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*“Sacred Scripture* is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit.” (CCC, §81)



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“This living transmission, accomplished in the Holy Spirit, is called Tradition, since it is distinct from Sacred Scripture, though closely connected to it.” (CCC, §78)



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“In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church the apostles left bishops as their successors. They gave them ‘their own position of **teaching authority**.’” (CCC, §77)



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# Authority

“The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living, teaching office of the Church alone.” (CCC, §85)



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# Authority

“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.” (CCC, §95)



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# Authority

“All that has been said about the manner of interpreting Scripture is ultimately subject to the judgment of the Church which exercises the divinely conferred commission and ministry of watching over and interpreting the Word of God.”  
(CCC, §119)



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# Authority

- RCC: Sacred Scripture is **NOT** equal to Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium
  - Apostolic succession
  - Papal authority *ex cathedra*



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# Authority

“To fulfill this [teaching] service, Christ endowed the Church’s shepherds with the charism of infallibility in matters of faith and morals. ... The Roman Pontiff, head of the college of bishops, enjoys this infallibility in virtue of his office, when, as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful – who confirms his brethren in the faith – he proclaims by a definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals.” (CCC, §890–891)



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  - Jesus alone is the head of the church (Eph 1:22; Col 1:18)



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  - Teachers are important to help our studies, not as a replacement for study



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# Salvation

- RCC: 7 sacraments that bestow grace on the faithful
  - Baptism

“Through **Baptism** we are freed from him and reborn as son of God... ‘Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water and in the word’.” (CCC, §1213)



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“Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament...”



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*"God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments." (CCC, §1257)*



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# Salvation

- RCC: 7 sacraments that bestow grace on the faithful
  - Baptism...OR
    - Martyrdom (CCC, §1258)
    - Desire + Repentance + Charity (CCC, §1259)
    - Ignorance of the Gospel + Desire (CCC, §1260)



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# Salvation

- Jesus is the only way of salvation (John 14:6)
- The gospel is where God has bound his power to save (Romans 1:16)
- The only action necessary is to believe (John 6:28–29; Acts 16:30–31; John 3:16–18)



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# Two big questions

- What is your authority for life?
  - Church & Tradition OR Jesus & the Bible
- Where is your faith for salvation?
  - Church & baptism OR Jesus alone by grace through faith



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