



Twelve Important Bible Verses for Catholics to Know

GENESIS 3:15: “I will put enmity between you and the woman; between her seed and your seed. He shall crush your head and you shall lie in wait of his heel.”

This verse shows God’s promise to send Jesus Christ as the Redeemer. It also shows there will be division between the devil (or sin) and the Mother of the Redeemer, proving the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ISAIAH 44:6: “I am the first and I am the last, besides me there is no god.”

This verse proves there is one true God, not many.

MATTHEW 16:18-19: “You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

These verses show the unique authority which Jesus bestowed upon the Apostle Peter, the first Pope.

LUKE 1:48: [Mary:] “All generations will call me blessed!”

This verse shows it is good to honor Mary.

JOHN 3:5: “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

This verse proves to be “born again” means to be baptized with water.

JOHN 6:54-55: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.”

These verses prove the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

JOHN 20:23: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

This verse proves Jesus gave the Apostles the authority to forgive sins. It shows the necessity of going to priests for Confession.

JOHN 20:28: [The Apostle Thomas to Jesus:] “My Lord and my God!”

This verse proves the divinity of Jesus.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:15: [Saint Paul:] “I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

This verse proves the early Christians called the Apostles “father.” It is good to call priests “father.”

2 THESSALONIANS 2:15: [Paul:] “Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.”

This verse shows the importance of Apostolic Tradition, the spoken words of the Apostles. Scripture is not the only authority for Christians.

JAMES 2:24: “Man is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

This verse proves we are not saved by faith alone (as Protestants believe). Works are necessary for salvation.

REVELATION 5:8: “The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb ... with golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of God’s holy people.”

This verse shows the Saints in Heaven interceding for us.



Twelve MORE Important Bible Verses for Catholics to Know

MATTHEW 19:12: “There are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept this, let him receive it.”

This verse shows that Jesus Christ recommended celibacy.

MARK 16:16: “He who believes and is baptized will be saved.”

This verse proves that Baptism is necessary for salvation.

LUKE 1:43: [Elizabeth to Mary:] “And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

This verse shows the reverence Christians should have for Mary.

LUKE 10:16: [Jesus to the Apostles:] “He who hears you hears me.”

This verse proves the teaching authority of the Church.

JOHN 2:5: [Mary’s last spoken words in the Bible:] “Do whatever he tells you.”

This verse proves Mary always leads us to Jesus.

JOHN 19:27: [Jesus to the Apostle John:] “Behold, your mother.”

This verse shows Mary is the Mother of All Christians.

ROMANS 2:6: “For he will render to every man according to his works.”

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:15: “If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”

This verse proves the existence of Purgatory.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:27: “Whoever ... eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.”

The Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Jesus. How could the unworthy reception of ordinary bread and wine be called a sin against the Body and Blood of Jesus?

1 TIMOTHY 3:15: “The church ... [is] the pillar and foundation of the truth.”

This verse proves the teaching authority of the Church.

HEBREWS 12:1: “We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.”

This verse shows the Communion of the Saints.

2 PETER 3:16: “There are some things in [Paul’s letters] hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures.”

This verse shows the importance of Church authority in interpreting Scripture. Scripture is not to be interpreted by the individual, apart from Church teaching.