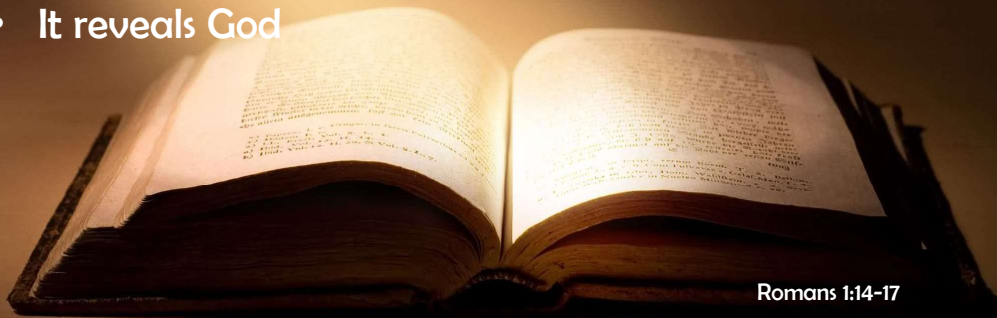


Revelation & Faith

Preach the Gospel

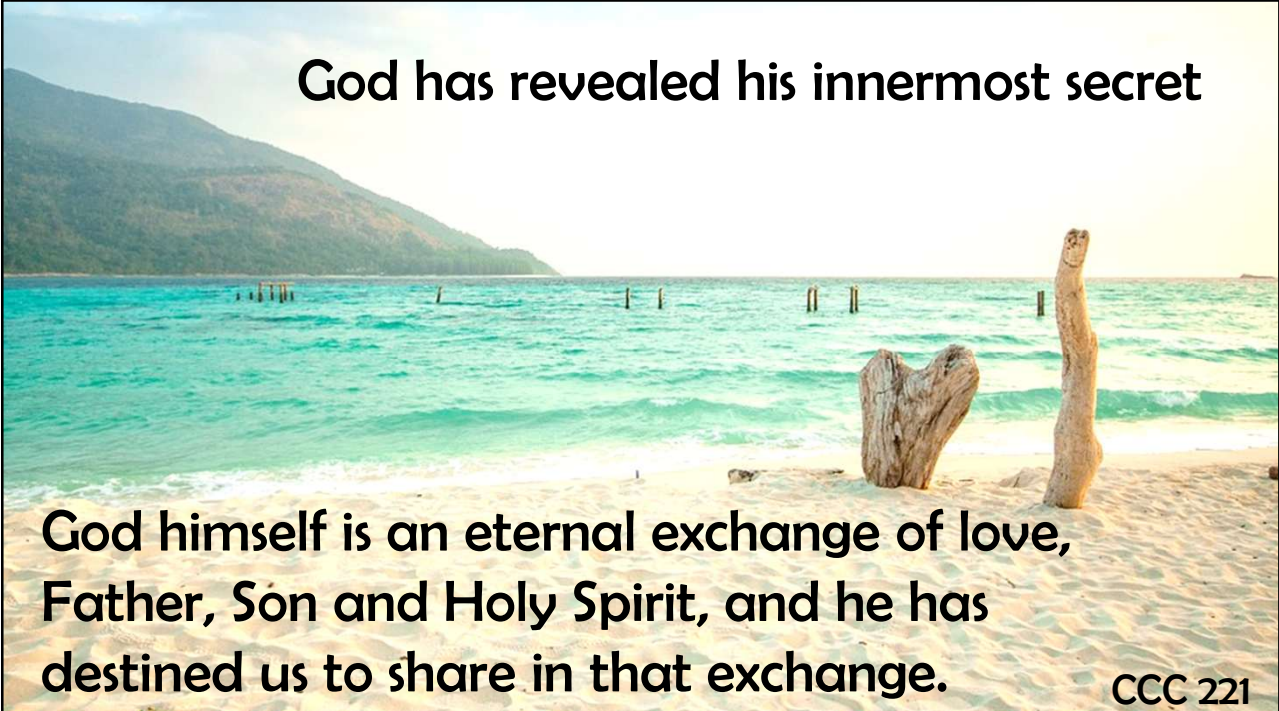
- To everyone
- Obligation, eager, unashamed
- It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone
- It reveals God



Romans 1:14-17

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God has revealed his innermost secret



God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

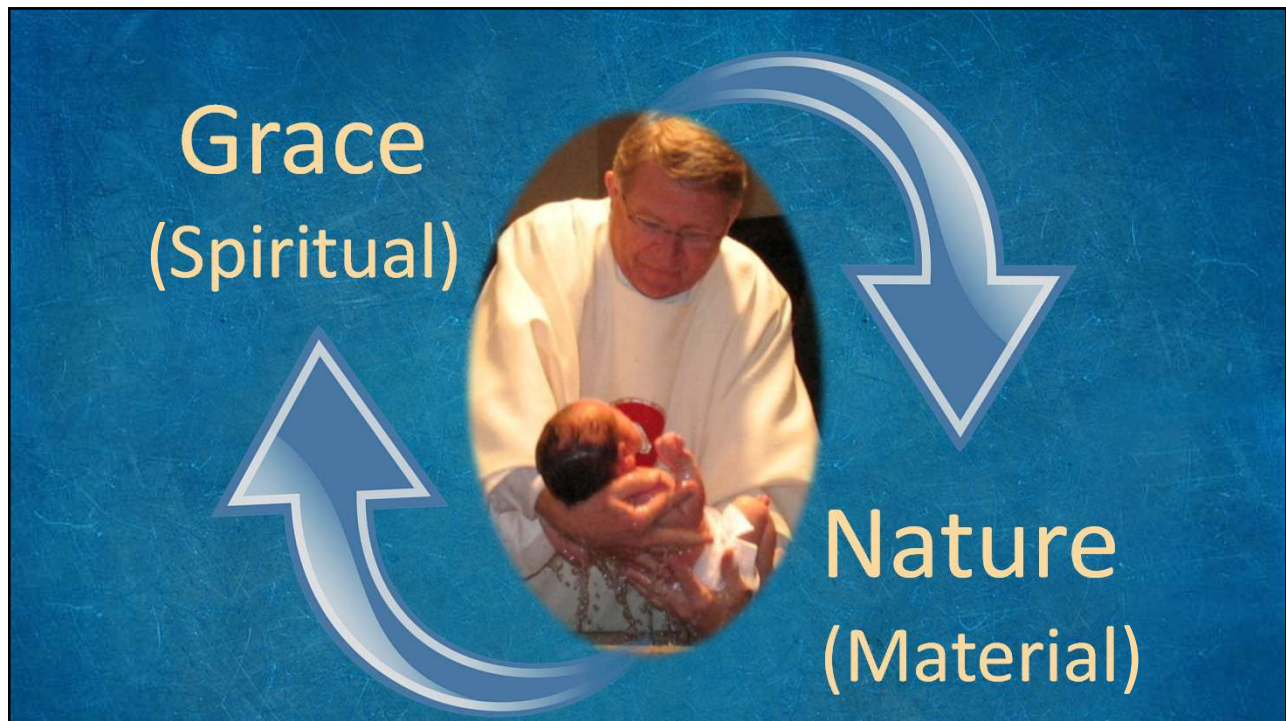
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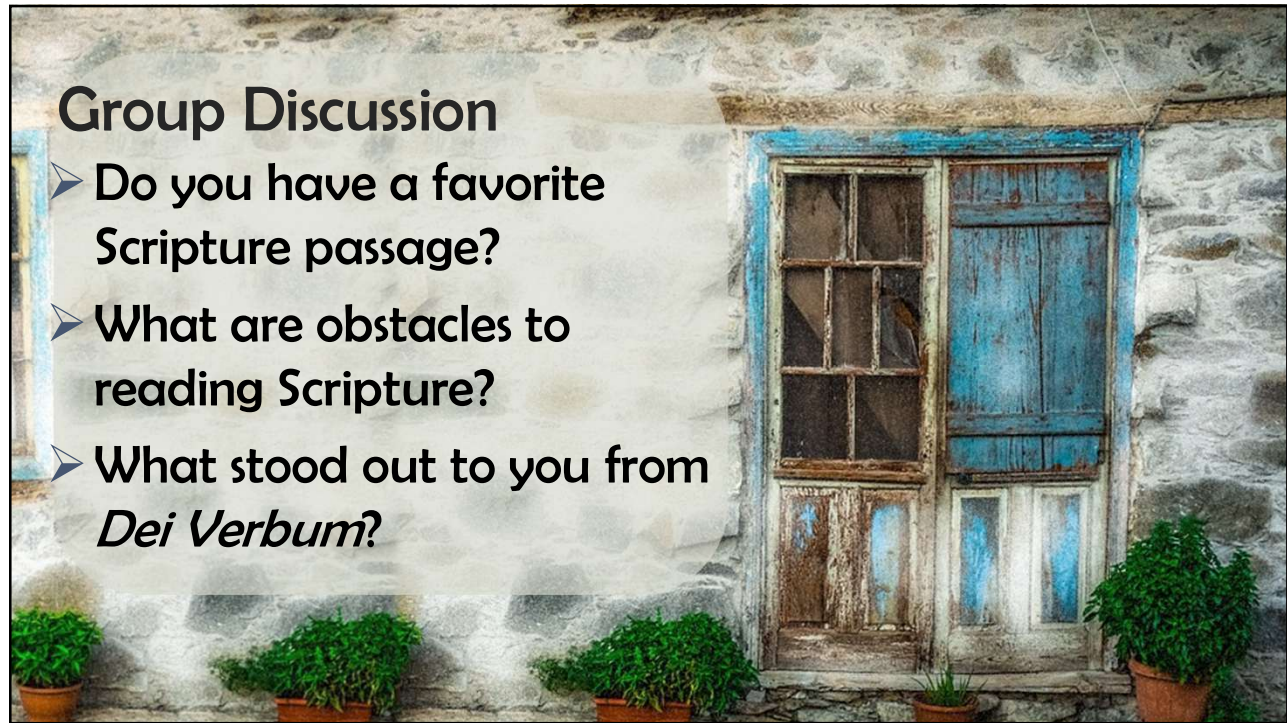
“This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1Timothy 2:3-4

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Scripture

Tradition

Divine Revelation

How does God reveal Himself to us?

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH
SECOND EDITION

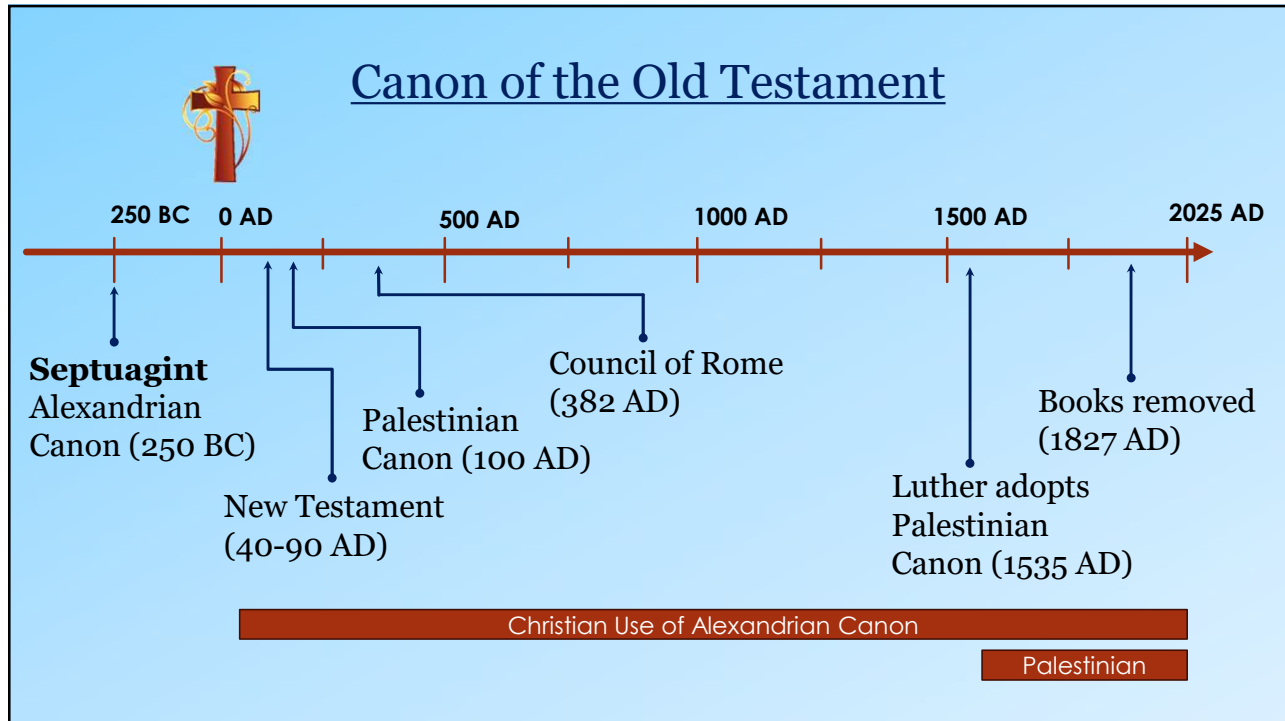
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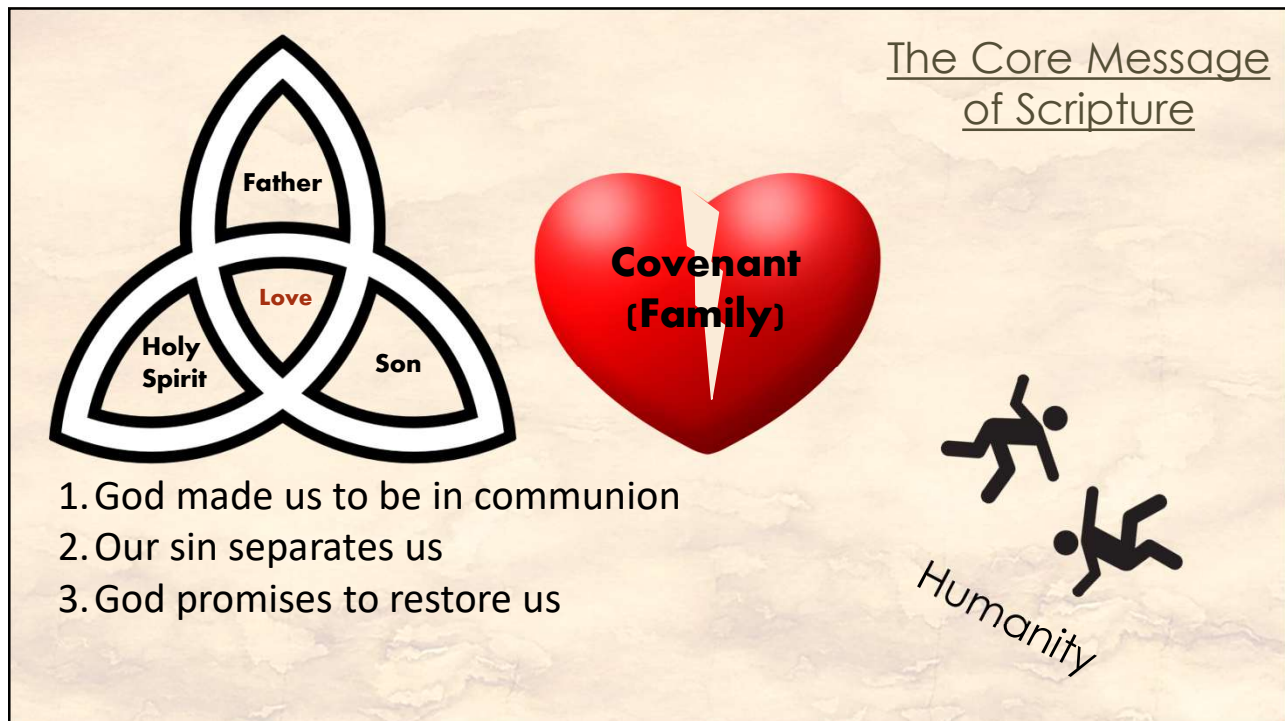
- Translation (NAB & RSVCE)
- Bishops Imprimatur
- Old Testament 46 books
- New Testament 27 books
- Canon



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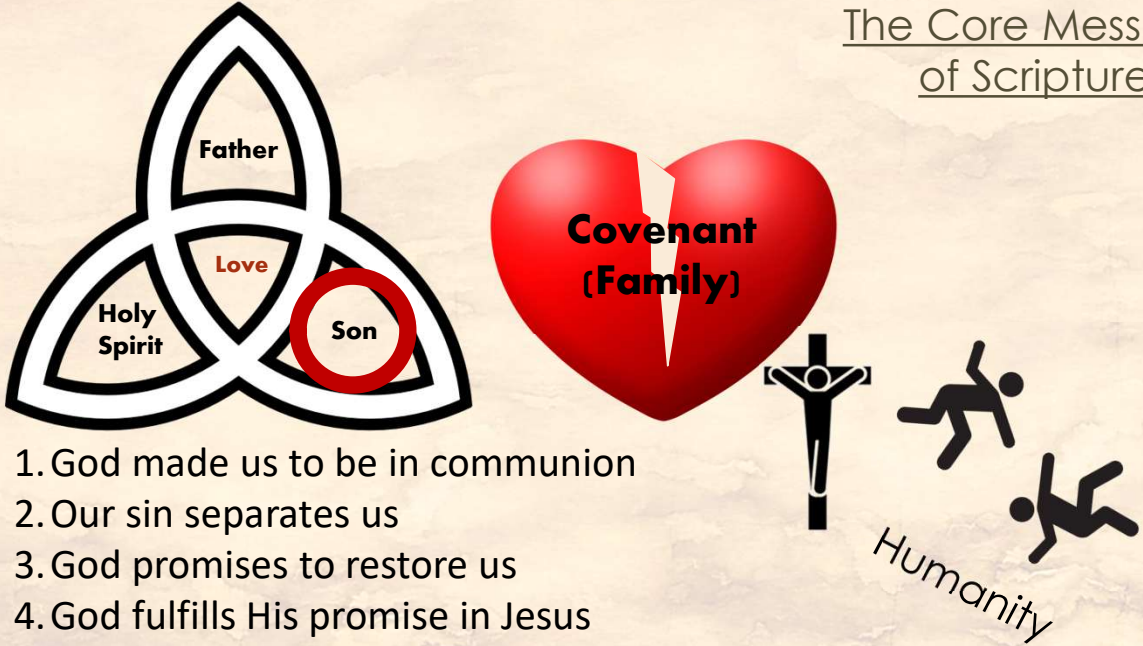


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The Core Message
of Scripture



1. God made us to be in communion
2. Our sin separates us
3. God promises to restore us
4. God fulfills His promise in Jesus

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The Core Message
of Scripture



1. God made us to be in **communion**
2. Our sin separates us
3. God promises to restore us
4. God fulfills His promise in Jesus
5. Jesus gives us grace & the Church

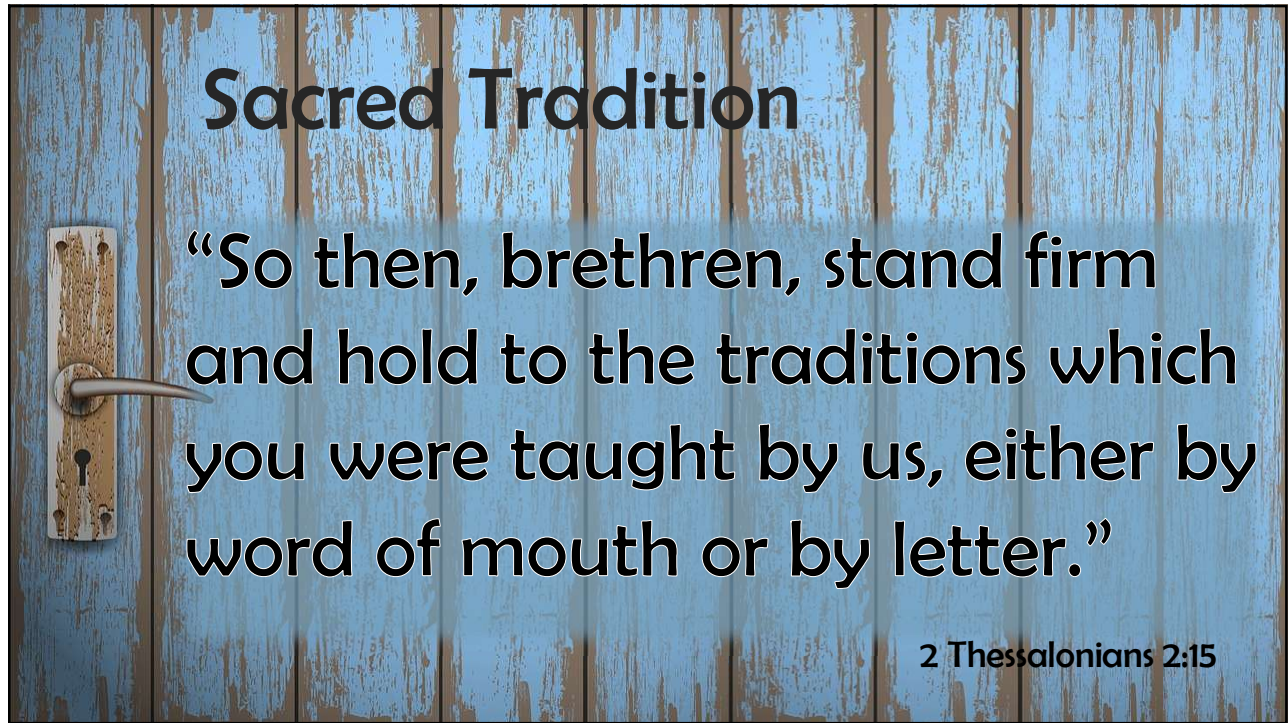
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30 Part One

99 Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith, the People of God as a whole never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply, and to live more fully from the gift of divine Revelation.

100 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.

ARTICLE 3
SACRED SCRIPTURE

I. CHRIST—THE UNIQUE WORD OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

101 In order to reveal himself to men, in the condescension of his goodness God speaks to them in human words. "Indeed the words of God, expressed in the words of men, are in every way like human language, just as the Word of the eternal Father, when he took on himself the flesh of human weakness, became like men."⁶³

65, 2763 102 Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely.⁶⁴

426-429 You recall that one and the same Word of God extends throughout Scripture, that it is one and the same Utterance that resounds in the mouths of all the sacred writers, since he who was in the beginning God with God has no need of separate syllables; for he is not subject to time.⁶⁵

103 For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body.⁶⁶

1100, 1184 104 In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes not as a human word, but as what it really is, the word of God.⁶⁷ In the sacred books,

63 DV 13.
64 Cf. Heb 1:1-3.
65 St. Augustine, *En. in Ps.* 103, 4, 1. PL 37, 1378; cf. Ps 104; Jn 1:1.
66 Cf. DV 21.
67 1 Thes 2:13; cf. DV 24.

The Profession of Faith 31

the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them."⁶⁸

II. INSPIRATION AND TRUTH OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

105 God is the author of Sacred Scripture. "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."⁶⁹

"For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself."⁷⁰

106 God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. "To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more."⁷¹

107 The inspired books teach the truth. "Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures."⁷²

108 Still, the Christian faith is not a "religion of the book." Christianity is the religion of the "Word" of God, a word which is "not a written and mute word, but the Word which is incarnate and living."⁷³ If the Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must, through the Holy Spirit, "open [our] minds to understand the Scriptures."⁷⁴

68 DV 21.
69 DV 11; cf. Jn 20:31; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:19-21; 3:15-16.
70 DV 11.
71 DV 11.
72 DV 11.
73 St. Bernard, *S. missae est hom.* 4, 11; PL 183, 86.
74 Cf. Lk 24:45.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

"that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe."

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Small Group Activity

Find in the Catechism:

❖ CCC 68

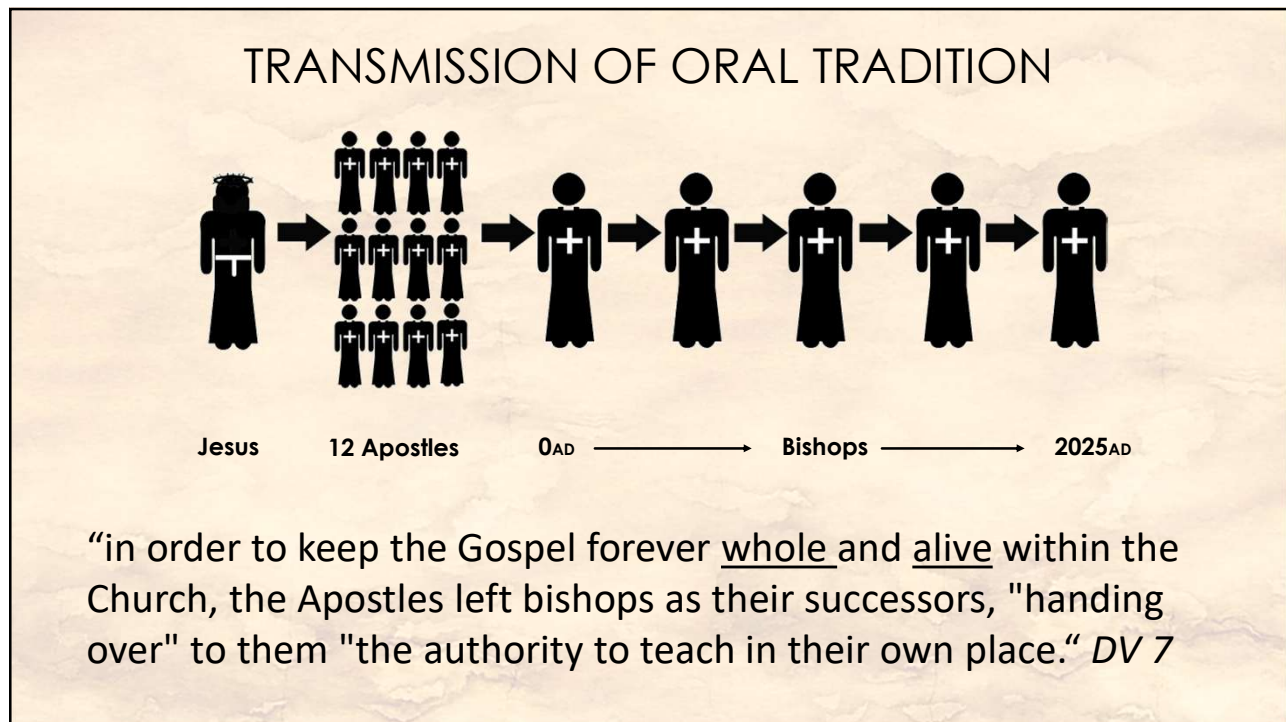
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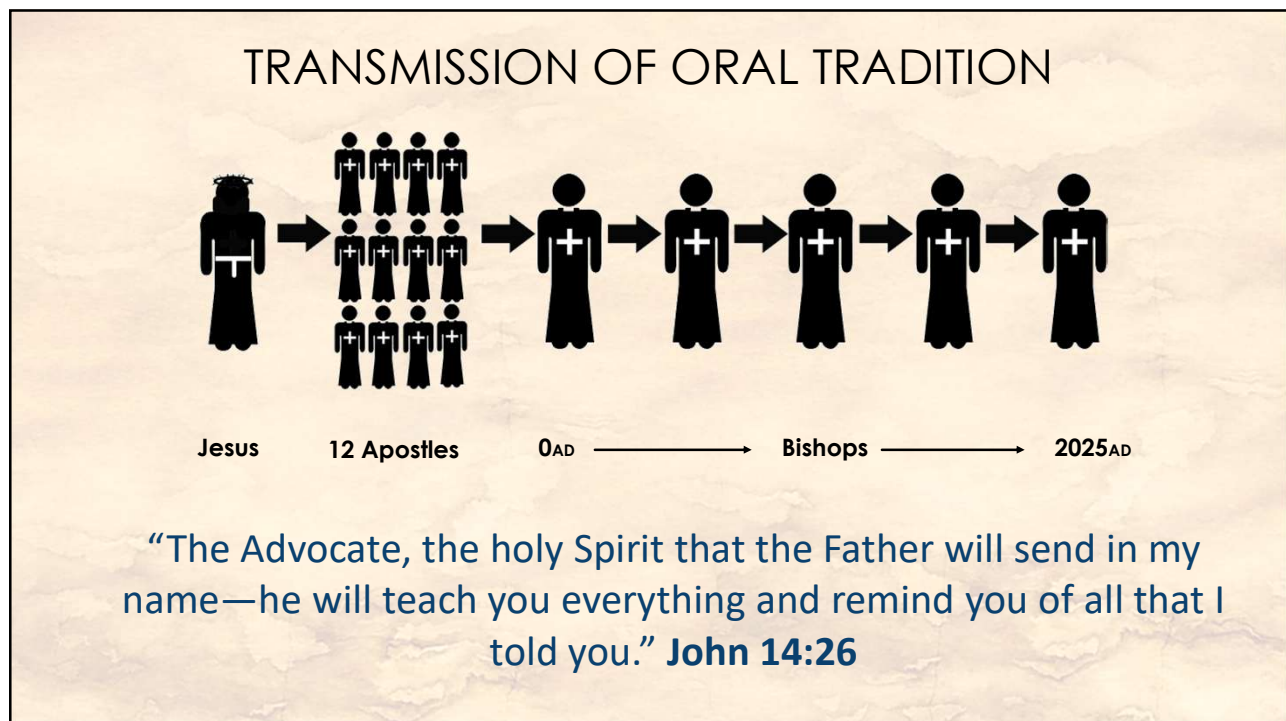


Dei Verbum 7-10
**Handing on of Divine
Revelation**

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Dei Verbum 11-13
**Sacred Scripture,
 Its Inspiration and
 Divine Interpretation**



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- ❖ The Holy Spirit inspired Scripture, “God is their author”
- ❖ This applies to both the Old & New Testaments in their entirety
- ❖ Handed to the Church herself




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- ❖ They made use of their powers and abilities
- ❖ Him acting in them and through them, they, as true authors
- ❖ writing everything and only those things which He wanted.



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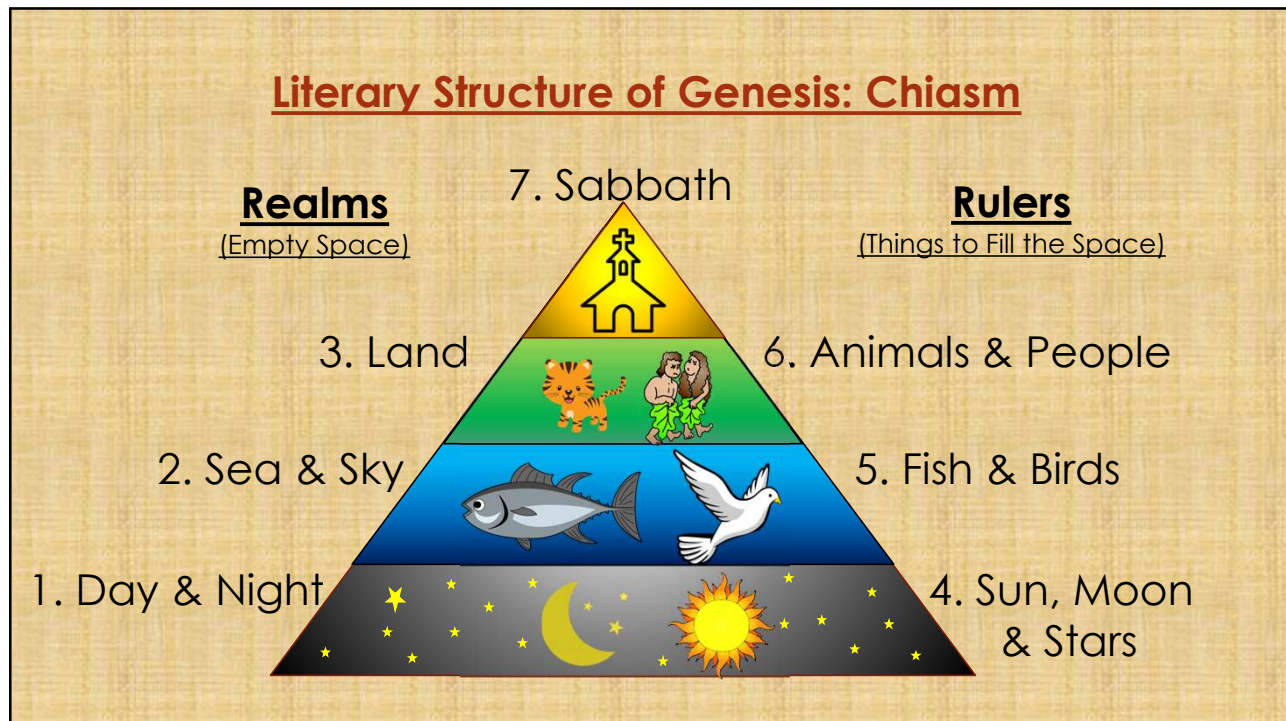
Literary Type

Narrative		Allegorical
Poetry		Legal
Parables		Historical
Praise		Prophetic

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CREATIONISM VS. EVOLUTION

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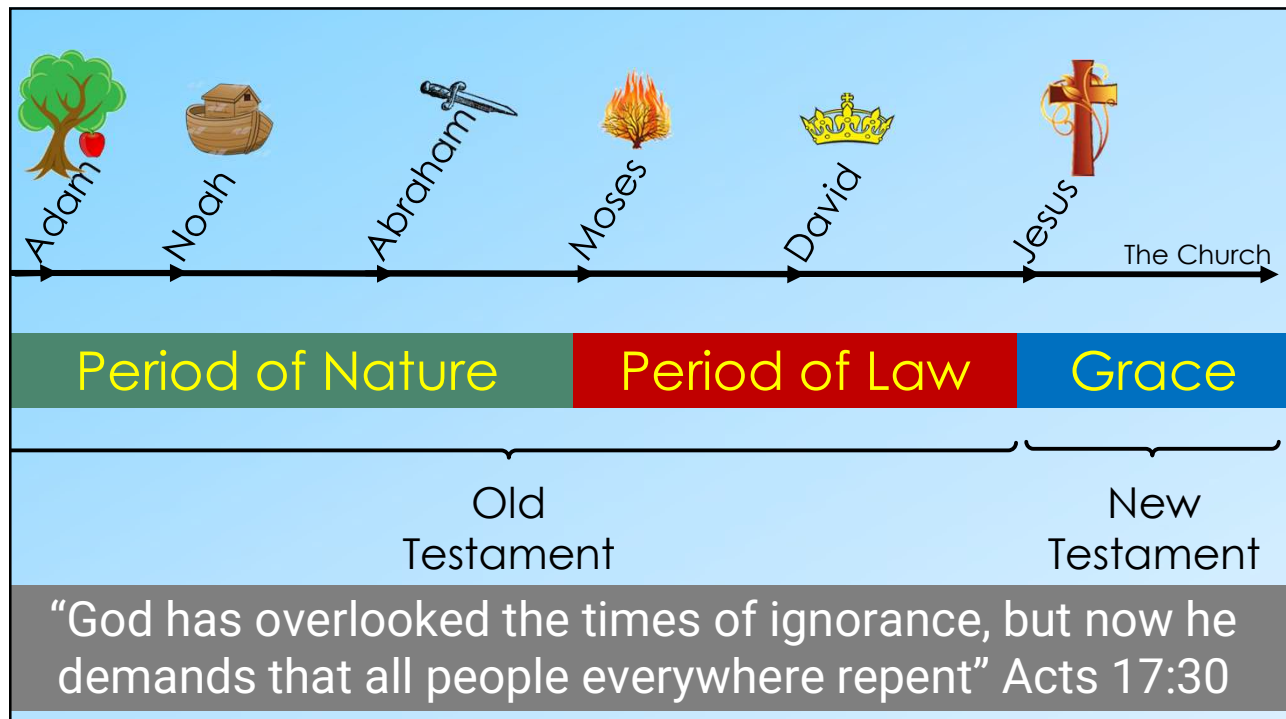
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Historical Cultural Context



As a child, my favorite day was 4th of July. Our family bled red, white and blue. Many of my family members answered the call of Uncle Sam. As soon as the sun came up, my dad would hang old glory in every window, and my mom would dress as Lady Liberty. After a picnic of Buffalo wings from Burger King, sliders from White Castle, and Dilly Bars from Dairy Queen, we marched to the park whistling Stars and Stripes Forever. Then the coolest night of the year would commence with fireworks and big band music.

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The Implications of Divine Inspiration

- ❖ Unity of the message
- ❖ Inerrancy of the Bible
- ❖ The Church's reverence for the Bible
- ❖ The need to study the Bible in a manner that is faithful to the original intent

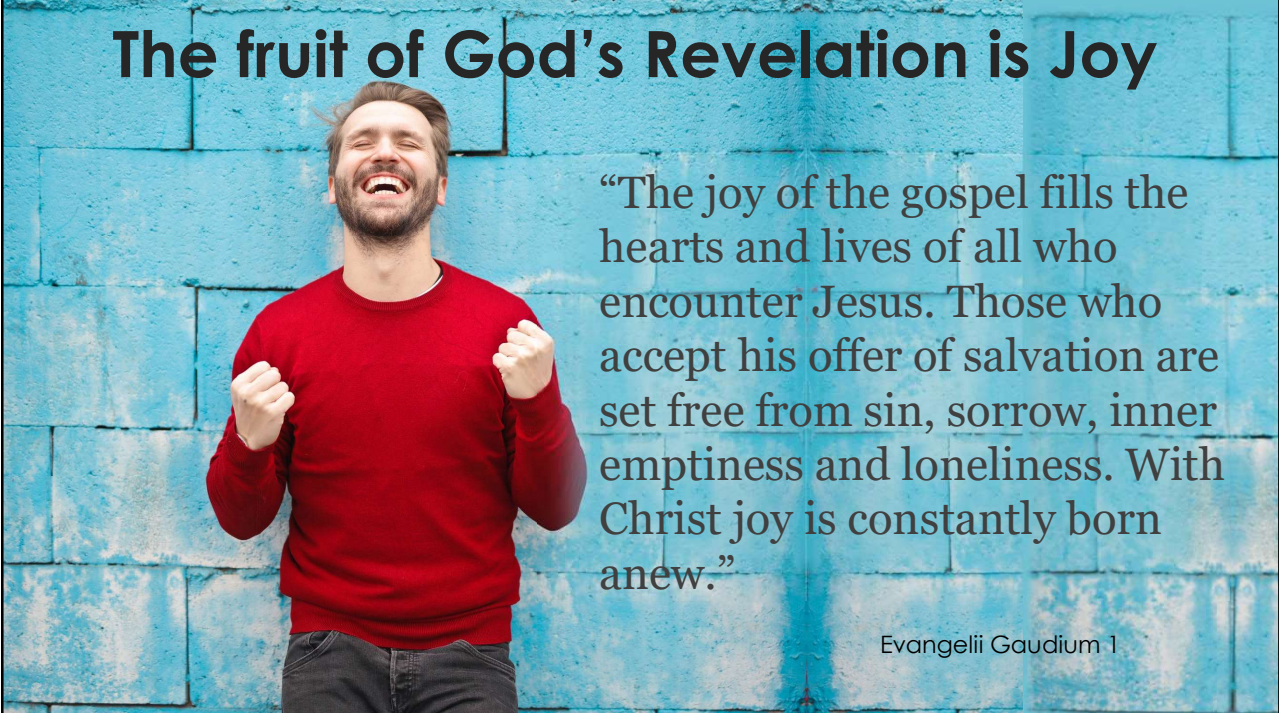
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- ### 1. Prayer **Getting the most out of Scripture**
- ### 2. Literal Sense
- What is the literary form (poetry, narrative, historical)?
 - What is the historical & cultural context?
- ### 3. Spiritual Sense
- How does it point to Jesus?
 - How does it inform me to live?
 - What does it say about my journey towards heaven?
- ### 4. In line with the rest of Scripture and teachings of the Church.
- ### 5. Encounter- prayer, contemplation, and conversation

CCC 109-119

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The fruit of God's Revelation is Joy

A man with a beard and brown hair, wearing a bright red long-sleeved sweater and dark grey pants, is laughing heartily with his eyes closed and his hands clenched in fists. He is standing in front of a wall made of large, light blue rectangular tiles. The overall mood is one of pure joy and happiness.

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.”

Evangelii Gaudium 1

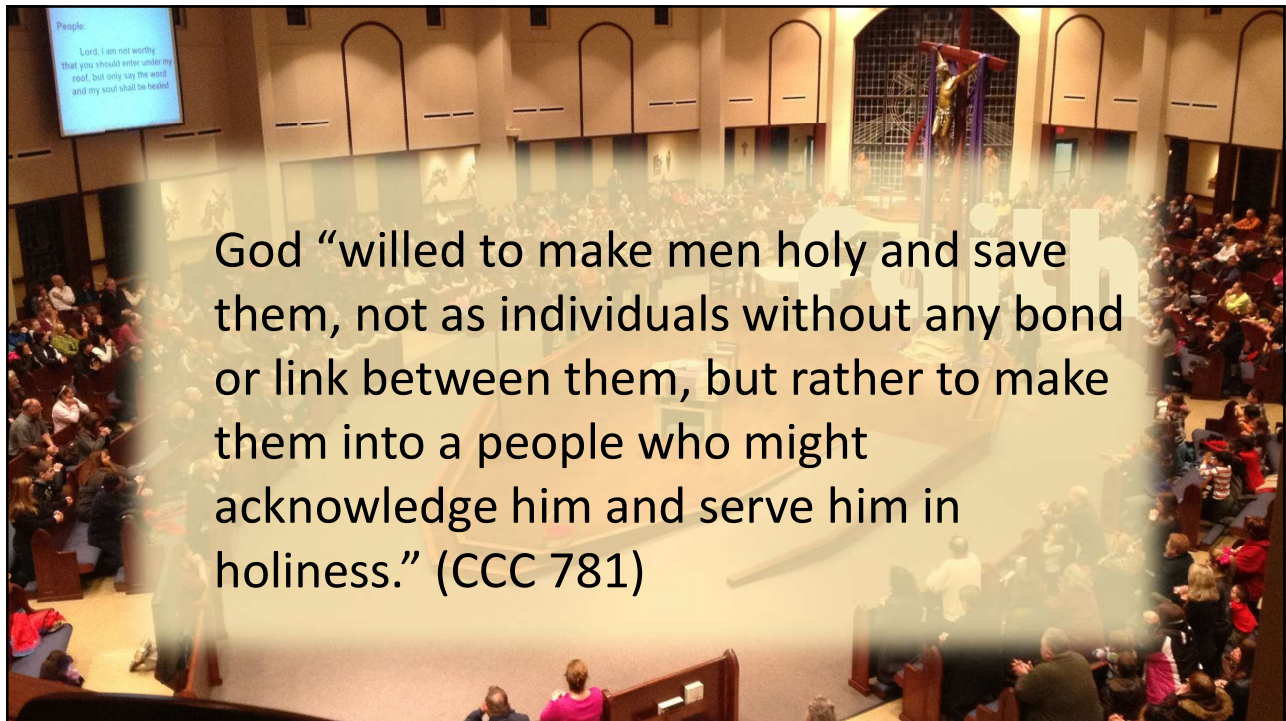
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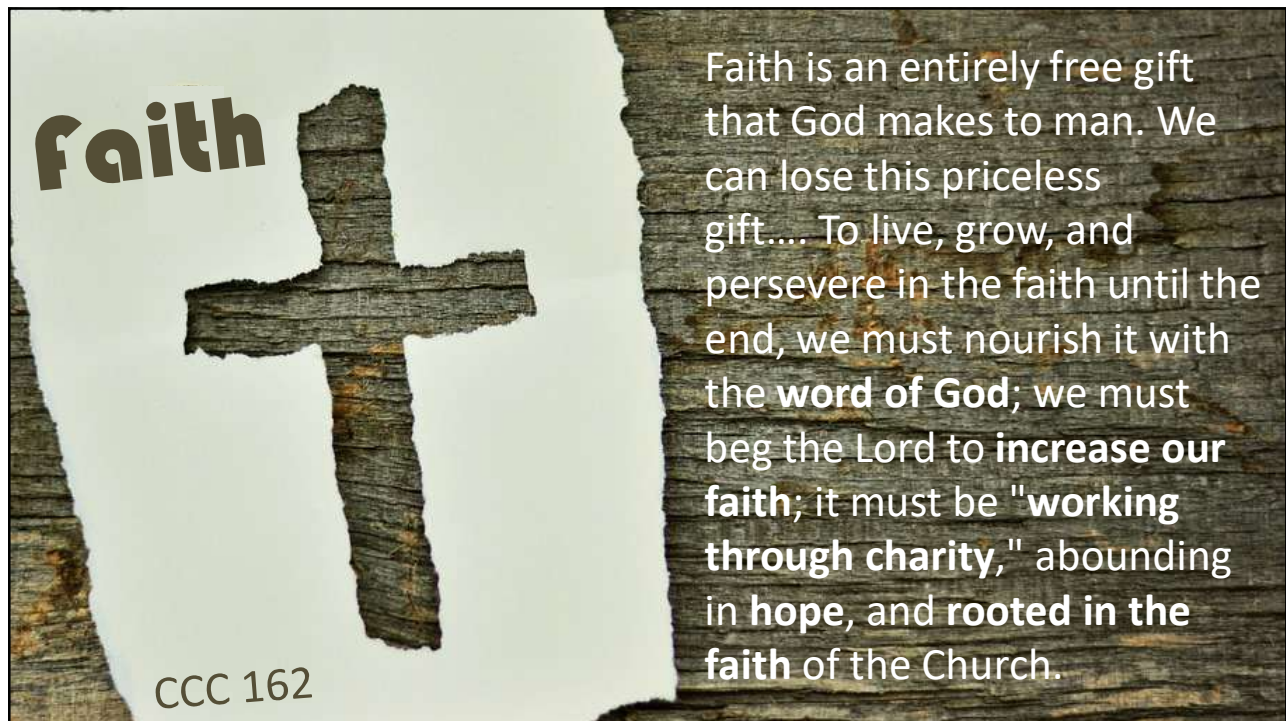


God "willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness." (CCC 781)

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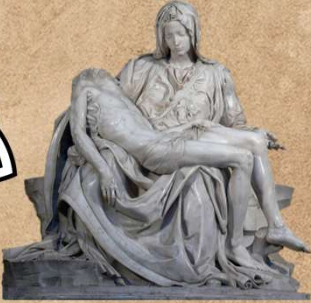


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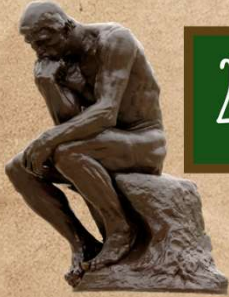
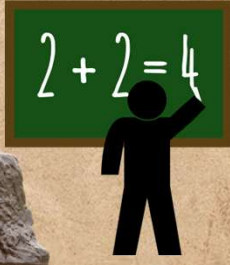


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Two paths to knowledge: Faith & Reason

Faith is knowledge and realities that cannot be known unless revealed to us.

Reason is knowledge which we can discern from our natural powers of observation and deduction.

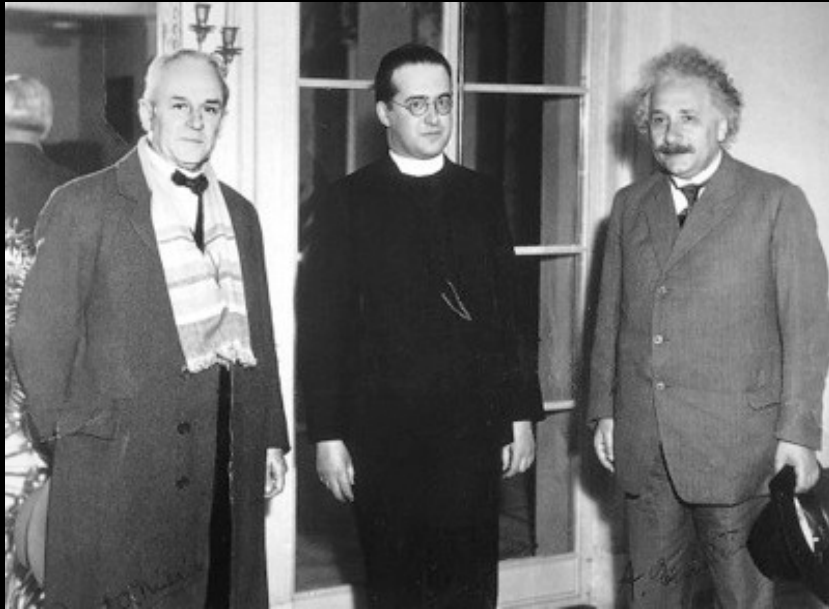
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Msgr. Georges Lemaître

- A Catholic Priest and Scientist
- He proposed the Theory of the Big Bang



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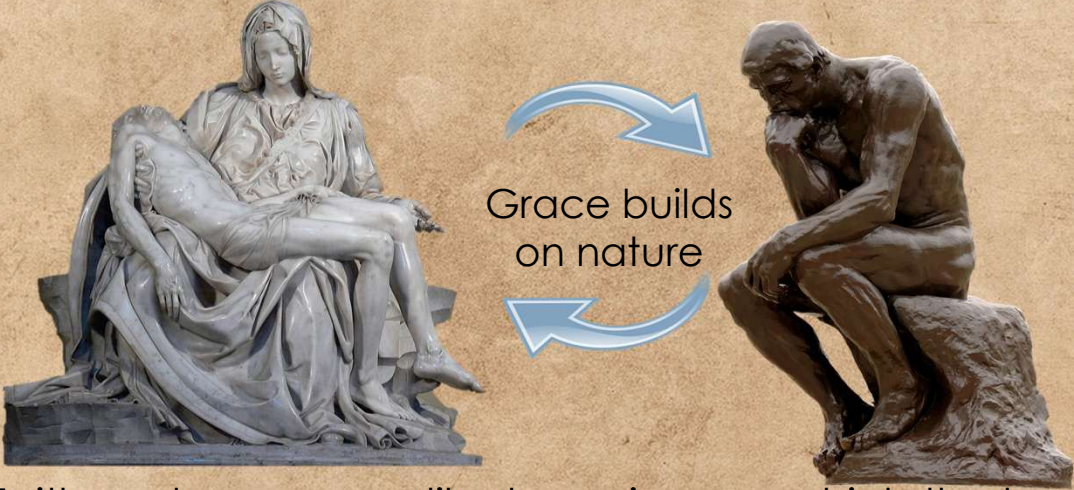
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Faith & Reason



Grace builds on nature

“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth...” *Fides et Ratio*

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“May God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit bless
you, guard you, and lead
you to life eternal.”

