

BIBLICAL BASIS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

CHURCH

Mt 16:18-19 - upon this rock I will build my Church
Mt 18:17 - if he refuses to listen even to the Church...
Mt 28:18-20 - go baptize and teach all nations
Mk 16:15-16 - go to whole world and proclaim gospel
Lk 10:16 - whoever hears you, hears me; rejects you, rejects me.
Jn 14:16, 26 - Holy Spirit with you always, teach/remind you of everything
Jn 16:13 - Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth.
1Tim 3:15 - Church is the pillar and foundation of truth.

CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Col 1:18 - He is the head of the body, the church.
1Cor 12:20-27 - you are Christ's body, individually parts of it.
Eph 5:30 - we are members of his body.
Rom 12:4-5 - though many, we are one body in Christ
1Cor 6:15 - Don't you know your bodies are members of Christ?

THE CHURCH MUST BE ONE

Jn 10:16 - there will be one fold and one shepherd.
Eph 4:3-6 - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father
Rom 16:17 - I urge that there be no divisions among you
1Cor 1:10 - I urge that there be no divisions among you
Phil 2:2 - be of same mind, united in heart thinking one thing
Rom 15:5 - God grant you to think in harmony with one another
Jn 17:17-23 - I pray that they may be one, as we are one
Jn 17:23 - that they may be brought to perfection as one
1Cor 12:13 - in one spirit we are baptized into one body
Rom 12:5 - we, though many, are one body in Christ
Eph 4:4 - one body, one Spirit, called to be one hope
Col 3:15 - the peace into which you were called in one body

APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Jn 15:16 - Jesus chose special men to be his Apostles
Jn 20:21 - Jesus gave the Apostles his own mission
Lk 22:29-3 - Jesus gave them a kingdom
Mt 16:18 - Jesus built Church on Peter, the rock
Jn 10:16 - one shepherd to shepherd Christ's sheep
Lk 22:32, Jn 21:17 - Peter appointed to be chief shepherd
Eph 4:11 - church leaders are hierarchical
1Tim 3:1, 8; 5:17 - identifies roles of bishops, priests, deacons
Tit 1:5 - commission for bishops to ordain priests

AUTHORITATIVE CHURCH

Mt 28:18-20 - Jesus delegates all power to Apostles
Jn 20:23 - power to forgive sin
1Cor 11:23-24 - power to offer sacrifice (Eucharist)
Lk 10:16 - power to speak with Christ's voice
Mt 18:18 - power to legislate
Mt 18:17 - power to discipline

INFALLIBLE CHURCH

Jn 16:13 - guided by Holy Spirit into all truth
Jn 14:26 - Holy Spirit to teach & remind them of everything
Lk 10:16 - speak with Christ's own voice
1Tim 3:15 - church called "pillar and foundation of truth"
1Jn 2:27 - anointing of Holy Spirit remains in you
Acts 15:28 - Apostles speak with voice of Holy Spirit
Mt 28:20 - I am with you

PERPETUAL CHURCH

Is 9:6-7 - of Christ's government there will be no end
Dan 2:44 - God's kingdom shall stand forever
Dan 7:14 - his kingdom shall not be destroyed
Lk 1:32, 33 - no end to Christ's kingdom
Mt 7:24 - Jesus is like a wise man who built his house on a rock
Mt 13:24-30 - let wheat & weeds grow together until harvest
Mt 16:18 - gates of hell will never prevail against Christ's church
Jn 14:16 - Holy Spirit will be with you always
Mt 28:19-20 - I am with you all days

PRIMACY OF PETER

Mt 16:18 - upon this rock (Peter) I will build my church
Mt 16:19 - give you keys of the kingdom; power to bind & loose

Lk 22:32 - Peter's faith will strengthen his brethren
Jn 21:17 - given Christ's flock as chief shepherd
Mt 16:7 - angel sent to announce Resurrection to Peter
Lk 24:34 - risen Jesus first appeared to Peter
Acts 1:13-26 - headed meeting which elected Matthias
Acts 2:14 - led Apostles in preaching on Pentecost
Acts 2:41 - received first converts
Acts 3:6-7 - performed first miracle after Pentecost
Acts 5:1-11 - inflicted first punishment: Ananias & Saphira
Acts 8:21 - excommunicated first heretic, Simon Magnus
Acts 10:44-46 - received revelation to admit Gentiles into church
Acts 15:7 - led first council in Jerusalem
Acts 15:19 - pronounces first dogmatic decision
Gal 1:18 - after conversion, Paul visits chief Apostle
*Gal 2:11-14 - I opposed Cephas to his face for his hypocrisy
Peter's name always heads list of Apostles: Mt 10:14; Mk 3:16-19;
Lk 6:14-16; Acts 1:13
"Peter and his companions" Lk 9:32; Mk 16:7
Spoke for Apostles - Mt 18:21; Mk 8:29; Lk 8:45; 12:41; Jn 6:69
Peter's name occurs 195 times, more than all the rest put together

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

2Chr 19:11 - high priest is over you in everything of Lord's
Mal 2:17 - seek instruction from priest, he is God's messenger
Eph 2:20 - Church built upon foundation of apostles & prophets
Eph 4:11 - God gave some as apostles, others as prophets...
1Cor 12:28-29 - God designated in church: apostles, ...
Acts 1:20 - let another take his office
Acts 1:25-26 - Matthias takes Judas' apostolic ministry
1 Tim 3:1, 8; 5:17 - qualifications for bishops, priests, & deacons
1Tim 4:14 - gift conferred with the laying on of hands
1Tim 5:22 - do not lay hands too readily on anyone
Acts 14:23 - they appointed presbyters in each church
2Tim 2:2 - what you heard from me entrust to faithful teachers
Tit 1:5 - appoint presbyters in every town, as I directed

REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

Jn 6:35-71 - Eucharist promised
Mt 26:26ff (Mk 14:22ff, Lk 22:17ff) - Eucharist instituted
1Cor 10:16 - Eucharist = participation in Christ's body & blood
1Cor 11:23-29 - receiving unworthily his body & blood
Ex 12:8, 46 - Paschal lamb had to be eaten
Jn 1:29 - Jesus called "Lamb of God"
1Cor 5:7 - Jesus called "paschal lamb who has been sacrificed"
Jn 4:31-34; Mt 16:5-12 - Jesus talking symbolically about food
1Cor 2:14:3-4 - explains what "the flesh" means in Jn 6:63
Ps 14:4; Is 9:18-20; Is 49:26; Mic 3:3; 2Sm 23:15-17; Rev 17:6, 16 -
to symbolically eat & drink one's body & blood = assault

BIBLE ALONE OR BIBLE PLUS TRADITION

1Cor 11:2 - hold fast to traditions I handed on to you
2Thess 2:15 - hold fast to traditions, whether oral or by letter
2Thess 3:6 - shun those acting not according to tradition
Jn 21:25 - not everything Jesus said recorded in Scripture
Mk 13:31 - heaven & earth shall pass away, but my word won't
Acts 20:35 - Paul records a saying of Jesus not found in gospels
2Tim 1:13 - follow my sound words; guard the truth
2Tim 2:2 - what you heard entrust to faithful men
2Pet 1:20 - no prophecy is a matter of private interpretation
2Pet 3:15-16 - Paul's letters can be difficult to grasp & interpret
1Pet 1:25 - God's eternal word = word preached to you
Rom 10:17 - faith come from what is heard
1Cor 15:1-2 - being saved if you hold fast to the word I preached
Mt 23:2-3 - chair of Moses; observe whatever they tell you
Mk 16:15 - go to the whole world, proclaim gospel to every creature

TRADITION CONDEMNED?

*Mt 15:3 - break commandment of God for your tradition
*Mk 7:9 - set aside God's commandment to uphold tradition
*Col 2:8 - seductive philosophy according to human tradition
1Cor 11:2 - commends them for following Apostolic tradition
2Thess 2:15 - commands them to keep traditions
2Thess 3:6 - shun those acting not according to tradition

FAITH ALONE OR FAITH PLUS WORKS

Jam 2:24 - a man is justified by works and not by faith alone
Gal 2:26 - faith without works is dead
Gal 5:6 - only thing that counts is faith working in love
1Cor 13:2 - faith without love is nothing
Jn 14:15 - if you love me, keep my commandments
Mt 19:16-17 - if you wish to enter into life, keep commandments

HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED?

Past Event (I have been saved)
Rom 8:24 - for in hope we were saved
Eph 2:5, 8 - by grace you have been saved through faith
2Tim 1:9 - he saved us, called us according to his grace
Tit 3:5 - he saved us through bath of rebirth, renewal by Holy Spirit
Present Process (I am being saved)
Phil 2:12 - work out your salvation with fear and trembling
1Pet 1:9 - as you attain the goal of your faith, salvation
Future Event (I will be saved)
Mt 10:22 - he who endures to the end will be saved
Mt 24:1 - he who perseveres to the end will be saved
Mk 8:35 - whoever loses his life for my sake will save it
Acts 15:11 - we shall be saved through the grace of Jesus
Rom 5:9-10 - since we are justified, we shall be saved
Rom 13:11 - salvation is nearer now than first believed
1Cor 3:15 - he shall be saved, but only as through fire
1Cor 5:5 - deliver man to Satan so his spirit may be saved
Heb 9:28 - Jesus will appear second time, to bring salvation

GOOD WORKS

Mt 7:21 - not lord, lord but he who does the will of father
Mt 19:16-17 - to have life, keep my commandments
Jn 14:21 - he who keeps my commandments loves me
Rom 2:2-8 - eternal life by perseverance in good works
Gal 5:4-6 - nothing counts but faith working through love
Eph 2:8-10 - we are created in Christ Jesus for good works
Phil 2:12-13 - work out salvation with fear and trembling
Jam 2:14-24 - a man is justified by works & not faith alone

JUDGED ACCORDING TO DEEDS

Rom 2:2-8 - eternal life by perseverance in good works
2Cor 5:10 - recompense accord to what did in body
2Cor 11:15 - their end will correspond to their deeds
1Pet 1:17 - God judges impartially according to one's works
Rev 20:12-13 - dead judged according to their deeds
Col 3:24-25 - will receive due payment for whatever you do

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION?

Mt 7:21 - not everyone saying "lord, Lord" will inherit
Mt 24:13 - those who persevere to the end will be saved
Rom 11:22 - remain in his kindness or you will be cut off
Phil 2:12 - work out your salvation in fear and trembling
1Cor 9:27 - drive body for fear of being disqualified
1Cor 10:11-12 - those thinking they are secure may fall
Gal 5:4 - separated from Christ, you've fallen from grace
2Tim 2:11-13 - must hold out to the end to reign with Christ
Heb 6:4-6 - describes sharers in Holy Spirit who then fall away
Heb 10:26-27 - if sin after receiving truth, judgement remains

REGENERATIVE BAPTISM

Jn 3:5, 22 - born of water & Spirit; Apostles begin baptizing
Tit 3:5 - saved us through bath of rebirth & renewal by Holy Spirit
Acts 2:37-38 - repent, be baptized, receive gift of Holy Spirit
Acts 22:16 - get selves baptized and sins washed away
1Cor 6:11 - you were washed, sanctified, justified
Rom 6:4 - baptized into death; live in newness of life
1Pet 3:21 - baptism...now saves you
Heb 10:22 - heart sprinkled, bodies washed in pure water

HEALTH AND WEALTH GOSPEL

Mt 10:28 - no "take cross and follow me" = not worthy of me
Rom 8:16-17 - heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him
Rom 8:18 - present suffering nothing compared w/ future glory
Phil 1:28-29 - granted to believe, also to suffer for him

Col 1:24 - filling up what is lacking in Christ sufferings
Heb 12:5-7 - whom God loves, he disciplines as sons
Heb 12:11 discipline seems painful, but brings righteousness
1Pet 1:6 - for a while you must suffer various trials
1Pet 2:19-21 - suffering = grace; Jesus suffered as our example

DIVINITY OF JESUS

Jn 1:1 - the Word was God
Jn 1:14-15 - glory of father's only Son, full of grace and truth
Jn 8:19 - if you knew me, you would know my father
Jn 8:58-59 - I assure you, before Abraham was, I AM
Jn 10:30-33 - the father and I are one (see Ex 3:14, 20:7; Lv 19:12, 24:14-16)
Jn 10:38 - the father is in me and I am in the Father
Jn 12:45 - whoever sees me sees the one who sent me
Jn 14:8-12 - whoever had seen has seen the father
Jn 20:28 - Jesus accepts Thomas's "my Lord and my God"
Col 2:9 - in him dwells whole fullness of deity bodily
Acts 20:28 - church of God he acquired with his blood
Eph 1:7 - in him we have redemption by his blood
1Jn 1:7 - blood of his Son Jesus cleanses from all sin
Tit 2:13 - glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ

TIME OF SECOND COMING UNKNOWN

Mt 24:44 - be prepared, Jesus coming at unexpected hour
Mt 25:13 - stay awake, you know neither the day nor hour
Mk 13:35-37 - watch, unknown when lord of house coming
Lk 12:46 - master will come like a thief in night
1Thess 5:2-3 - day of Lord will come like a thief in night
2Pet 3:9-10 - day of lord will come like a thief
Rev 3:3 - if not watchful, will come like a thief
Mt 24:36 - no one but Father alone knows day and hour

HOLY SPIRIT A PERSON, NOT A FORCE

Jn 14:26 - "he will teach you all things"
Acts 8:29 - "and the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go up...'"
Acts 13:2 - "Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me...'"
Rom 8:27 - "Spirit intercedes for the saints..."
1Cor 2:11 - no one understands the thoughts of God, but Spirit
1Cor 12:11 - Spirit apportions to each as he wills
Eph 4:30 - "do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God"

MARY

Lk 1:28, 30 - angel: "full of grace, found favor with God"
Lk 1:42 - Elizabeth: "most blessed among women"
Lk 1:48 - Mary: "all generations will call me blessed"

Mother of God

Lk 1:43 - Elizabeth calls her "mother of my Lord" = God
Mt 1:23 - virgin bear a son, Emmanuel = "God is with us"
Lk 1:35 - child born will be called holy, the Son of God
Gal 4:4 - God sent his Son, born of a woman

Assumption

Gn 5:24 (Hb 11:5) - Enoch taken to heaven without dying
2Kgs 2:11 - Elijah assumed into heaven in fiery chariot
Mt 27:52 - many saints who had fallen asleep were raised
1Thess 4:17 - caught up to meet the Lord in the air
1Cor 15:52 - we shall be instantly changed at the last trumpet
Rom 6:23 - for the wages of sin is death
Rev 11:19-21 - ark in heaven = woman clothed in sun

Immaculate Conception

Lk 1:28 - hail full of grace [highly favored] Lord is with you
Lk 1:30 - you have found favor with God
Lk 1:37 - for with God nothing shall be impossible
Gn 3:15 - complete enmity between woman & Satan, sin
Ex 25:11-21 - ark made of purest gold for God's word
*Rom 3:23 - all have sinned & are deprived of God's glory
*Lk 1:47 - my spirit rejoices in God my savior

* Indicates verses used to challenge Catholic doctrines.

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Perpetual Virginity

Lk 1:34 – how can this be, since I do not know man
Lk 2:41-51 – age 12, Jesus evidently only son of Mary
Mk 6:3 – “the son of Mary” not “a son of Mary”
*Mt 13:55-56 – brothers James, Joseph, Simon & Jude
Mt 27:56 – Mary the mother of James & Joseph also
Jn 19:25 – Mary the wife of Clopas
Jn 19:26 – entrusted Mary to John, not a younger sibling
Jn 7:3-4 – brothers advise like elders: “go to Judea, manifest self”
unthinkable for younger siblings (see next verse)
Mk 3:21 – set out to seize him, “he is out of his mind”
*Mt 1:25 – Joseph knew her not **until** she bore **first-born**
Mt 28:20 – I am with you always, until the end of the age
1Tim 4:13 – until I arrive, attend to reading, teaching...
1Cor 15:25 – he must reign until has enemies underfoot
Lk 1:80 – John in desert until day of his manifestation
Ex 13:2; Nb 3:12 – consecrate first-born that opens womb
Ex 34:20 – first-born among your sons you shall redeem

REPETITIVE PRAYER

*Mt 6:7 – do not babble like pagans with their many words
1Kgs 18:25-29 – example of vain repetition: call Baal for hours
Mt 26:44 – Jesus prayed a third time, saying the same thing again
Lk 18:13 – collector kept beating breast & praying: be merciful
Rev 4:8 – repeat day & night, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord”
1Thess 5:17 – pray without ceasing

CALL NO MAN FATHER

Acts 7:2 – St. Stephen calls Jewish leaders “fathers”
Acts 21:40, 22:1 – St. Paul calls Jerusalem Jews “fathers”
Rom 4:16-17 – Abraham called the father of us all
1Cor 4:14-15 – I became your father in Christ through gospel
1Tim 1:2 – my true child in our common faith
Heb 12:7-9 – we have earthly fathers to discipline us
Lk 14:26 – if anyone comes to me without hating his father...
1Thess 2:11 – we treated you as a father treats his children
Philem 10 – whose father I became in my imprisonment
1Jn 2:13, 14 – I write to you, fathers, because you know him

SCANDALS IN THE CHURCH

Jer 32:32-35 – OT leaders & priests offered child sacrifices
2Kgs 23:7 – OT cult prostitutes in the temple of the Lord
1Tim 4:22 – in spite of their infidelity, salvation is from Jews
Mk 14:43-46 – Judas betrayed Jesus
Mk 14:66-72 Peter denied him
Jn 20:24-25 Thomas refused to believe his resurrection
Mk 14:50 – they all left him and fled in garden of Gethsemane
Rom 3:3-4 – will their infidelity nullify fidelity of God? No!
2Tim 2:13 – if we are unfaithful, God remains faithful
Mt 13:24-30 – arable of the weeds among the wheat
Mt 13:47-48 – parable of net that collects good and bad

CELIBACY

*1Tim 4:1-3 – forbidding marriage is a doctrine of demons
*1Tim 3:2 – bishop must be married only once
Eph 5:21-33 – marriage is good: holy symbol of Christ & church
Mt 19:12 – celibacy praised by Jesus, who was chaste
Jer 16:1-4 – Jeremiah told not to take wife & have children
1Cor 7:8 – St. Paul was celibate
1Cor 7:32-35 – celibacy recommended for full-time ministers
2Tim 2:3-4 – no soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits
1Tim 5:9-12 – pledge of celibacy taken by older widows

FASTING

*1Tim 4:3
Mk 7:19 – Christ declared all food clean
1Tim 4:4-5 – everything created by God is good
Dan 10:3 – Daniel refused to eat choice foods for 3 weeks
Mt 9:15 – Christ’s followers will fast once he is gone
Mt 6:16-18 – Jesus gave regulations concerning how to fast

PURGATORY

Mt 5:48 – be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect

Heb 12:14 – strive for that holiness without which cannot see God
Jam 3:2 – we all fall short in many respects
Rev 21:57 – nothing unclean shall enter heaven
1Jn 5:16-17 – degrees of sins distinguished
Jam 1:14-15 – when sin reaches maturity gives birth to death
2Sam 12:13-14 – David, though forgiven, still punished for his sin
Mt 5:26 – you will not be released until paid last penny
Mt 12:32 – sin against Holy Spirit unforgiven in this age or next
Mt 12:36 – account for every idle word o judgement day
2Macc 12:44-46 – atoned for dead to free them from sin
1Cor 3:15 – suffer loss, but saved as through fire
1Pet 3:18-20; 4:6 – Jesus preached to spirits in prison
2Tim 1:16-18 – Paul prays for dead friend Onesiphorus
1Cor 15:29-30 – Paul mentions people baptizing for the dead

HELL

Is 33:11, 14 – who of us can live with the everlasting flames
Mt 25:41 – depart, you accursed, into the eternal fire
Mt 25:46 – these will go off to eternal punishment
Lk 3:16-17 – the chaff will burn in unquenchable fire
2Thess 1:6-9 – these will pay the penalty of eternal ruin

ORIGINAL SIN

Gn 2:16-17 – the day you eat of that tree, you shall die
Gn 3:11-19 – God’s punishment for eating of the tree
Rom 5:12-19 – many became sinners through one man’s sin
1Cor 15:21-23 – by a man came death; in Adam all die
Eph 2:1-3 – we all once lived in the passions of our flesh

INFANT BAPTISM

Jn 3:5; Mk 16:16 – baptism required for entering heaven
1Cor 15:21-22 – in Adam all die, in Christ all made alive
Mk 10:14 – let children come; to such belongs the kingdom
Lk 18:15 – people were bringing even infants to him...
Col 2:11-12 – baptism has replaced circumcision
Jos 24:15 – as for me and my house, we will serve Lord
Mt 8:5ff. – daughter healed because of centurion’s faith
Mt 15:21ff. – daughter healed because of Canaanite woman’s faith
Lk 7:1ff. – just say the word, and let my servant be healed
Acts 16:31 – believe in Lord Jesus you & house will be saved
Acts 16:15 – she was baptized, with all her household
Acts 16:33 – he and all his family were baptized at once
1Cor 1:16 – I baptized the household of Stephanas

CONFIRMATION

Acts 19:5-6 – Paul imposed hands on baptized, received Holy Spirit
Acts 8:14-17 – laid hands upon them, they received Holy Spirit
2Cor 1:21-22 – put seal on us & given Holy Spirit in our hearts
Eph 1:13 – you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit
Heb 6:2 – instruction about baptism & laying on of hands

CONFESSION

Mt 9:2-8 – Son of Man has authority to forgive sins
Jn 20:23 – whose sins you forgive/retain are forgiven/retained
Jn 20:22 – breathed on them, “receive Holy Spirit” [recall Gn 2:7]
2Cor 5:17-20 – given us the ministry of reconciliation
Eph 5:13-15 – confess your sins to one another
Mt 18:18 – whatever you bind & loose on earth, so it is in heaven
1Jn 5:6 – there is sin that is not deadly

ANOINTING THE SICK

Mk 6:12-13 – anointed with oil many sick, cured them
Jam 5:14-15 – presbyters pray over sick, anoint, sins forgiven

HOLY ORDERS

Acts 20:28 – Holy Spirit appointed you overseers, to tend Church
Lk 22:19 – do this in memory of me
Jn 20:22 – As Father sent me, I send you...receive Holy Spirit
Acts 6:6 – the apostles prayed and laid hands on them
Acts 13:3 – they laid hands on them & sent them off
Acts 14:22 – they appointed presbyters in each church
1Tim 4:14 – gift received through laying on of hands of presbyterate
2Tim 1:6 – gift of god you have through imposition of hands
Tit 1:5 – appoint presbyters in every town as I directed you

MATRIMONY

Mt 19:5-6 – leave father & mother, join wife, 2 become 1 flesh
Mk 10:7-12 – what God joined together, no man separate
Eph 5:22-32 – union of man & wife image of Christ & Church
Heb 13:4 – let marriage be honored among all

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Mal 2:14-16 – for I hate divorce, says the Lord
Mt 5:32-33 – to divorce or marry divorced wife is adultery
Mt 19:4-6, 9 – to divorce wife and remarry = adultery
Lk 16:18 – to divorce & remarry or marry divorced = adultery
Rom 7:2-3 – wife consorts = adulteress if living, but not if dead
1Cor 7:10-11 – if wife separated, stay single or reconcile

CONTRACEPTION

Gn 1:27-28 (Gn 9:1, 35:11) – be fruitful and multiply
1Chr 7:3-5 – children gift from God, blessed is a full quiver
Psk 25:45 – God gave 14 sons & 3 daughters to exalt him
1Chr 26:4-5 – God indeed blessed Obad-edom with 8 sons
Hos 9:10-17 – Israel is punished with childlessness
Ex 23:25-26 – blessings promised: no miscarrying, barrenness
Dt 25:5-10 – penalty for defying Levirate law: not death
Lv 20:13 – if man lies with man, put to death (wasting seed) Note:
no penalty prescribed for lesbian actions or relations between single
man & single woman (Dt 22:28-29)
Lv 20:15 – if man lies with animal, put to death (sterile sex)
Lv 20:16 – woman lies with animal, put to death (sterile sex)
Lv 21:17-20 – crushed testicles is called a defect & blemish
Dt 23:2 – no one who is castrated shall enter the assembly
Dt 25:11-12 – punishment for potential damage to genitals
Rom 1:25-27 – natural function of women = childbearing
1Tim 2:11-15 – women saved through the bearing of children
Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias/Saphira slain – withholding part of gift
Gal 6:7 – God is not mocked-accepting pleasure, denying fruit
Mt 21:19, Mk 11:14 – Jesus cursed fruitless fig tree
Gal 5:20, Rev 9:21, 21:8 – Greek pharmakeia = abortifacient potions
1Cor 6:19-20 – body temple of the Holy Spirit, glorify God with
body

HOMOSEXUALITY

Gn 1:27 – complementarity of sexes reflects God’s inner unity
Gn 2:21-24 – transmission of life through total self donation - 1
flesh
Gn 19 – original sin deteriorates to Sodom’s sin, destroyed
Lvs 18:22 – called abomination, cut off from people (v.29)
Lv 20:13 – both shall be put to death for abominable deed
Rom 1:27 – called unnatural, shameful, and a perversity
1Cor 6:9 – active homosexuals won’t inherit kingdom of God
1Tim 1:9-10 – those who engage in such acts called sinners

DRINKING WINE

Gn 27:25 – Isaac brought Jacob wine, and he drank
Dt 14:23-26 – spend money on sheep, wine, & strong drink
Prov 20:1 – wine is a mocker, unwise to be led astray by it
Eccl 9:7 – drink your wine with merry heart – God approves
Is 25:6 – God will provide feast of rich foods & choice wines
Is 5:11 – woe to those who rise early & run after strong drink
Is 5:22 – woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine
Luke 7:33-34 – son of man eats & drinks: behold glutton & drunk
Jn 2:2-10 – miracle at Cana: water turned into good wine
Eph 5:18 – do not get drunk with wine, that is debauchery
1Tim 5:23 – drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Eph 1:22-23 – he is head of the church, which is his body
Eph 5:21-32 – Christ is the head of the church, savior of the body
Col 1:18, 24 – he is head of the body, the church
Acts 12:12-27 – if I suffer, all suffer; if I am honored, all rejoice
Rom 12:5 – we are one body in Christ, individual parts of one
another
Eph 4:4 – one body, one Spirit, called to one hope
Col 3:15 – you were called in one body

Rom 8:35-39 – death cannot separate us from Christ
Rom 12:10 – love one another with mutual affection
1Thess 5:11 – encourage, build up one another
Gal 6:2 – bear one another’s burdens
Gal 6:10 – let us do good to all, especially those in family of faith

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TO SAINTS

Rom 15:30 – join me by your prayers to God on my behalf
Col 4:3, 1Thess 5:25 – pray for us
2Thess 1:11 – we always pray for you
2Thess 3:1 – finally, brothers, pray for us
Eph 6:18-19 – making supplication for all the saints & for me
Tob 12:12 – angel presents Tobit & Sarah’s prayer to God
Rom 7:10 – angel offers prayers of the holy ones to God

**Saints dead, prayer is necromancy (Dt 18:10-11)*

Mk 12:26-27 – he is God of the living, not of the dead
Mk 9:4 – Jesus seen conversing with Elijah & Moses
Lk 23:43 – this day you will be with me in paradise
Rev 6:9-11 – martyrs under altar want earthly vindication
Heb 12:1 – we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses
Lk 16:19-30 – departed rich man intercedes for brothers
Rev 20:4 – saw the souls of those who had been beheaded
Wis 3:1-6 – the souls of the just are in the hand of God

*1Tim 2:5 – “One mediator between God and man”

1Tim 2:1-7 – offer prayers, petitions for all men
1Pet 2:5 – be a holy priesthood to offer sacrifices through Christ
Mk 10:18 – only God is good
Mt 25:23 – well done my good and faithful servant
Jn 10:11-16 – I am good shepherd; one flock I shepherd
Jn 21:15-16 – feed my lambs, tend my sheep
Eph 4:11 – he gave some as apostles...others as pastors
Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias/Saphira slain – Jesus eternal high priest; one sacrifice
Rev 1:6, 5:10 – he made us a kingdom of priests for God

VERENERATION OF SAINTS

Jos 5:14 – Joshua fell prostrate in worship before angel
Dan 8:17 – Daniel fell prostrate in terror before Gabriel
Tob 12:16 – Tobiah & Tobit fall to ground before Raphael
Mt 18:10 – angels in heaven always behold face of God (we
venerate angels because of their great dignity, which comes from
their union with God. Saints also are united with God)
1Jn 3:2 – we shall be like him, we shall see him as he is
1Thess 1:5-8 – you become an example to all the believers
Heb 13:7 – remember leaders, consider/imitate their faith & life

RELICS

2Kgs 13:20-21 – contact with Elisha’s bones restored life
Acts 5:15-116 – cures performed through Peter’s shadow
Acts 19:11-12 – cures through face cloths that touched Paul

STATUES

*Ex 20:4-5 – do not make and worship any graven images
Ex 25:18-19 – make two cherubim of beaten gold
Num 21:8-9 – Moses made bronze serpent & put on pole
1Kgs 6:23-29 – temple had engraved cherubim, trees, flowers
1Kgs 7:25-45 – temple had bronze oxen, lions, pomegranates

* Indicates verses used to challenge Catholic doctrines.