

**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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**WHO CAN TEACH
AUTHORITATIVELY?**

**CAN ONLY CATHOLIC
PRIESTS, BISHOPS, &
POPE INTERPRET
THE BIBLE?**

“It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture, and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.” (CCC 95)

“The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living, teaching office of the Church alone” (CCC 85)

“The task of interpreting the Word of God authentically has been entrusted solely to the Magisterium of the Church, that is, to the Pope and to the bishops in communion with him.”

(CCC 100)

Psalm 19:7–14

“The law of the
LORD is
perfect”

Hebrews 4:14–16

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Ephesians 1:17–18 “that
the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father
of glory, may give you the
Spirit of wisdom and of
revelation in the
knowledge of him”

John 16:13

“When the Spirit of
truth comes, he will
guide you into
all the truth”

What does it mean to say
that the Bible cannot stand
without the Roman Catholic
Tradition and Magisterium?
Is that a biblical claim?

Why do some of the more controversial Catholic teachings (indulgences, purgatory, penance, transubstantiation, baptismal regeneration, veneration of and prayer to Mary and the saints, etc.) come primarily from the Deuterocanon/Apocrypha (i.e. books not usually found in Protestant Bibles) and Tradition?

Has the Catholic
Church been faithful
to God's truth and
love over the past
two millennia?

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