

## THE CATHOLIC APOLOGIST'S SCRIPTURAL SHEET

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A collection of biblical quotes useful for Catholic apologetics work, so that I have something to say when "ambushed" without my library of references. It should be obvious that these quotes are useless without the knowledge to use them. Moreover, only those who believe in the Bible would take these seriously. This rules out non-Christians. The following collection fits neatly on a single 2-column word-processed page, suitable for tucking into my wallet. I welcome any comments on what I should include and omit. Chris

### **Sola scriptura**

Jn 21:25 ... not everything is in the Bible.  
2 Thess 2:15; 2 Tim 2:2; 1 Cor 11:2; 1 Thess 2:13 ... Paul speaks of oral tradition.  
Acts 2:42 ... early Christians followed apostolic tradition.  
2 Pet 3:16 ... Bible hard to understand, get distorted.  
2 Jn 1:12; 3 Jn 1:13-14 ... more oral tradition.  
2 Pet 1:20-21 ... against personal interpretation.  
Acts 8:31; Heb 5:12 ... guidance needed to interpret scriptures.

### **Sola fide**

Jas 2:14-26 ... what good is faith w/o works?  
Heb 10:26 ... must avoid sin.  
Jas 5:20 ... "earning" forgiveness.  
Lk 6:46; Mt 7:21; Mt 19:16-21; Jn 5:29 ... must do will of God.  
1 Cor 9:27 ... "buffet my body ..."  
Phil 2:12; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 2:6-10, 13, 3:31; Mt 25:32-46; Gal 6:6-10; Rev 20:12 ... works have merit.  
1 Jn 2:3-4; 1 Jn 3:24; 1 Jn 5:3 ... keep commandments.

### **Salvation (once and for all?)**

1 Cor 9:27 ... after preaching ... I myself disqualified.  
1 Cor 10:12 ... thinks that he stands ... lest he fall.  
Phil 2:12 ... work out salvation with fear and trembling.  
Heb 4:1 ... fear of failing to reach salvation.  
1 Jn 5:16,17 ... some sins are mortal, some not.  
Rom 11:21,22 ... spare branches, continue or be cut off.

### **Deuterocanonicals**

Deuterocanonicals were used in NT: 2 Mach 6:18-7:42 ... Heb 11:35; Wisdom 3:5-6 ... 1 Pet 1:6-7;  
Wisdom 13:1-9 ... Rom 1:18-32  
Septuagint (Gk, w/ Deuterocanonicals) version of OT quoted in NT, noticeably different from Hebrew version: Is 7:14 ... Mt 1:23; Is 40:3 ... Mt 3:3; Joel 2:30-31 ... Acts 2:19-29; Ps 95:7-9 ... Heb 3:7-9 etc.

## **Purgatory**

Lk 12:59; 1 Cor 3:15; 1 Pet 1:7; Mt 5:25-26 ... temporary agony.  
Heb 12:6-11 ... God's painful discipline.  
Mt 12:32 ... no forgiveness ... nor in the age to come.  
1 Pet 3:19 ... purgatory (limbo?).  
Rev 21:27 ... nothing unclean shall enter heaven.  
Heb 12:23 ... souls in heaven are perfect.  
Col 1:24; 2 Sam 12:14 ... "extra" suffering.  
2 Mac 12:43-46 ... sacrifice for the dead.  
2 Tim 1:15-18 ... prayer for Onesiphorus for "that Day."  
1 Jn 5:14-17 ... mortal/venial sins

## **Eucharist**

Mt 26:26-27; Mk 14:22,24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 10:24-25 ... this is my body ... this is my blood.  
1 Cor 11:26-30 ... sinning against the body and blood.  
Jn 6:32-58 ... long discourse on Eucharist.  
Gen 14:18; Ps 110:4; Heb 7:1-17 ... Melchizedek.  
Acts 2:42 ... breaking of bread.  
Ps 27:1-2; Is 9:18-20; Is 49:26; Micah 3:3; Rev 17:6,16 ... symbolic interpretation of Jn 6 inappropriate.

## **Baptism of infants**

Acts 2:38-39; Acts 16:15, 16:33, 18:8; 1 Cor 1:16 ... suggests baptism of all, incl. children.  
Jn 3:5; Rom 6:4 ... necessity of baptism.  
Col 2:11-12 ... circumcision (normally performed on infants c.f. Gen 17:12) replaced by baptism.

## **Forgiveness of sins**

Jn 20:22-23 ... "if you forgive ... they are forgiven."  
Mt 18:18 ... binding on earth and heaven.  
2 Cor 5:18 ... ministry of reconciliation.  
Jas 5:14-16 ... forgiveness of sins, anointing of the sick, confession.

## **Papacy/infallibility**

Mt 10:1-4; Mk 3:16-19; Lk 6:14-16; Acts 1:13; Lk 9:32 ... Peter always mentioned first, as foremost apostle.  
Mt 18:21; Mk 8:29; Lk 12:41; Jn 6:69 ... Peter speaks for the apostles.  
Acts 2:14-40 ... Pentecost: Peter who first preached.  
Acts 3:6-7 ... Peter worked first healing.  
Acts 10:46-48 ... Gentiles to be baptized revealed to Peter.  
Jn 1:42 ... Simon is Cephas (Aramaic: Kepha for rock).  
Mt 16:18-19 ... "on this Rock ... keys ... bind ... loose"  
Is 22:22; Rev 1:18 ... keys as symbol of authority.  
Jn 21:17 ... "feed my sheep"  
Lk 22:31-32 ... "Simon ... strengthen your brethren".  
Lk 10:1-2, 16; Jn 13:20; 2 Cor 5:20; Gal 4:14; Acts 5:1-5 ... "vicars" (substitutes) of Christ.  
Mk 6:20; Lk 1:70,2:23; Rom 12:1; Act 3:21, 1 Cor 7:14; Eph 3:5; Col 1:22 ... humans can be holy ("call no one holy").

## **"Brothers" of Jesus**

Mary wife of Cleophas and "sister" of the Virgin Mary (Jn 19:25) is the mother of James and Joset (Mk 15:47; Mt 27:56) who are called the "brothers of Jesus" (Mk 6:3).

Acts 1:12-15 ... apostles, Mary, "some women" and Jesus' "brothers" number about 120. That is a lot of "brothers."

Gen 14:14 ... Lot, Abraham's nephew (Gen 11:26-28), described as Abraham's brother (KJV).

Gen 29:15 ... Laban, Jacob's uncle, calls Jacob his "brother" (KJV).

John 19:26-27 ... Jesus gives care of Mary to John, not one of his "brothers."

2 Sam 6:23, Gen 8:7, Dt 34:6 ... "until."

## **Mary**

Gen 5:24; Heb 11:5; 2 Kings 2:1-13 ... Enoch and Elijah taken to heaven.

Lk 1:28 ... annunciation.

Lk 1:42-48 ... blessed are you among women.

2 Tim 4:8, Jas 1:12, 1 Pet 5:4, Rev 2:10 ... coronation awaits saints.

Jn 2:1-5 ... Mary's intercession.

## **Saints**

Mk 12:26-27 ... "not God of the dead, but of the living."

Jn 15:1-8 ... vine and its branches.

1 Cor 12:25-27; Rom 12:4-5 ... body of Christ.

Eph 6:18; Rom 15:30; Col 4:3; 1 Thess 1:11 ... intercessory prayer.

Jos 5:14; Dan 8:17; Tob 12:16 ... veneration of angels united with God (Mt 18:10).

1 Cor 13:12; 1 John 3:2 ... saints also united with God.

Lk 20:34-38 ... those who died are like angels.

2 Mac 15:11-16 ... deceased Onias and Jeremiah interceded for Jews.

Rev 8:3-4; Jer 15:1 ... saints' intercession.

## **Statues, images and relics**

Ex 25:18-22, 26:1,31; Num 21:8-9 ... God commands images made.

1 Kings 6:23-29, 35, 7:29 ... Solomon's temple: statues and images.

Acts 19:11,12 ... Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons.

2 Kg 13:20-21 ... Elisha's bones.

Acts 5:15-16 ... Peter's shadow.

Mt 9:20-22 ... Jesus' garment cures woman.

## **Church and authority**

Acts 2:42 ... doctrine, community, sacred rite (bread).

Eph 5:25-26 ... Christ loved the Church.

1 Tim 3:15 ... church is pillar/foundation of truth.

Mt 16:18; 20:20 ... Christ protects Church.

Heb 13:17 ... obey.

Mt 18:17-18 ... church as final authority.

Mt 23:2 ... Pharisees succeeded Moses (seat of Moses).

1 Cor 5:5; 1 Tim 1:20 ... excommunication.

## **Priesthood and worship**

Acts 1:15-26; 2 Tim 2:2; Tit 1:5 ...unbroken succession.

Acts 15:6,23; 1 Tim 4:14, 5:22; 1 Tim 5:17; Jas 5:13-15 ... presbyters/elders (priests) were ordained, preached and taught the flock, administered sacraments.

Lk 16:24; Rom 4; 1 Cor 4:14-15; Acts 7:2; 1 Thess 2:11; 1 Jn 2:13-14 ... "call no one father"?

1 Cor 7:7-9 ... Paul unmarried.

Mt 19:12; 1 Cor 7:32,33 ... celibacy.

Gen 14:18; Ps 110:4; Heb 7:1-17 ... Melchizedek.

Rev 4:8 ... "vain repetition"?

1 Kg 8:54; 2 Chr 6:13; Ezra 9:5; Mt 17:14; Lk 5:8 ... kneeling.

Rev 8:3-4 ... incense.

1 Cor 12 ... different roles of members of body.

## **Justification**

1 Jn 1:7, 2 Pet 1:9 ... purified from sins.

Jn 1:29, Heb 9:26-28 ... takes away sin.

Ps 50:3, Ps 102:12, Is 43:25 ... blot out, clear away sin.

Rom 2:13, Rom 3:20 ... future justification.

Heb 11:8...Gen 12:1-4; Rom 4:2-3...Gen 15:6; Jas 2:21-23...Gen 22:1-18 ... justifications of Abraham.

2 Pet 1:4 ... become partakers of the divine nature.

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