

**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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**DOES CHURCH  
TRADITION  
CHANGE?  
DOES GOD'S  
REVELATION  
CONTINUE?**

“In light of Tradition,  
these traditions can be  
retained, modified or  
even abandoned under  
the guidance of the  
Church’s magisterium”  
(CCC 83)

“We believe all ‘that which is contained in the word of God, written or handed down, and which the Church proposes for belief as divinely revealed’”

(CCC 182)

Malachi 3:6

“For I the Lord  
do not change”

Jude 3–4 “I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. [4] For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God”

2 Peter 1:21 “For no  
prophecy was ever  
produced by the will of  
man, but men spoke from  
God as they were carried  
along by the Holy Spirit.”

(ESV)

Since the Bible is complete and purposed to describe God to us, why does it need to be added to by Tradition if God does not change?



If Tradition is divinely inspired, why does it change with time and church leadership when the Bible does not? Why have parts been edited out and added in?

Why would it be so serious and dangerous to add words, verses, or passages to the Bible?

How do we discern if a prophet or teacher is true or false? How do we recognize a “different gospel”?

Why does God give us so many warnings about false teachers?

Where are the  
Bible and The  
Catechism of the  
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similar? Different?

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