THE BIBLE & THE PAPACY

Lecture 2:

Church Tradition or Bible Teaching?

Overview

- The Roman Catholic Church's position in regards to "***Church Tradition***"
- How the Roman Catholic Church ***has protected its authority*** and how that has affected its relationship with the Bible
- What the ***Bible teaches***
- Compare and contrast both views

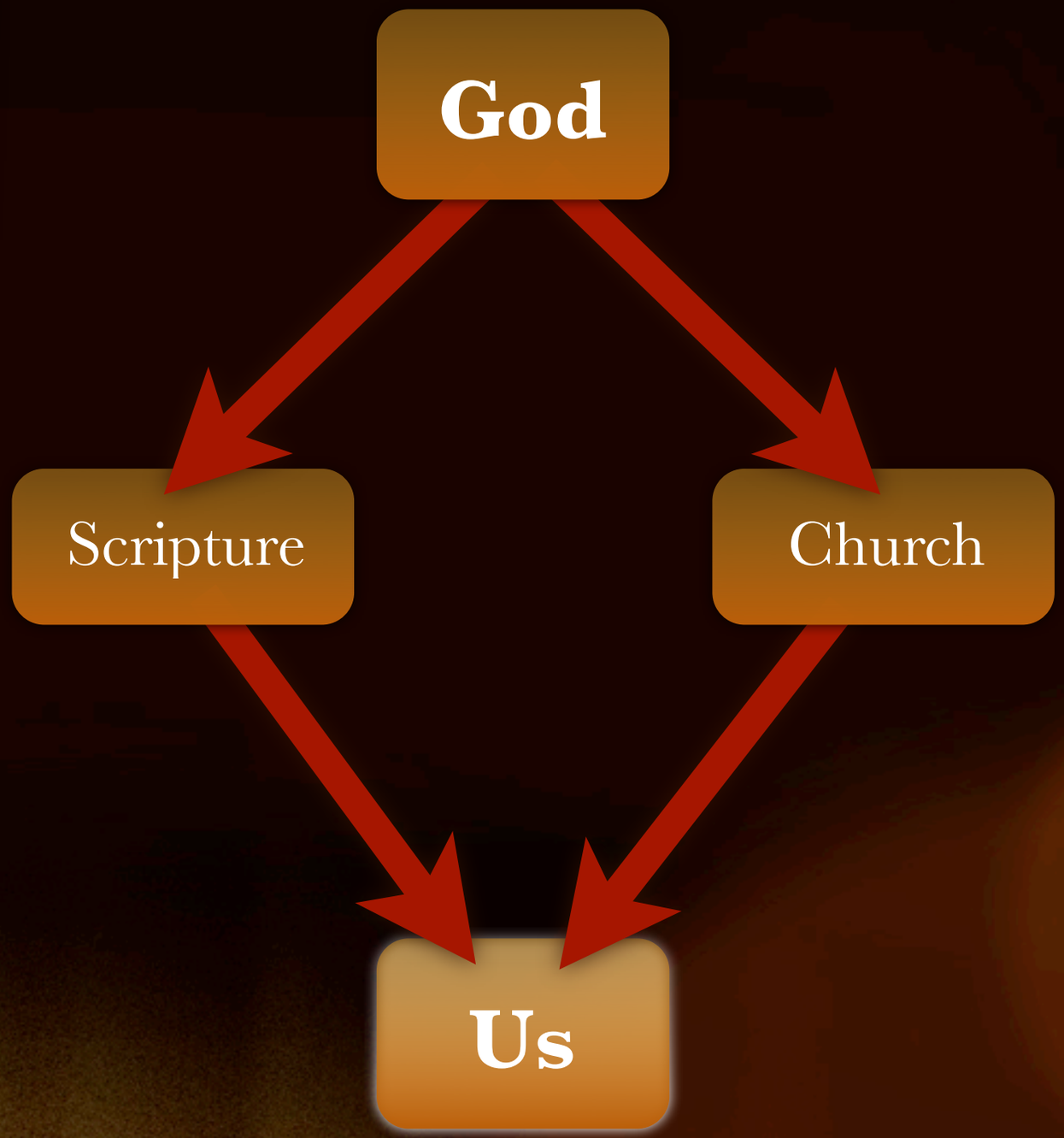
1. The Roman Catholic Church’s position in regards to “church tradition”

The church’s claim of authority

What is tradition?

'Tradition and Living Magisterium'
Catholic Encyclopedia
(www.newadvent.org)

"...Catholics... hold that there may be, that there is in fact, and that there must of necessity be certain revealed truths apart from those contained in the Bible..."



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"...As regards Biblical interpretation properly so called the Church is infallible in the sense that, whether by authentic decision of pope or council, or by its current teaching that a given passage of Scripture has a certain meaning, this meaning must be regarded as the true sense of the passage in question..."

The Catholic Catechism For Adults *(page 52)*

"Can you learn to save your soul just by reading the Bible? No, because certain things in the Bible can be misunderstood, and because the Bible does not have everything God taught..."

The church's claim

- The authority to correctly interpret the Bible
- Additional, vital, information which is apparently not contained in the Bible

The making of saints

'Intercession (Mediation)'
Catholic Encyclopedia
(www.newadvent.org)

"The chief objections raised against the intercession and invocation of the saints are that these doctrines are opposed to the faith and trust which we should have in God alone; that they are a denial of the all-sufficient merits of Christ; and that they cannot be proved from Scripture"

Colossians 1:2

"To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Timothy 2:5

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus..."

Cardinal Newman



Heart speaks unto heart: the enduring appeal of J.H. Newman

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England's most famous convert inspires Anglicans and Catholics, says

William Oddie

In 1912, Henry Scott Holland, then Regius Professor of Divinity in

spect who knows me — and from my heart I trust and pray that no one ever may."

Once his living memory had died, however, there was a long period of forgetting, except by those interested in the thought of the Victorian period. As a spiritual force in people's lives, he was for several decades remembered only by a few. Even at the Birmingham Oratory, where his whole life as a Catholic had unfolded, there was no "cult"; that "reputation of holiness" without which, as the relevant Vatican official explains, "the bishop cannot even initiate the cause", was simply not there.

Sometime during the 1940s, however,

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NEWMAN TO BE BEATIFIED BY POPE BENEDICT XVI DURING HIS UK VISIT

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« Superior of Passionists issues letter for the Beatification: Newman, more important than ever before

ORATORY CONFEDERATION WELCOMES PAPAL BEATIFICATION »



Pope Benedict XVI at a Canonisation Mass in Rome, October 11 2009 (Credit: Reuters)

Marriage & Meat

Code of Canon Law 277

"Clerics... are bound to celibacy"

Code of Canon Law 1251

"Abstinence from meat... is to be observed on all Fridays"

1 Timothy 4:1-3

"...in the latter times some shall depart from the faith... Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

Paedophile priests still play active church role

Riazat Butt
Religious affairs correspondent

More than half of the Catholic clergy jailed for paedophile activity in England and Wales remain in the priesthood - with several receiving financial support from church authorities, raising serious questions about depth of church commitment to child protection and overshadowing the start of the papal visit

The Guardian | *15th Sep 2010*

BBC News – Pope Benedict hit by new Church child abuse allegations

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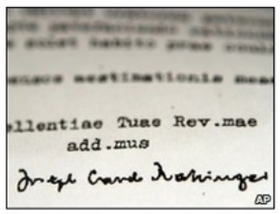
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Pope Benedict hit by new Church child abuse allegations

The Pope is facing allegations he was responsible for delaying Church action against a paedophile priest - the first time he has been accused so directly.

The allegations stem from a letter signed by Benedict XVI in 1985, when he was a senior Vatican official.



The Vatican has confirmed Cardinal Ratzinger's signature

Associated Press said it had obtained the letter, signed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, resisting the defrocking of offending US priest Stephen Kiesle.

The Vatican says he was exercising due caution before sacking the ...est.

...inal Ratzinger - who was at the time the head of the ...regation for the Doctrine of the Faith - said the "good of the universal Church" needed to be considered in any defrocking, AP reported.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ABUSE SCANDAL

KEY STORIES
- Pope pins scandal on Church 'sin'
- Pope promises 'action' on abuse
- Pope 'letter' reignites abuse row
- Pope 'failed to act' on sex abuse

FEATURES AND ANALYSIS


Priesthood 'tarnished'
Trainees feel betrayed, but even more committed

- Are priests more prone to paedophilia?
- How much did Pope know?
- Papal generalities
- Could the Pope resign?
- Wisconsin anguish
- Vatican ends 'wall of silence'

A flimsy argument

1 Timothy 3:15

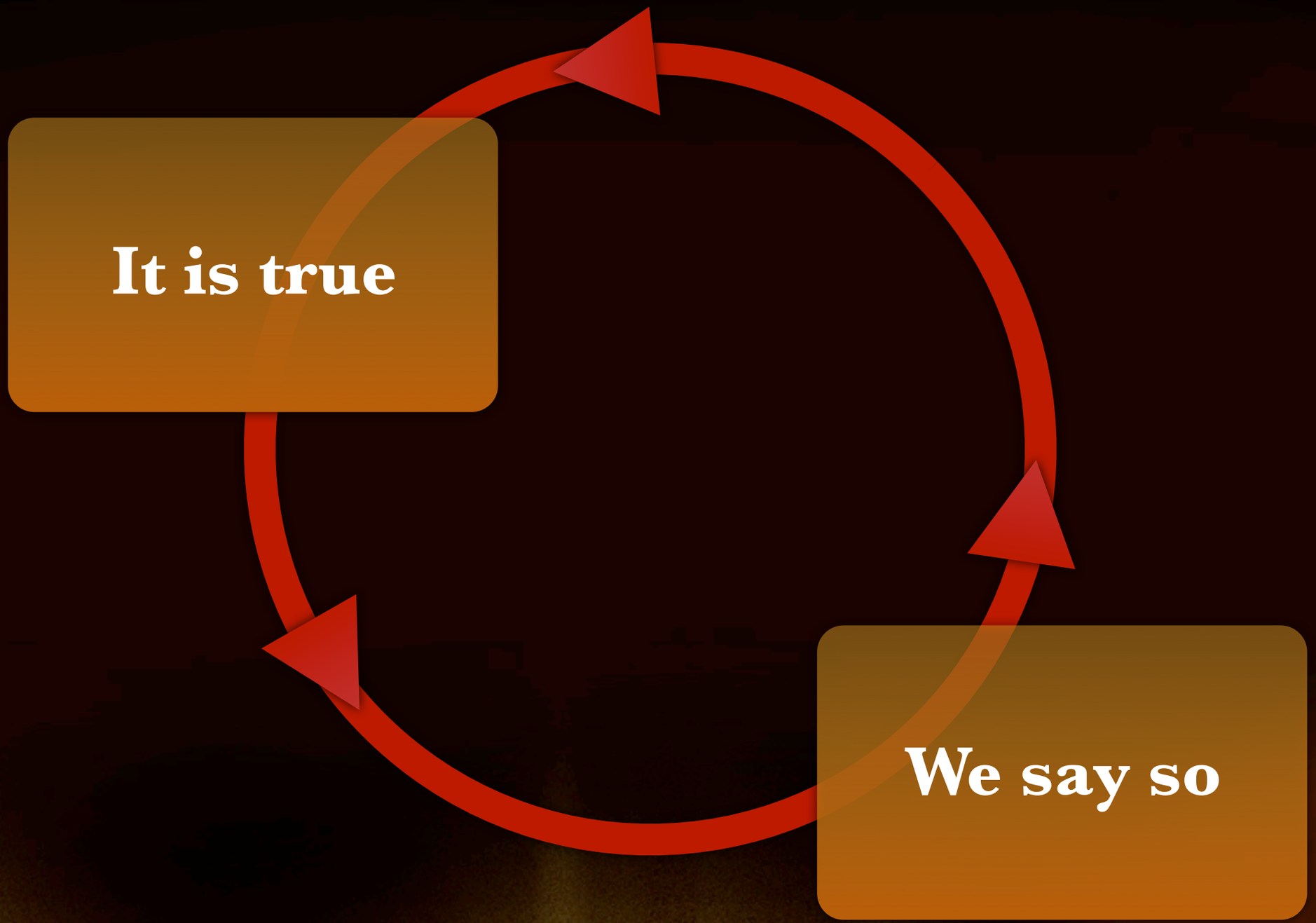
“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

- **Context**
  responsibilities amongst the believers, not authority

- **The Pillar**
  A support of The Truth, not The Truth itself

- **House of God**
  Every member, not just tradition or leaders

Circular Argument



2. The Roman Catholic Church's relationship with the Bible

The protection of Church Authority

The Inquisition



Pedro Berruguete
La Prueba del Fuego (1400s)

1224 - ***Pope Gregory IX sanctioned legislation to put heretics to death***

Council of Toulouse - ***1229***

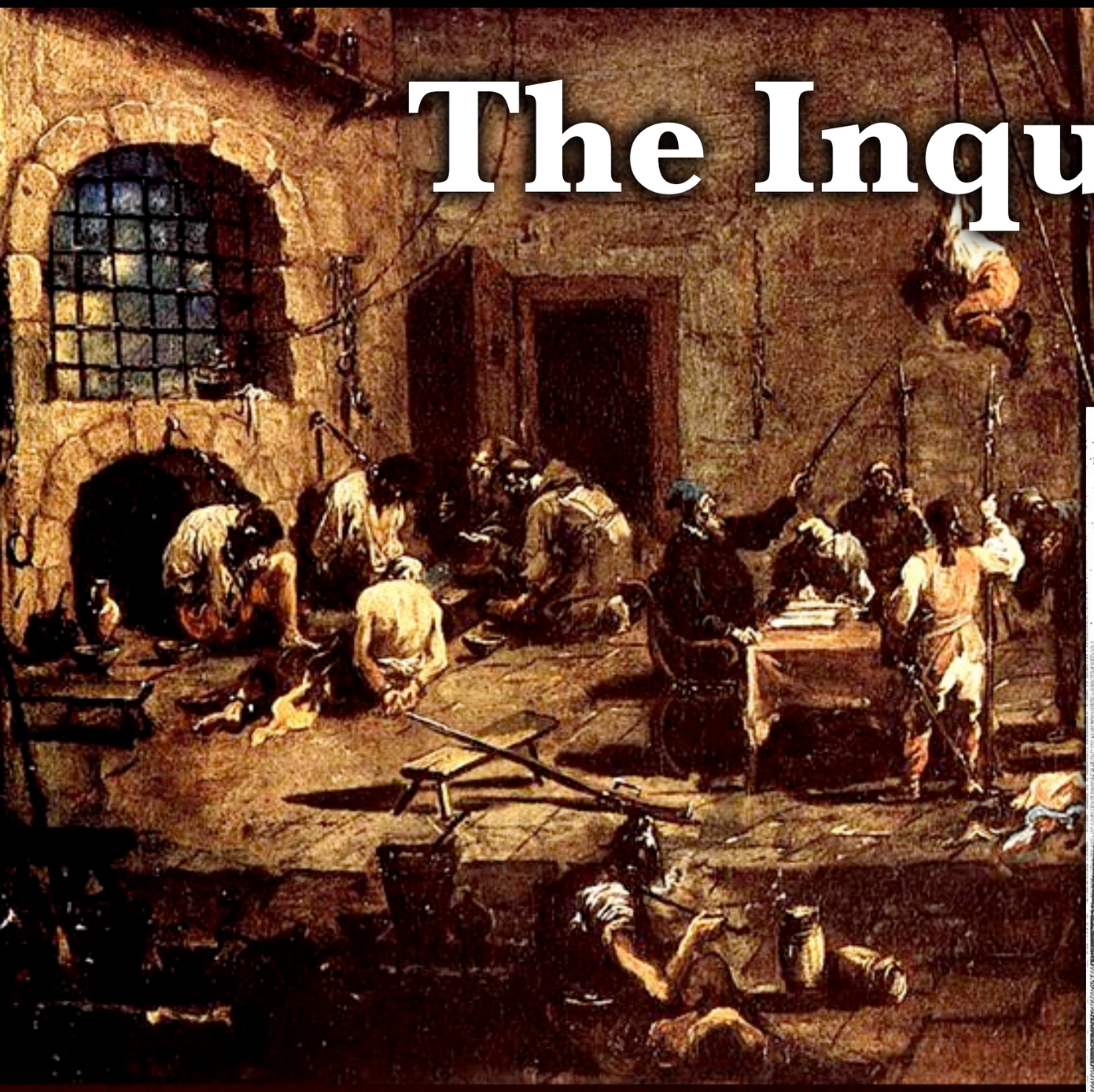
"We prohibit also the permitting of the laity to have the books of the Old or New Testament... But we strongly forbid them to have the above mentioned books in the vulgar tongue"

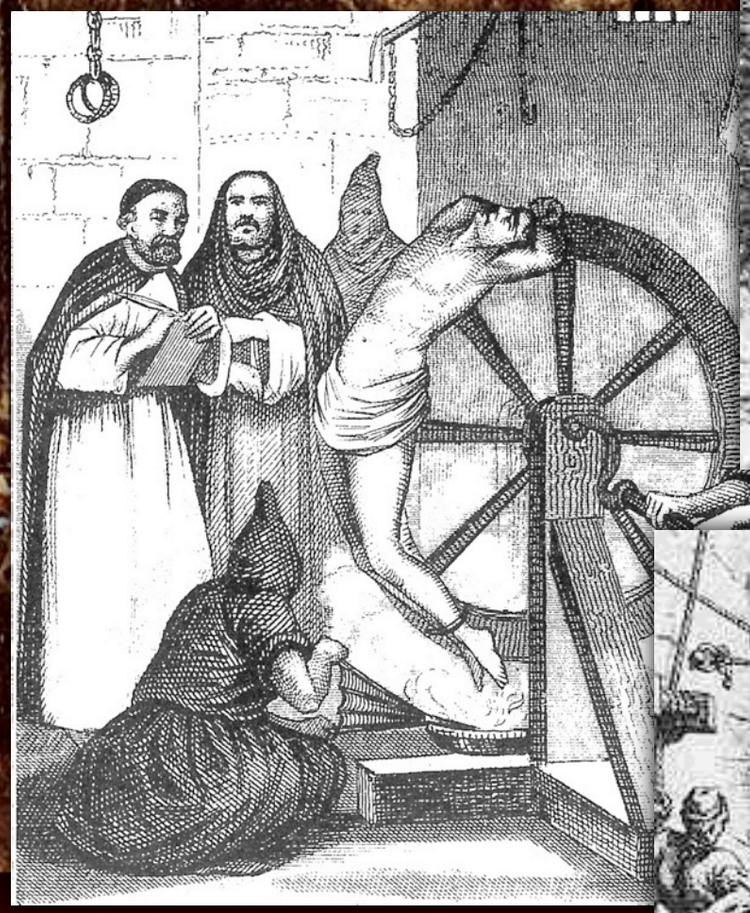
The Inquisition

The Council of Tarragona - *1234*

“No one may possess the books of the Old and New Testaments in the Romance language, and if anyone possesses them he must turn them over to the local bishop within eight days after promulgation of this decree, so that they may be burned”

The Inquisition





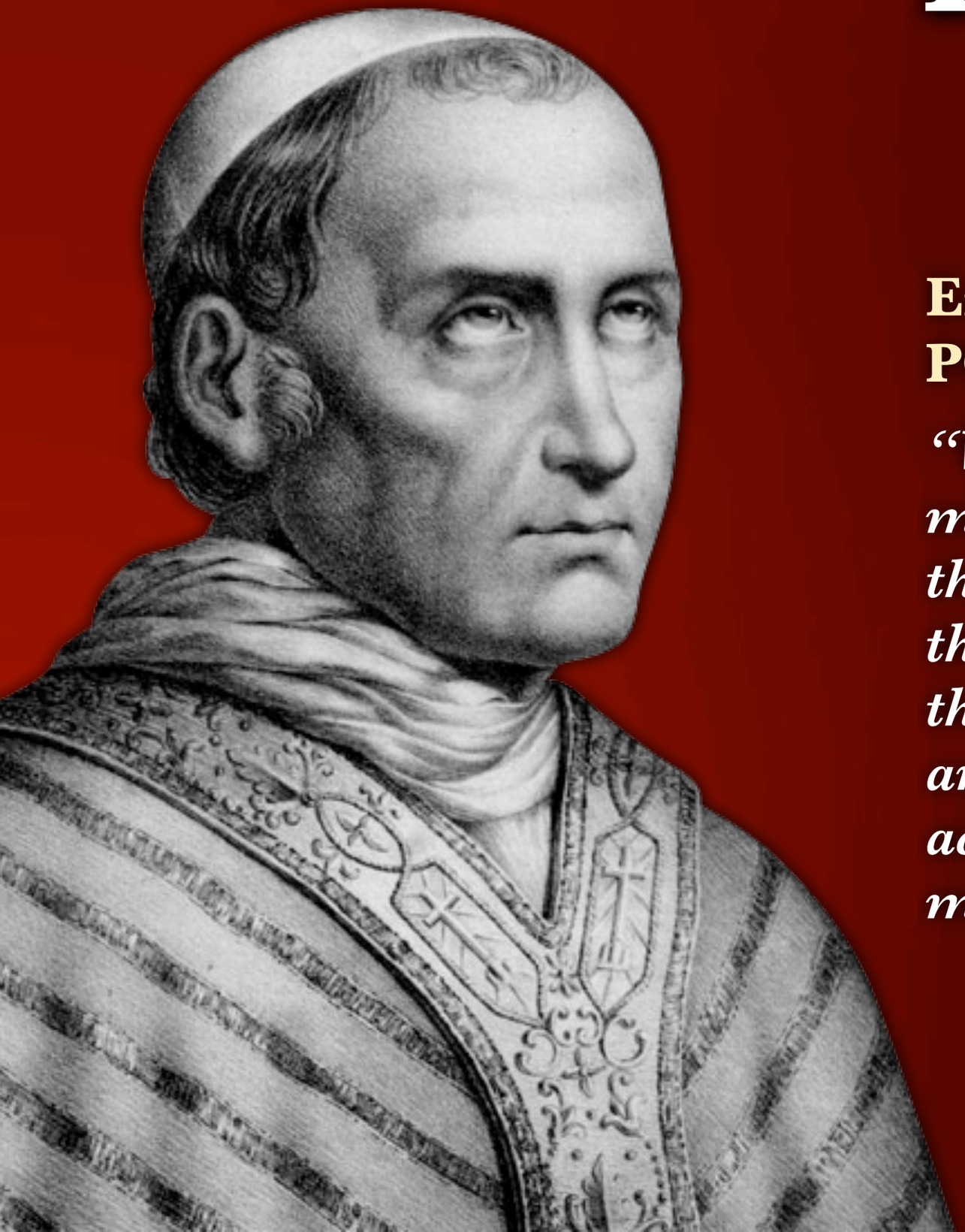




1252 - ***Pope Innocent IV issued a papal bull which authorised the use of torture by inquisitors***

1559 - ***Pope Pius IV placed the Bible on the Church's "list of forbidden books"***

The Inquisition



Encyclical UBI PRIMUM of POPE LEO XII - *1824*

"We too exhort you to try every means of keeping your flock from those deadly pastures... Convince them that to allow holy Bibles in the ordinary language, wholesale and without distinction, would on account of human rashness cause more harm than good."

The Inquisition

Now called:

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Joseph Ratzinger
Prefect &
'Chief Enforcer'
from
25 November 1981
to 19 April 2005



ASPIRATIONS: Ratzinger, right, was a cardinal when he met Pope John Paul

His historic state visit to Britain starting today is sure to lead to huge protests. We reveal the rea identity of the man who has been called 'God's Rottweiler'

By **Simon Edge**

Daily Express | *16th Sep 2010*

The Enforcer
Pope John Paul II's doctrinal watchdog

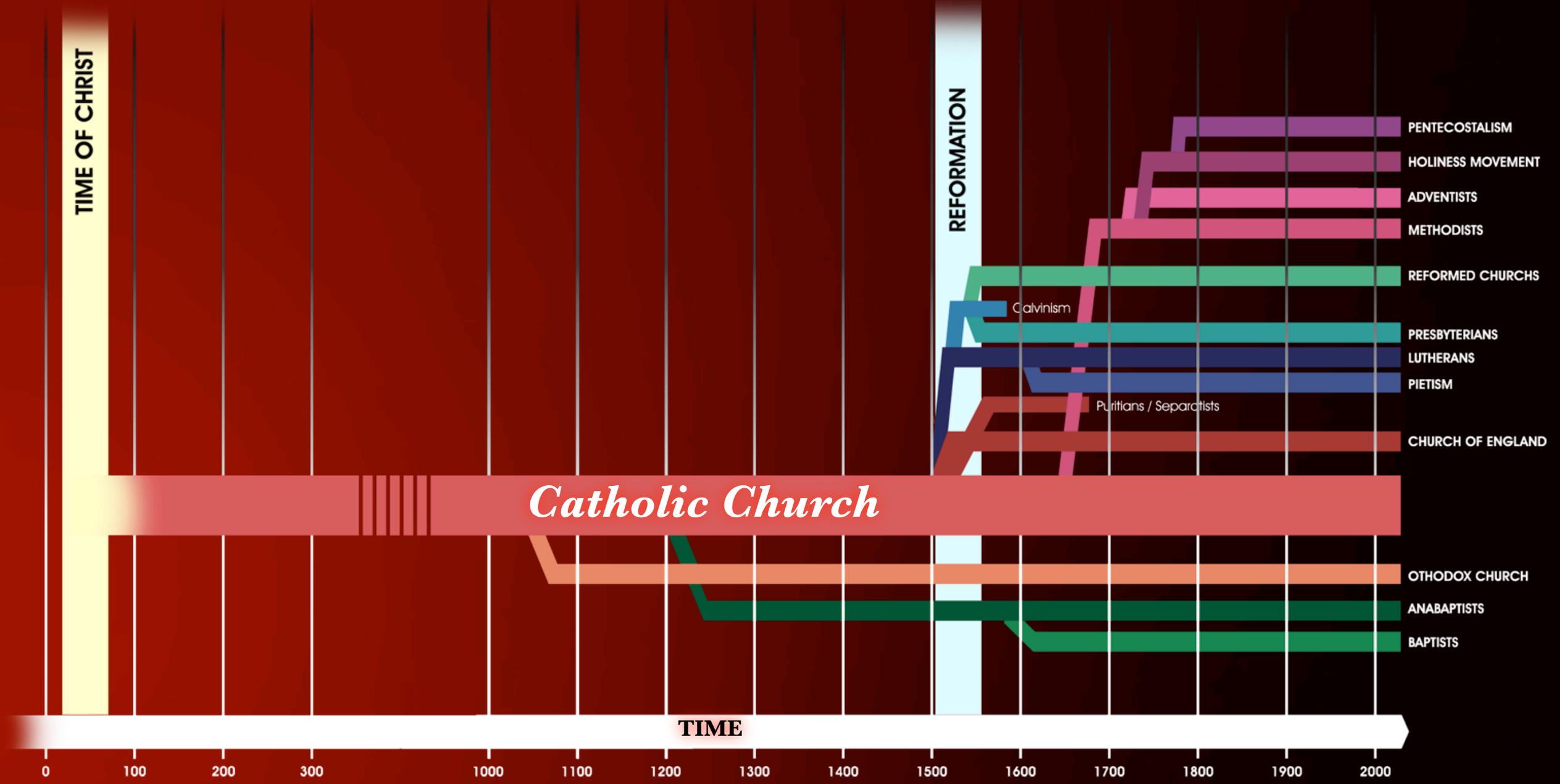
In 1982 Ratzinger was called to Rome by Joh II to become the Prefect for the Congregatio the Doctrine of the Faith (the "CDF"), makin the Church's No 1 doctrinal watchdog. It beca his duty to deal with theologians who were thought to be teaching ideas seriously at odds revelation and to issue statements about matte of faith and morals thought to be contentious. Those who disagreed with his rulings described him as "Go Rottweiler" or "Der Panzer Kardinal".

As Prefect he issued documents critical of Marxist liberation theology and he upheld the Church's



THE TIMES | *16th Sep 2010*

The Reformation



www.kremlin.ru

3. What the Bible teaches

The Bible speaks for itself

Isaiah 8:20

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

John 5:39

"Search the scriptures..."

John 10:35

"...the scripture cannot be broken"

2 Timothy 3:15-17

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect (complete), throughly furnished unto all good works."

Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

James 1:21

"..receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

Revelation 22:18

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:"

Galatians 1:8

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

4. Compare and contrast

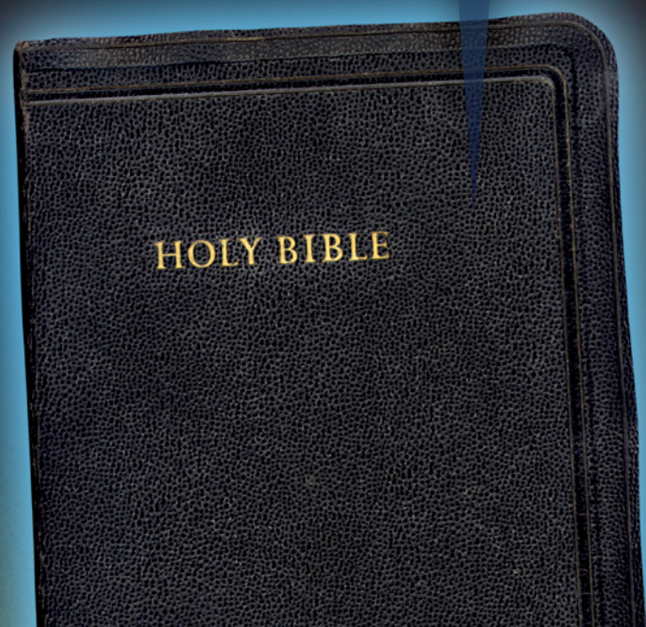
Summary

Compare & contrast

Without us & our tradition you won't be able to be saved



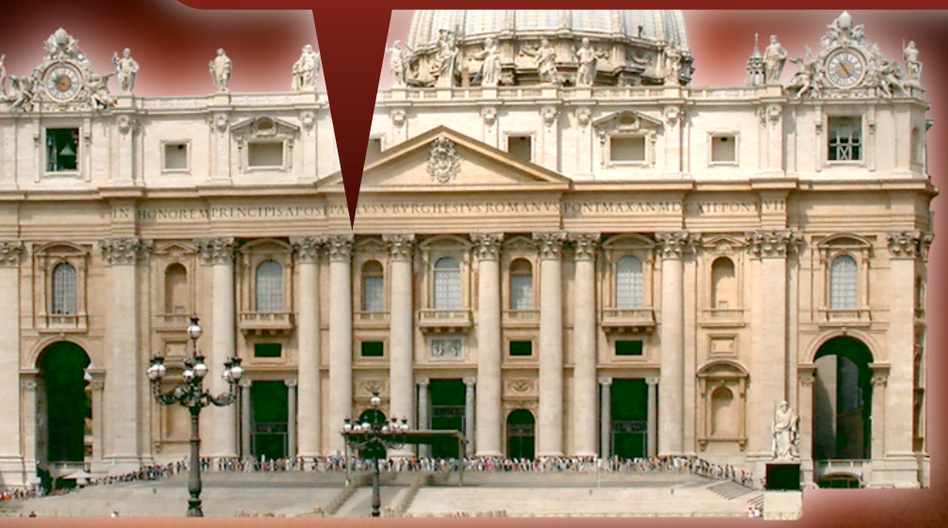
I contain everything you need to be saved



Compare & contrast

I am silent about having to be interpreted by an organisation

We have the authority to interpret the Bible for you - our interpretation is infallible



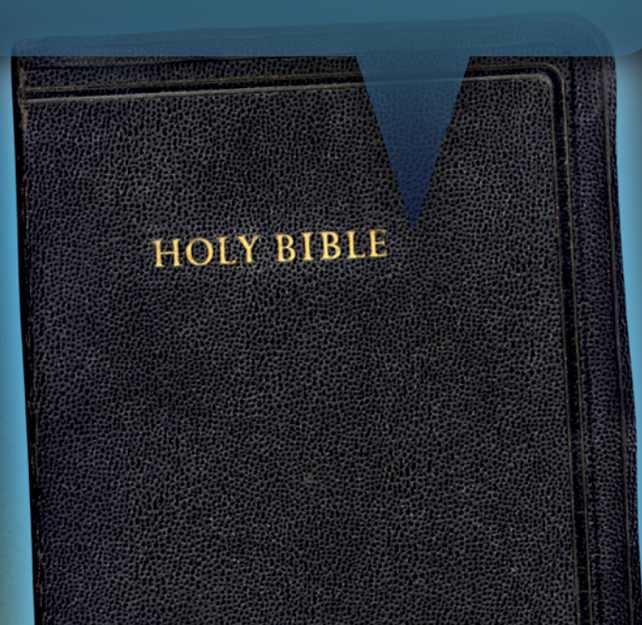


Compare & contrast

We have additional information which is not contained in the Bible but is vital for salvation.



I am complete and contain all you need for salvation

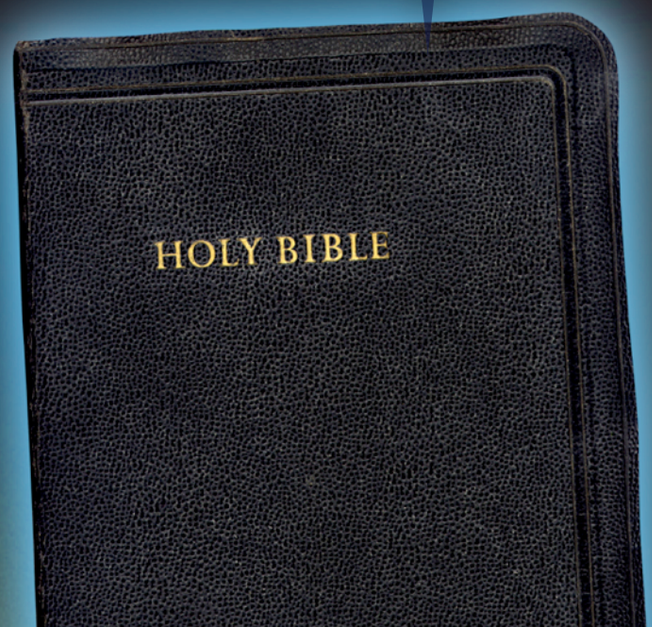


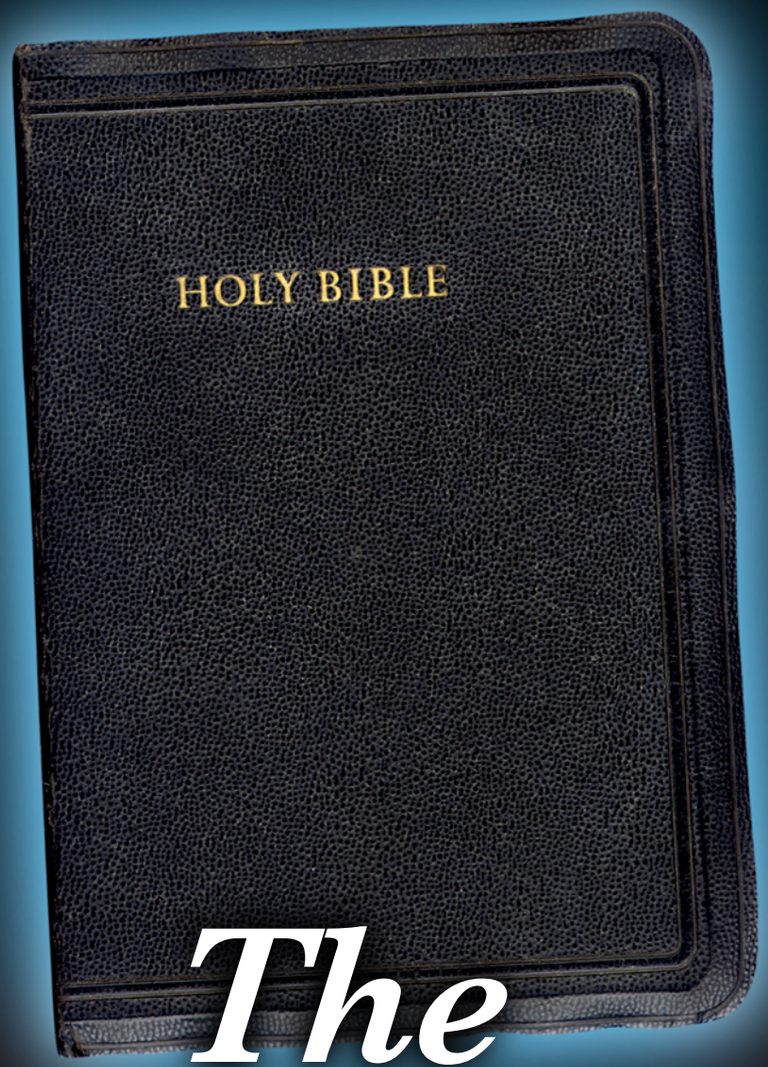
Compare & contrast

Jesus Christ is the true leader of the Church

The Papacy is the head of the Church







The Choice *Is Yours*



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