

**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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**HOW DO WE  
KNOW  
TRUTH?**

“Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing and move towards the same goal.” (CCC 80)

“the apostolic preaching,  
which is expressed in a  
special way in the  
inspired books, was to be  
preserved in a continuous  
line of succession until  
the end of time” (CCC, 77)

“As a result the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, ‘does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence” (CCC 82)

“to the Church belongs the right always and everywhere to announce moral principles, including those pertaining to the social order, and to make judgments on any human affairs” (CCC 2032)

“The Roman Pontiff and the bishops are ‘authentic teachers, that is, teachers endowed with the authority of Christ, who preach the faith to be believed and put into practice’ (CCC 2034)

1 Timothy 6:3–5 “If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, [4] he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, [5] and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.” (ESV)



2 Timothy 3:16–17 “All  
Scripture is breathed out by  
God and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, and  
for training in righteousness,  
[17] that the man of God may be  
complete, equipped for every  
good work.” (ESV)

2 Corinthians 13:5 “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!” (ESV)

How does 2  
Timothy 3:16-17  
describe the Bible?

What does 2 Corinthians 13:5 say about salvation? How do we test ourselves according to Scripture?

1) Would Galatians 5:19-24 be a good test, why?

2) How would the book of 1 John help to test the genuineness of our faith?

3) How does the parable of the sower help us to understand what salvation looks like? (Matthew 13:18–23)

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