

Jesus is God

Exodus 3:13–14 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, ... “Say this to the people of Israel, **I AM** has sent me to you.”

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM**.”

John 8:23–24 [Jesus] said to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that **I AM** he.”

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Jesus’ Church and Authority of the Apostles

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my **church**, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 18:17 If he refuses to listen to [two or three witnesses], tell it to the **church**; and if he refuses to listen even to the **church**, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

The Authority of Peter (The First Pope)

Isaiah 22:21–22 ...and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your girdle on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder **the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.**

Matthew 16:18–19 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

The Authority of the Apostles

Matthew 18:18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

John 20:21–23 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.**” And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Matthew 28:16, 18–19 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ... And Jesus came and said to them, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”

Luke 10:1, 16 After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. ... “He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

Apostolic Succession

Acts 1:15–17, 20 In those days Peter stood up among the brethren ... and said, “Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was of the number of those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. ... For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his habitation become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and ‘His office let another take.’”

Acts 1:24–26 “...show which one of these two thou hast chosen to take the place of the ministry and apostleship from which Judas departed to his own place.” And they cast lots, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

2 Timothy 2:2 ...and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given you by prophetic utterance, when the council of elders laid their hands upon you.

Apostolic Oral Tradition and Scripture

2 Thessalonians 2:15 ...and you, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word or by letter.

1 Corinthians 15:1 ...Do you not remember that when I was with you, I told you this?

2 Timothy 2:2 ...and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

1 Corinthians 15:1–3 Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I **preached** to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received.

John 20:30–31 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are **not written** in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

John 21:25 But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Faith and Works

James 2:24 You see that a man is justified by works and **not** by faith alone.

James 2:14–17 What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but it is not by works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is in need and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:26 If a man has a body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.

1 Corinthians 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

Romans 2:5–6 But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. For he will render to every man according to his works.

1 Peter 1:17 And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially **according to his deeds**, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.

Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

The Saints

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since **we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Romans 8:38–39 For I am sure that **neither death**, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 12:26–27 “I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? He is not God of the dead, but of **the living.**

Matthew 17:1–3 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up

