

Sola Scriptura - Where is that in the Bible?

Intro Song: "Joy" by Jackie Francois off her album "Your Kingdom is Glorious"

Intro Prayer:

- May the Holy Spirit illumine our hearts and leads us all to the TRUTH - Jesus Christ!
- For the conversion of sinners and unification of all believers in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
- For the Vicar of Christ on earth... may God strengthen him for his vocation to lead all to Christ in the Eucharist and straighten his brethren.
- Our Father...

The Charge:

"...What isn't true about the Catholic Church.... Let's look at what the Catechism says -

i.e. #95: "It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."

To say that God's word "cannot stand" without the Magisterium or Rome's sacred Tradition is blasphemy. There is only one "name," "Jesus Christ of Nazareth." (Acts 4:10) There's "no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Therefore, the Pope and his bishops, and your "sacred Tradition," DO NOT "contribute to the salvation of souls."..."

The Answer:

It seems clear to me at least that his issue, among other things, is with Sola Scriptura and the authority of the Magistirum... I would also say he rejects tradition but also, wrongly thinks the Catholic Church somehow places the Pope, and the Bishops in communion with him, as an equal to Jesus. No where does the Church do this... the Pope is NOT equal to Jesus... he is the Servant of all the least in the Kingdom! How can the ministers who serve in the Kings court be the equal to the King? This is no where taught in the CCC or anywhere else.

Sola Scriptura:

- **Question:** where is scripture does it say that it MUST be written in

scripture for it to be believed? Please do not just point out the verses that discuss the efficacy, inerrancy, or inspiration of scripture... i.e. 2 Tim 3:16... on all of this we agree! I'm looking for the verse that says it MUST be written in Scripture before it should be believed. Where is that verse?

- So what does Scripture Say: - SOME examples:
 - Luke 1: [1] Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, [2] just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, [3] it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, [4] **that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed.**
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 - John 20:[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, **which are not written in this book;**
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 - 2 Thessalonians 2:[15] So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the **traditions** which you were taught by us, either by **word of mouth** or by letter.
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 - 2 Timothy 2: [1] You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, [2] and what you have **heard** from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to **teach** others also.
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 - Luke 10: [16] "He who **hears** you **hears** me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."
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 - Romans 10: [17] So faith comes from what is **heard**, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.
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 - 1 Peter 1:[25] but the word of the Lord abides for ever." That word is the good news which was **preached** to you.
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 - 2 John 1:[12] Though I have much to write to you, **I would rather not use paper and ink**, but **I hope to come to see you and talk**

with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

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- John 21:[25] But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.
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- So... clearly Scripture IS inspired and infallible... this we agree! But, no where IN Scripture will you find a verse that says it MUST be written in Scripture for it to be believed by the faithful. To the contrary the above are a few examples of how the 1st century Church taught the faith... handed its TRADITIONS on by preaching, and oral teaching, and eventually by letter preserving the witness of the Apostles as they began to be martyred and die off.
- So the Catholic position of BOTH Scripture & tradition is inline with what is witnessed in both Scripture & TRADITION! Read the early Fathers... its clear.
 - Also... what about the Law handed down by God, through Moses, to the people?
 - Was that Sola Scriptura?
 - Did you know the Hebrew Bible contained no vowels?
 - Do you know how many Hebrew words share the same consonance?
 - So HOW would one KNOW which word was meant?
 - The LIVING and BREATHING tradition of the community was passed down from one generation to the next ORALLY... and was the primary means for proper interpretation of the written Law
 - So... EVEN in the OLD Covenant we see the harmony of the written word, the Oral tradition, and the "magisterium" of those who possess the chair of Moses... read **Matthew 23**.
 - The real question is when did the NOVELTY of Sola Scriptura start and why!
 - Protestant Reformation
 - To make it easier to reject long established and practiced doctrines that were inconvenient to the NEW theology of the revolters.
- **Question:** Where in Scripture does it give us the infallible list of the books that God wanted us to have? How do we know that John is inspired? Other than your own personal intuition, and communion with the Holy Spirit, how can the faithful be sure of it? No where do we find a list within the pages of scripture... so...

at what point did we get all 27 books of the New Testament? Who decided they were inspired?

- Muratorian Fragment
 - A unique insight into the debate of the early Church as to what was considered "inspired" or canonical. - Circa 150 AD
 - "2. Moreover, the Acts of all the Apostles are comprised by Luke in one book, and addressed to the most excellent Theophilus, because these different events took place when he was present himself; and he shows this clearly-i.e., that the principle on which he wrote was, to give only what fell under his own notice-by the omission³³ of the passion of Peter, and also of the journey of Paul, when he went from the city-Rome-to Spain."
 - Did you know Paul left Rome and went to Spain?
 - Have you ever read the Passion of St. Peter?
 - Did you know it was read in many Eastern Churches at Mass for many many years?
 - Paragraph 4 - "We receive also the Apocalypse of John and *that of Peter*, though some amongst us will not have this latter read in the Church."
 - A MUST read - linked at CatholicHack.com.
 - So,,, even if there was a verse in Scripture that said "it MUST be written in Scripture before it can be believed"... which there is no such verse... but, pretending as if there were... how would we know that the book it was written in was supposed to be considered canonical to begin with?
 - Can anyone write a book and consider it "inspired" or "canonical"?
 - i.e. The Gospel of Judas, Gospel of Mary Magdalene, etc.
 - i.e. The Book of Morman, etc.
 - Clearly we can see the chaos that would ensue as a result of this...
 - Is this what Jesus had in mind when he brought about the New Covenant?
 - Would he NOT have seen this coming?
 - Was his prayer in vain?
 - John 17:[20] "I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, [21] that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also

may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

- Or maybe... just maybe he left us a Magistrium... who NOW posses the Chair of Moses and serve, as ministers of the court of the King of Kings, and rule over the 12 Tribes, and sit in Judgment?
 - Is it possible that such a Church, established by the King himself, would have authority to declare which books are inspired and which are NOT?
 - Possibly they would have the authority to determine heresy from authenticity?
 - If the founding Fathers of America were smart enough to do that for the USA... how much more God for HIS Kingdom?
- The Bottom line is it was the CATHOLIC Church who, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, determined which books were inspired and which were not... which books were apart of the cannon and which were not...
 - What was the main criteria?
 - Which books were being read at Mass... especially at those churches founded by Apostles themselves.
 - The Liturgy IS The criteria!
 - The Liturgy IS where the Word of God finds His Home!
 - Luke 24:[32] They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"
 - When did they recognize jesus? Luke 24:[35] ... he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.
 - Several articles with greater detail are linked at CatholicHack.com
- **Question...** what is the pillar and foundation of truth? I'll bet your tempted to say Scripture... but, is that what Scripture says? No...
 - 1 Timothy 3:[14] **I hope to come to you soon**, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, [15] if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the **household of God**, which is the **church** of the living God, the **pillar and bulwark of the truth**.
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- - NIV version : **15** if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in **God's household**, which is the **church** of the living God, **the pillar and foundation of the truth.**
- Since its the CHURCH & not Scripture that is the pillar and foundation of Truth... and Truth is a person... Jesus Christ... we should next look at the form/structure/nature of that ONE Church, the body of Christ, in scripture.
 - Next time...