing
Jn 14:15 - if you love me, keep my commandments
Mt 19:16-17 - if wish to enter into life, keep commandments

HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED?

Past Event (I have been saved)
Rom 8:24 - in hope we were saved
Eph 2:5, 8 - by grace you have been saved through faith
2 Tim 1:9 - he saved us, called us, according to his grace
Tit 3:5 - he saved us thru bath of rebirth, renewal by Holy Spirit
Present Process (I am being saved)
Phil 2:12 - work out your salvation with fear and trembling
1 Pet 1:9 - as you attain the goal of your faith, salvation
Future Event (I will be saved)
Mt 10:22 - he who endures to the end will be saved
Mt 24:13 - he who perseveres to the end will be saved
Mk 8:35 - whoever loses his life for my sake will save it

Acts 15:11 - we shall be saved through the grace of Jesus
Rom 5:9-10 - since we are justified, we shall be saved
Rom 13:11 - salvation is nearer now than first believed
1 Cor 3:15 - he will be saved, but only as through fire
1 Cor 5:5 - deliver man to Satan so his spirit may be saved
Heb 9:28 - Jesus will appear second time, to bring salvation

GOOD WORKS

Mt 7:21 - not lord Lord, but he who does the will of father
Mt 19:16-17 - to have life, keep the commandments
Jn 14:21 - he who keeps my commandments loves me
Rom 2:2-8 - eternal life by perseverance in good works
Gal 5:4 - nothing counts but faith working through love
Eph 2:8-10 - we are created in Christ Jesus for good works
Phil 2:12-13 - work out salvation with fear and trembling
Jam 2:14-24 - a man is justified by works & not faith alone

JUDGED ACCORDING TO DEEDS

Rom 2:5-8 - God will repay each man according to his works
2 Cor 5:10 - recompense accord to what did in body
2 Cor 11:15 - their end will correspond to their deeds
1 Pet 1:17 - God judges impartially according to one's works
Rev 20:12-13 - dead judged according to their deeds
Col 3:24-25 - will receive due payment for whatever you do

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION?

Mt 7:21 - not everyone saying "Lord, Lord" will inherit
Mt 24:13 - those who persevere to the end will be saved
Rom 11:22 - remain in his kindness or you will be cut off
Phil 2:12 - work out your salvation in fear and trembling
1 Cor 9:27 - drive body for fear of being disqualified
1 Cor 10:11-12 - those thinking they are secure, may fall
Gal 5:4 - separated from Christ, you've fallen from grace
2 Tim 2:11-13 - must hold out to end to reign with Christ
Heb 6:4-6 - describes sharers in Holy Spirit who then fall away
Heb 10:26-27 - if sin after receiving truth, judgement remains

REGENERATIVE BAPTISM

Jn 3:5, 22 - born of water & Spirit; Apostles begin baptizing
Tit 3:5 - saved us thru bath of rebirth & renewal by Holy Spirit
Acts 22:16 - get selves baptized, receive gift of Holy Spirit
Acts 22:16 - get selves baptized and sins washed away
1 Cor 6:11 - you were washed, sanctified, justified
Rom 6:4 - baptized into death; live in newness of life
1 Pet 3:21 - baptism ... now saves you
Heb 10:22 - heart sprinkled, bodies washed in pure water

HEALTH AND WEALTH GOSPEL?

Mt 10:38 - no "take cross and follow me" = not worthy of me
Rm 8:16-17 - heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him
Rm 8:18 - present suffering nothing compared w/ future glory
Phil 1:28-29 - granted to believe, also to suffer for him
Col 1:24 - filling up what is lacking in Christ sufferings
Heb 12:5-7 - whom God loves, he disciplines as sons
Heb 12:11 - discipline seems painful, but brings righteousness
1 Pet 1:6 - for a while you must suffer various trials
1 Pet 2:19-21 - suffering=grace; Jesus suffered as our example

DIVINITY OF JESUS

Jn 1:1 - the Word was God
Jn 1:14-15 - glory of Father's only Son, full of grace and truth
Jn 8:19 - if you knew me, you would know my Father
Jn 8:58-59 - I assure you, before Abraham was, I AM
Jn 10:30-33 - the Father and I are one (See Ex 3:14, 20:7, Lev 19:12, 24:14-16)

Jn 10:38 - the father is in me and I am in the Father
Jn 12:45 - whoever sees me sees the one who sent me
Jn 14:8-12 - whoever has seen has seen the Father
Jn 20:28 - Jesus accepts Thomas's "my Lord and my God"
Col 2:9 - in him dwells whole fullness of deity bodily
Acts 20:28 - church of God he acquired w/ his blood
Eph 1:7 - in him we have redemption by his blood
Jn 1:7 - blood of his Son Jesus cleanses from all sin
Tit 2:13 - glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ

TIME OF SECOND COMING UNKNOWN

Mt 24:44 - be prepared, Jesus coming at unexpected hour
Mk 25:13 - stay awake, you know neither the day nor hour
Mk 13:35-37 - watch, unknown when lord of house coming
Lk 12:46 - master will come at unexpected day and hour
1 Thess 5:2-3 - day of Lord will come like thief in night
2 Pet 3:9-10 - day of Lord will come like a thief
Rev 3:3 - if not watchful, will come like a thief
Mt 24:36 - no one but Father alone knows day and hour