

WHY I AM NOT A CATHOLIC
Part 1: False Authority
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

- I. Roman Church's Doctrine of Authority
 - A. Teaches a three-fold source of authority (*Catechism*, p. 5)
 1. "Sacred _____" —defined as "_____ books for the Old Testament...and _____ for the New" (*Cat.* p. 40)
 2. "Apostolic _____"
 - a. Described as the continuing "teaching authority" passed from the _____ to the " _____ as their successors" (*Cat.* 30)
 - b. Defined as the "living transmission" embodied in "the sayings of the holy _____" (*Cat.* p. 30)
 3. "The _____ Magisterium"
 - a. Defined as "the _____ and...the _____ in communion with him" (*Cat.* p. 35)
 - b. Described as those to whom "The task of _____ the Word of God _____ has been entrusted _____" (*Cat.* p. 35)
 - B. Objects to relying on _____ authority
 1. "The Bible is _____ the sole rule of _____" (Karl Keating, *Catholicism and Fundamentalism*, p. 134)
 - a. Begs the question by not _____ statement
 - b. _____ with whole tone of Scripture
 - c. _____ clear statements of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1Cor. 4:6; Rev. 22:18)
 2. "The Bible actually _____ it is the _____ rule of faith" (Keating, p. 136)—assumes "apostolic succession," then applies passages

relating to the teaching of the Apostles to the on-going ministry of the _____ and _____

3. "The Church tells us the Bible is inspired, and we can take the Church's word for it precisely because the Church is _____" (Keating, p. 136)—Circular reasoning, claiming _____ authority for the Church's infallibility to declare the Bible _____
4. "The Church existed _____ the Bible. The Church _____ the Bible. Therefore: a) the Church is _____ the Bible; b) the Church has _____ authority than the Bible" (Keating, "How to Talk to Fundamentalists" tract)—backward chronology: Since _____ comes by hearing the _____ of _____ (Rom. 10:17), the _____ is the community of believers _____ by the _____.

II. The Roman Church's Dilemma

- A. Impossible to have more than one _____ authority
- B. Makes final authority not _____, but the Pope and bishops
- C. Contradiction: appealing to the _____ as their authority to prove one cannot appeal to the _____ as a final _____
- D. Contradiction: appealing to the _____ for doctrine while charging us with error for appealing to the _____ for _____
- E. Contradiction: appealing to the _____ to prove the _____ and the _____ are more authoritative than the _____

III. Biblical Doctrine of Authority

- A. The final appeal to authority in the Bible is always to _____
 1. The _____ (Is. 8:20; Jer. 25:13; Dan. 9:11, 13; etc.)
 2. The _____ (Mt. 4:4, 6, 7, 10; Lk. 10:26-28; etc.)
 3. The _____ (Acts 1:20; 23:5; etc.)
 4. The _____ (Acts 7:42; 15:15; etc.)
- B. Such an appeal to " _____ " is expressly _____ (Mt. 15:2, 3, 6; Mk. 7:3, 5, 8, 9, 13; Gal. 1:14; Col. 2:8; 1 Pet. 1:18; cf. 2 Thes. 2:15; 3:6)