

# THE CATHOLIC APOLOGIST'S SCRIPTURAL CHEAT SHEET

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## 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.

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## 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?)

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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

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## 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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").

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## **"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."

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## **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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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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