

CHURCH INFALLIBILITY IS NOT IN THE BIBLE

The Church of Rome twists the Bible to make it say she is infallible.

She appeals to:

Luke 10:16 when Jesus said to His disciples, "He who hears you hears me" (Luke 10:16). This was spoken before the Church was founded and merely means that the disciples were trained to say exactly what Jesus wanted so that whoever hears them hears him. Even the Church denies that any bishop automatically says only what Jesus would say. The doctrine of infallibility has its strict limits.

Matthew 16:18. According to some this merely says that the gates of Hell will never destroy the true Church so God will keep some Christians in enough truth to bring them to salvation. This can be achieved without conferring infallibility. And it is possible to imagine a Church being infallible but ignoring what it has learned through this gift.

Jesus never clearly said he meant his Church on earth would never fail and the Roman Church says that the Church on earth and the Church in Heaven and Purgatory are one and the same Church so even if the Church fails on earth that does not mean that the Lord has failed for he still has the Church elsewhere. Catholics may answer that he told Peter he would build his Church on him meaning the earthly Church for the heavenly one existed then among the angels. But Jesus could have meant that he would extend his Church in Heaven to earth and build it on earth and that the Church would never be destroyed which would not necessarily mean the earth one would be preserved forever for it is all the one Church. Some say that the true Church never fails but that men fail the true Church and let it die. This is agreeable with what Jesus said.

John 14:16,17,26. Jesus tells the apostles that they will be led into all truth and be reminded of all Jesus' teaching – there is no need to suppose other than that the promise is for the apostles alone or that it is about all truth with no restrictions. It would be inane to imagine that Jesus wanted the apostles to remember literally everything he said so he meant all the essentials. The Catholic Church does not have all truth for there are many things that theologians are at loggerheads over. How could the Catholic Church remember everything that Jesus said as the last verse promises? The Church says that Jesus' promise must be fulfilled in her tradition for the gospels say they only report some of Jesus' teaching and statements which is not true. The fact that no tradition is reliable or can be traced back to Jesus proves that he didn't promise that if he was God.

Jesus is saying that the scriptures have all the truth you need. He could have been promising the power to write scripture or to give divinely inspired teachings which will become scripture. This is the sensible interpretation for the New Testament the closest we can get to the apostles and anything else is too far off to be trusted. Jesus was talking about the disciples preserving what they recalled about him and his teaching which obviously most likely seems to be promising them they will produce writings and new scriptures.

He is not telling the Catholic Church that he will help her remember what he did for she was not around to see what he did.

If Jesus meant that the apostles and their successors would enjoy protection against error then he would have mentioned those who would succeed them. Infallibility would have to be superior to the Bible and to tradition for it interprets and judges them. It is unthinkable that Jesus would have passed over such an important charism – unless the Church is lying and there is no such charism.

Jesus never said that the councils of the Church were beyond error. If he had he would have laid down conditions for this infallibility to take effect.

The idea that Jesus is promising infallibility in the production of new scripture is the most likely meaning for Jesus never said that there would be a Church that could not err but it stands to reason that additions to the Jewish Bible were required.

When Jesus promised to use the spirit of God to make the apostles remember he must have been a fraud for that should not be necessary – there was pen and paper in those days - and so he was promising an unreasonable miracle. If God does daft miracles who knows what he is up to? The Church could not have picked a worse text to make her excuse for claiming to be inerrant.

At the end of Matthew's gospel when Jesus told the apostles to teach all nations he meant through producing scripture for word of mouth is unsafe. That was how they could literally teach all nations. By implication, the Church had to distribute

their new chunk of the Bible for they could not be everywhere. Yet some Catholics saw evidence of the infallibility doctrine in that episode! If they were right then only the apostles had the kind of infallibility that the Roman cult boasts that it has.

1 Timothy 3:15. The Church is called the pillar and ground of the truth. Surely, Rome knows that the Church can be this without being infallible say when it teaches an infallible book or something. Also the definite articles are missing. So Paul did not write about THE Church being THE pillar of the truth but Church being pillar of truth. He means the Church in the region he was writing to not the general and entire Church. In Corinth it was not much of a pillar of truth with heretics and liberals running it. It could be too that the Church was only infallible in producing the Bible so that the Bible could be the infallible authority and when it teaches the Bible it is pillar of truth. The Catholic Church is not using its infallibility now for it is not having an ecumenical council or an ex-cathedra papal statement made which makes us see the point clearly for it is using the past infallible statements so it could use an infallible Bible instead of these statements if that was the way God decreed.

The Church knows fine well that her interpretation of the texts is unwarranted for it is only necessary to skim over them to see that this is so.

Her apologists reply that by themselves they don't look like much but when one considers them in the light of the fact that an infallible interpreter is needed they must mean the Church. But this is the fallacy that since Jesus needed one he commanded one. Perhaps he did not know he needed one.

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