

## Lesson 3

Please read paragraphs 101-184 and then answer the following questions:

1. What does the Catechism mean when it says, "*through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word?*" (# 102)
2. What should our attitude be toward Sacred Scripture? (# 103) Do you think this attitude is present in most Catholics today?
3. What does it mean to say that the Sacred Scriptures were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit? Did the Holy Spirit dictate the text to the inspired authors? (#'s 105-106)
4. What type of truth does the Bible teach without error? (# 107) What does this mean for us as we try to understand the Scriptures?
5. Is the Catholic Church a "Bible Church"? If so, what does the Catechism mean when it says that the Christian faith is not a "*religion of the book?*" (# 108)
6. If we want to interpret the Bible correctly, what must we do? Why is it so easy to misinterpret the meaning of a Scripture passage? (#'s 109-119)
7. Does the Catholic Church encourage people to read the Bible? Why did St. Jerome (who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century) think that Scripture reading was important? (# 133)
8. What is faith, according to the Catechism? Is it merely an intellectual assent to a list of propositions? Does the Catechism's teaching on faith help you to see the truth of St. James' assertion that "faith without works is dead"? (#'s 142-144, 150)
9. Why is the Blessed Mother the perfect embodiment of faith? (# 148)
10. Look at #'s 179 and 180. How can both be true? Can faith be a gift and a free act of the will at the same time?
11. What are "*motives of credibility?*" (# 156)
12. Many opponents of religion in the world today will try to present faith and science as hostile to one another. What does the Catechism say about this? (# 159)
13. A character in a Woody Allen film said that he tried to "beat God into his son", but his son still refused to believe. What is wrong with this approach, according to the Catechism? (# 160)
14. If faith in Jesus Christ is necessary for salvation (# 161), what about those who, through no fault of their own, do not know him or his Gospel? Is it possible for them to have an implicit faith in Christ? (For help on this one look ahead to #'s 846-848.)