



Session 4 - Revelation





Dei Verbum

Is the Word seen only through Scripture?

- “God, who through the Word creates all things (see John 1:3) and keeps them in existence, gives men an enduring witness to Himself in created realities (see Rom. 1:19-20). Planning to make known the way of heavenly salvation, He went further and from the start manifested Himself to our first parents.”

Dei Verbum, §3





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The innermost being of God revealed

- “For He sent His Son, the eternal Word, who enlightens all men, so that He might dwell among men and tell them of the innermost being of God”
Dei Verbum, §4





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Faith is a gift, requires obedience

- ““The obedience of faith” (Rom. 13:26; see 1:5; 2 Cor 10:5-6) “is to be given to God who reveals, an obedience by which man commits his whole self freely to God, offering the full submission of intellect and will to God who reveals,” [...]”

Dei Verbum, §5

- “To make this act of faith, the grace of God and the interior help of the Holy Spirit must precede and assist, moving the heart and turning it to God”

Dei Verbum, §5





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Apostolic succession

- “In His gracious goodness, God has seen to it that what He had revealed for the salvation of all nations would abide perpetually in its full integrity and be handed on to all generations”

Dei Verbum, §7

- “ Therefore Christ [...] commissioned the Apostles to preach to all men that Gospel which is the source of all saving truth and moral teaching, and to impart to them heavenly gifts...”

Dei Verbum, §7





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Revelation includes oral preaching and observances

- “This commission was faithfully fulfilled by the Apostles who, by their oral preaching, by example, and by observances handed on what they had received from the lips of Christ, from living with Him, and from what He did, or what they had learned through the prompting of the Holy Spirit”

Dei Verbum, §7





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Revelation includes oral preaching and observances

- “But in order to keep the Gospel forever whole and alive within the Church, the Apostles left bishops as their successors, "handing over" to them "the authority to teach in their own place."”

Dei Verbum, §7

- “Therefore the Apostles, handing on what they themselves had received, warn the faithful to hold fast to the traditions which they have learned either by word of mouth or by letter (see 2 Thess. 2:15), and to fight in defense of the faith handed on once and for all”

Dei Verbum, §8





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Revelation is alive, not dead

- “This tradition which comes from the Apostles develop in the Church with the help of the Holy Spirit. (5) For there is a growth in the understanding of the realities and the words which have been handed down.”

Dei Verbum, §8

- “This happens through the contemplation and study made by believers, who treasure these things in their hearts (see Luke, 2:19, 51) through a penetrating understanding of the spiritual realities which they experience, and through the preaching of those who have received through episcopal succession the sure gift of truth”

Dei Verbum, §8





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Not Scripture Alone!

- “ Consequently *it is not from Sacred Scripture alone* that the Church draws her certainty about everything which has been revealed. Therefore *both* sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture are *to be accepted and venerated with the same sense of loyalty and reverence.*”

Dei Verbum, §9





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Not just personal interpretation!

- “ Sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church.”

Dei Verbum, §10

The Magisterium

- “But the task of authentically interpreting the word of God, whether written or handed on, (8) has been entrusted exclusively to the living teaching office of the Church, (9) whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ”

Dei Verbum, §10





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Holy Scripture

- “[The Holy Church]...holds that the books of both the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, with all their parts, are sacred and canonical because written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself.”

Dei Verbum, §11

- Protestants removed 1 and 2 Maccabees, Sirach, Wisdom, Baruch, Tobit, and Judith, and parts of Daniel and Esther from the Protestant Bible





Reminders

- Read Sacrosanctum Concilium §36, §47-56, Chapter VI, Chapter VII
- Documents can be found at http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/
- Or buy the book (blue, not green) :
Volume I: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents
Vatican Council II. Austin Flannery, O.P. 2004. Costello Publishing Company.
- Next class – We're back to the double-classroom
Babysitting will be available

