

**A Biblical Study of
The Catechism
of the Catholic Church:
Bible Answers to the Most
Frequently Asked Questions
about Catholic Beliefs and Practices**

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**WHAT IS THE
CATECHISM
OF THE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH?**

*“essential and
fundamental
contents of Catholic
doctrine” (CCC, 11)*

“I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith and thus a valid and legitimate instrument for ecclesial communion.” (CCC, Fidei Depositum, Pope John Paul)

“The presentation of
doctrine must be
biblical”

(CCC, *Fidei
Depositum*,

Pope John Paul II)

“useful reading
for all other
Christian faithful”
(CCC, 12)

“For a deeper understanding of such passages, the reader should refer to the Scriptural texts themselves. Such Biblical references are a valuable working-tool in catechesis” (CCC, 19)

Deuteronomy 4.1–2

“You shall not add
to the word that I
command you, nor
take from it

Proverbs 30:5–6 “Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.” (ESV)

John 14:26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” (ESV)

Does the Catechism
of the Catholic
Church go beyond
the teachings of
Jesus? Is it biblical?

Why is there such a gap
in time (350 years)
between some of the
early church writings that
correspond to the claims
of the catechism
authority?

Why are there so many
internal inconsistencies in
the Catechism of the
Catholic Church?

(note: see chapter towards
the end that specifically
addresses this concern)

Why do some doctrines of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (purgatory, indulgences, etc.) validated later on in church history and mostly by tradition with little Scripture?

What does
John 14:26 say about
who we access
directly and primarily
for help in teaching?

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