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Divine Revelation: Sacred Scripture

Catechism # 102 -

The Bible has both divine and human authors

Catechism # 105 – God is the author of Sacred Scripture ...

Catechism # 106-107 – God inspired the human authors ...
Truth IS God!

“Christianity is not merely a religion of the book.”

Catechism # 108 – Holy Spirit, Interpreter of the Scriptures

How do you attract the Holy Spirit?

1. Be respective \
2. Be humble \ being holy
3. Be obedient /
4. True devotion to His mother, Mary
5. Receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

Catechism #110-111 – Know the culture, time, literary genres, modes of feeling; speaking and narrating; read in the light of the Holy Spirit

Catechism #112-114 -

3 principles concerning the reading of Holy Scripture:

1. Attentive to the content and unity of the whole scripture
Totality – whole of scripture
Attentive to what the authors wanted to confirm and what
God wanted to reveal.
2. Read the scripture within “the living Tradition of the whole Church”
3. Be attentive to the analogy of faith – the coherence of the truths of faith
– among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

Catechism # 115-117 -

Senses of Scripture

1. Literal Sense – conveyed in the words themselves
2. Spiritual Sense –
 - a. Allegorical sense –

- b. Moral sense – lead us to act appropriately
- c. Anagogical sense – lead us toward our heavenly homeland

Catechism # 120 –

Canon of Scripture

46 books in the Old Testament

27 books in the New Testament

Where did the Bible come from?

The Catholic Church – they decided which would be in there.

Protestant Bible does not have:

Tobit, Judith, Parts of Esther, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, and Baruch

Catechism # 121 – Old Testament - Retain Permanent Value

Catechism # 123 – the New Testament did not replace the Old Testament

The New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament and the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament.

Catechism # 126 –

3 stages in the formation of the Gospels:

1. The life and teachings of Jesus – while Jesus was on the earth.
2. The Oral Tradition – after Jesus left the earth and what the disciples handed down.
3. The Written Gospels –

Catechism # 128 – Unity of the Old and New Testaments

Typology – Old Testament prefigures the New Testament

Ex. Mary, the new Eve

Jesus, the new Adam

Catechism # 131 – Sacred Scripture and the life of the Church

Read the Bible

Recommended Commentary for Scripture

Navarre Bible

Scripture should be the HEART of our faith.

Go to adoration daily if you can!

Just see what God will do, when you give Him one hour a day!

Pray the Rosary daily