

Compendium Chapter 2 - God Comes to Meet Man

Divine Revelation

How does God reveal Himself to us?

- 1 Timothy Chapter 4 Verse 6-16.
- 1 Timothy, Chap 6 verse 20

4 ways – (Scripture is last, and it is important to have them in the right order)

1. Creation

Romans Chapter 1 Verse 18-21

2. Conscience

CCC 1776: "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. . . . For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. . . . His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths." When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

CCC 1778: Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law:

*"Conscience is a law of the mind; yet [Christians] would not grant that it is nothing more; I mean that it was not a dictate, nor conveyed the notion of responsibility, of duty, of a threat and a promise. . . . [Conscience] is a messenger of him, who, both in nature and in grace, speaks to us behind a veil, and teaches and rules us by his representatives. Conscience is the aboriginal Vicar of Christ."*⁵⁰ John Henry Cardinal Newman

CCC 1790 covers errors in judgement.

John 17:11-22

3. Sacred Tradition

Hebrews Chapter 1 Verse 1-2

4. Sacred Scripture

The Bible is 73 Books:

46 in the Old Testament

27 in the New Testament

Scripture is the last form of Revelation –

All the other forms existed before it

The Church made the Bible, not the other way around

St. Paul wrote 13 of the 27 books and he never even met Jesus in person.

The Magisterium - the teaching office of the Church.

The Church's Deposit of Faith has three main components; Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium.

Compendium Chapter 3 – Man's response to God

Faith is a gift of God

Qualities of Faith

Acts 16:31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus"

- Faith is a personal and communal relationship
- Faith seeks understanding and is a friend of reason
- Faith is necessary for salvation
Mark 16:16
- Faith is a gift of grace
- Faith is a free, human act
John 6:67-68
- Faith believes with conviction in a message
1Thes 1:5
Heb 11:1

CCC 153. Characteristics of Faith

Faith is a grace

Faith is a human act

Faith and understanding

The freedom of faith

The necessity of faith

Perseverance in faith

The beginning of eternal life

The Apostles Creed and The Nicene Creed

(from the first 2 Ecumenical Councils - Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381)