

RECAP FROM LAST WEEK –

God, who is infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, did not create us to increase his own happiness. He freely chose to create us out of his own love and goodness, so that we could share in his blessed life (CCC 1, 293).

Lovers always seek to disclose themselves to their beloved.

Revelation is the self-disclosure of the living God and his plan to save us.

Revelation shows us that God desires to have an intimate and loving relationship with everyone.

The process of Revelation took centuries to unfold. God gradually communicated the divine mystery by words and deeds.

He revealed himself as one God in three distinct persons

Who are in communion with each other

2 – Divine Revelation

Divine Revelation: why and how God reveals himself to us

Jesus as the fulfillment of God's revelation

The transmission of Divine Revelation through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition

The Magisterium as the authoritative interpreter of Scripture and Tradition

Divine Revelation: why and how God reveals himself to us

If you come to the conclusion that there is a God and that God is love, then you believe that God created you and loves you. If God created you, then there must be a purpose and plan for your life. If God loves you, then he wants you to know who he is and what his purpose and plan is for your life. It would not be very loving for God to have created you for a specific plan and purpose and then leave you guessing as to what that is.

God has chosen to reveal himself and make known to us his loving plan of salvation so that we can know him and love him

God gradually communicated himself and his will through deeds and words in salvation history culminating in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, who is the fullness of Divine Revelation

The revelation of Jesus Christ was handed on in the Church orally through Sacred Tradition and in writing through Sacred Scripture

Sacred tradition

Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God become man, is the fullness of Revelation

by his teaching

his witness

His death

His resurrection

Jesus commanded the Apostles to proclaim and witness his Kingdom of love, justice, mercy and healing. He sent then the Holy Spirit to enable them to fulfill this great work, to give them the courage they would need and to help them in their work

They did this orally

By heroic sanctity of their lives

And by ensuring that there would be successors (plan and hierarchy)

Tradition is the living transmission of the message of the Gospel

Its foundation is in Jesus Christ

Other examples of Sacred tradition are the liturgy, discipline and devotions

Sacred Scripture

It is inspired by God and is the Word of God

Old Testament – prophetic writing, historical writing, poetry and law

New Testament – life and teaching of Jesus, what Jesus said and did, what the apostles preached to others

Old Testament prepares for the new

New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old Testament

All Scripture tells a single story

Next week we will learn how to read the bible, how to interpret what we read, and discuss errors of literal, historical and other interpretations

This “deposit of faith” contained in Sacred Scripture and Tradition was entrusted by the Apostles to the teaching office of the Church, called the Magisterium, for its authentic interpretation.

To know and understand God's revelation, a Christian needs Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture, and the Magisterium. Each are so connected in the transmission of Divine Revelation that one cannot stand without the others

