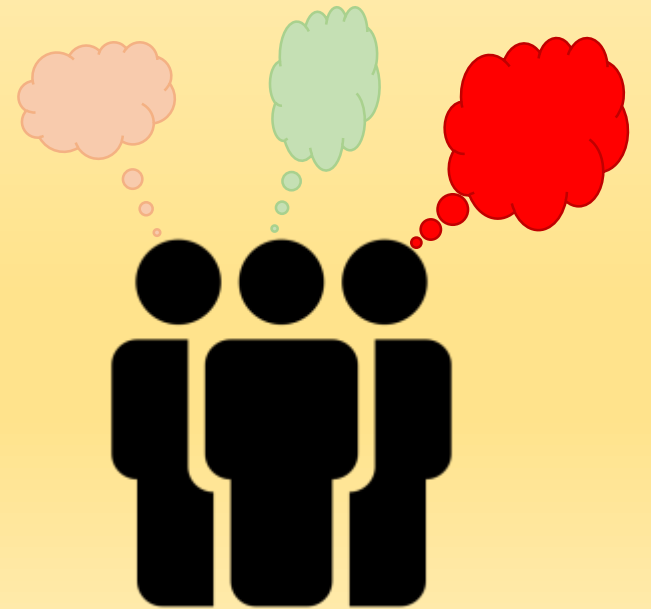
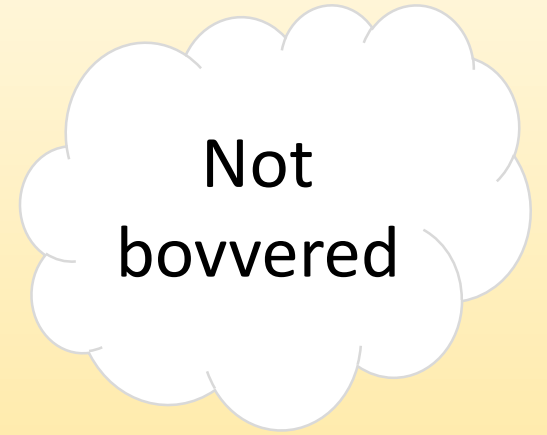


The Church & The Eucharist

One Faith, One Body

Belief: a correspondence to what?



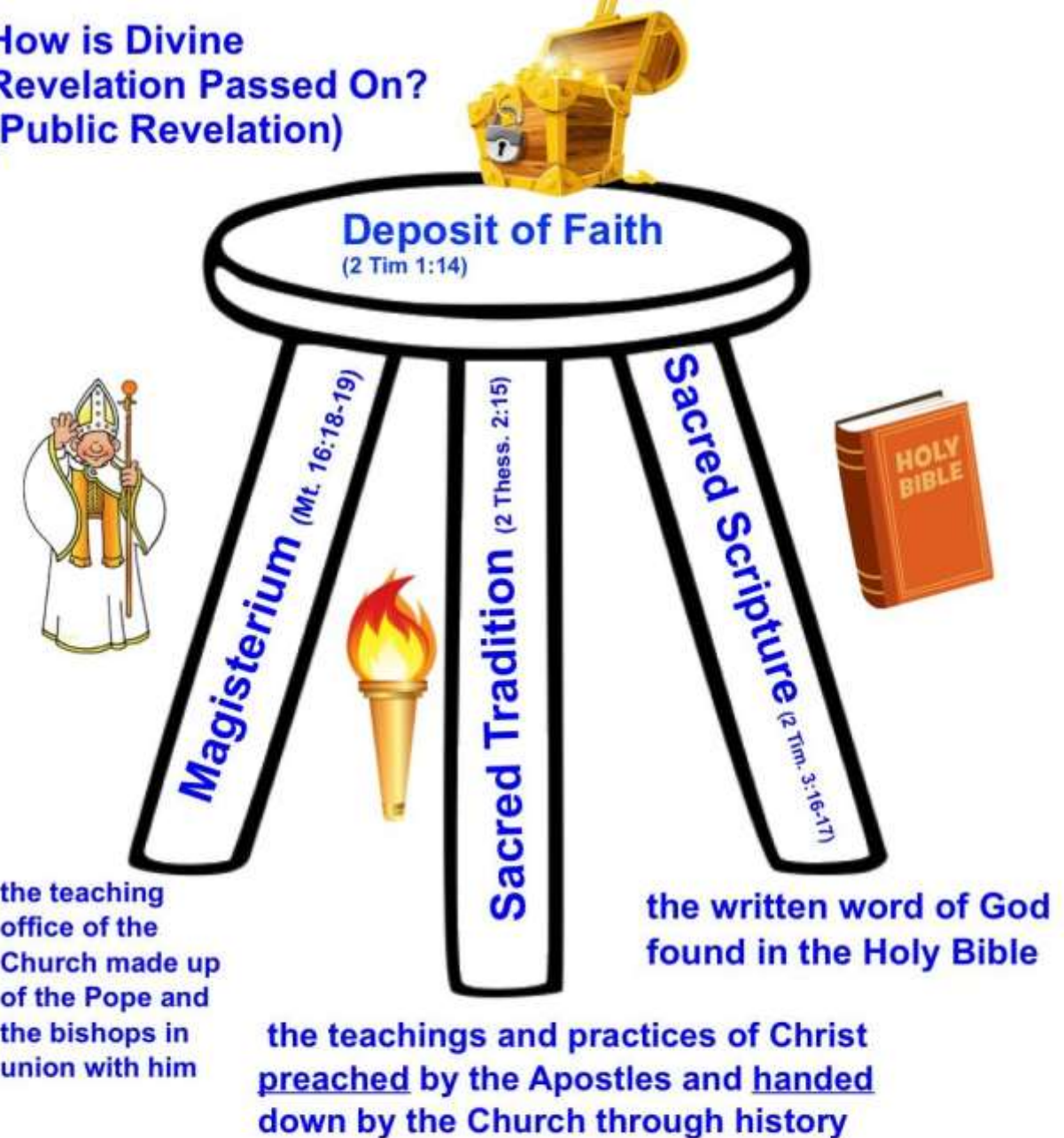
Belief & Faith

- “God, the first principle and last end of all things, can be known with certainty from the created world by the natural light of human reason.” (*Dei Filius*)
 - “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him” (*Gen 1:26*)
- “The truths that have to do with God and the relations between God and men, completely surpass the sensible order... Now the human intellect, in gaining the knowledge of such truths is hampered both by the activity of the senses and the imagination, and by evil passions arising from original sin.” (*Humani Generis 2*)

The Deposit of Faith

“God graciously arranged that the things he had once revealed for the salvation of all peoples should remain in their entirety, throughout the ages, and be transmitted to all generations”
(Dei Verbum 7)

How is Divine Revelation Passed On?
(Public Revelation)



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What is the Church?

- “We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church”
(Nicene Creed)
- Church:
 - (Latin) *ecclesia* from (Greek) *ek-kalein* = ‘to call out of’
 - (Greek Old Testament) *Ekklesia* = assembly
 - (Greek) *Kyriake* = what belongs to the Lord
[German = kirche)



What is the Church?

- “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (*John 14:6*) – not “I have...”
The Gift and the Giver are one and the same.
- Christ is one with the Church: each *lives* in the other in a *real* way:
 - “even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one...” (*Jn 17:22-23*)
 - “In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.” (*Jn 14:20*)
 - “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit” (*Jn 15:4-5*)

What is the Church?

- “The Church does not possess [these marks] of herself; it is Christ who, through the Holy Spirit, makes his Church one, holy, catholic and apostolic” *(CCC 811)*
- “let us come now to the second Adam and see how the church is made from his side. The side of the Lord Savior as he hung on the cross is pierced with a lance.” *(St Jerome)*
- “In the same way that the will of God is an act and it is called the world, so His intention is the salvation of men, and it is called the Church” *(Clement of Alexandria)*

The Eucharist

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6



The Eucharist



- “At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again...”
- “a sacrament of Love... ‘in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.’”

(Sacrosanctum Concilium § 47)

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.

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