

TRADITION

1994 CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

1. **The teachings of the Apostles**

The apostles entrusted the “Sacred deposit” of the faith contained in the Sacred Scriptures and Tradition, to the whole of the Church. **(No. 84)**

2. **A part of the Church body itself**

According to a saying of the Church Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church’s heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God’s Word. **(No. 113)**

3. **Teaching for all generations**

The apostles left bishops as their successors . . . This living transmission, accomplished in the Holy Spirit is called Tradition, since it is distinct from Sacred Scripture,. . . Through Tradition, “the Church, in her doctrine, life, and worship perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes. **(Nos. 77-78)**

4. **Contradictions?**

If the Bible contradicts God’s revelation through Tradition, then the Bible is to be laid aside and the Tradition upheld. **(Dictionary of the Papal Bible 1976)**

5. **Certainty?**

. . . The Church does not draw her certainty about all revealed truths from the Holy Scriptures alone. Hence, both Scripture and Tradition **MUST** be accepted and **HONORED** with equal devotion and reverence. **(No.82)**

6. **Interpretation?**

All that has been said about the manner of interpreting Scripture is ultimately subject to the judgment of the Church . . . But I would not believe in the Gospel had not the authority of the Catholic Church already moved me. **(No.119)**

7. **Heart Felt Transmission?**

“Tradition is the word living continuously in the heart’s of the faithful” “. . . written principally in the Church’s heart rather than in documents and records.” **(No.113)**

SCRIPTURES RESPONSE

*Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. **Prov 30:6***

*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. **Rev 22:18-19***

*Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. **Mark 7:7-13***

*To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. **Isa 8:20***

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **2 Tim 2:15***

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Rom 10:17***

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Rom 10:10-17***

*Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. 3 But he (Jesus) answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? **Matt 15:2-3***

*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. **Col 2:8***

*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. 22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **1 Peter 1:18-23***