

## 1 Peter 3:15 (NAB)

<sup>15</sup> Always be ready to give an explanation {Gk: apologia - defense, answer} to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

Apologetics

From the Greek

## Fundamental observations

CCC 847 If through no fault of their own, someones does not come to know Christ and His Catholic Church they COULD be saved.

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Their angels are not negligent

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The angels are prompting them. But cowardliness about the personal cost can prevent wanting to exploring why the burning bush is not burned as with Moses

Fundamental observations

Two Groups

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A. The person is of good will and grew up a non-believer either in Christ nor the Catholic Church

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B. The persons left the Catholic Church after the age when they were capable of choosing grave sin with a deliberate informed free will.



## Fundamental observations

This group of willed grave sin is a totally different problem because they are not of good will. They are in bondage to the devil and our Lord said they are a slave of the devil.

Therefore they are not interested in truth but rather they are in a defense mode of maintaining their sinful state.

Prayer and fasting is needed.

Fundamental observations

Remember - fallen away Catholics are in excommunication automatically for joining another belief system.

Note also that Pope Benedict stated protestants are not churches nor a full faith community but rather they are a belief community because faith is a response to God's initiative while belief is a response to a reasoning process.

## Fundamental Approach with people of Good Will

How does one decide any issue?

Fundamental Approach

Example

## Fundamental Approach

Catholics believe correctly that Jesus is God because He said “the Father and I are one”

Mormons hold that Jesus is not God because Jesus said “The Father is greater than I”

### **NOTE:**

Because Jesus is the 2nd Person of the Blessed Trinity the Father and Son are One God.

**AND BECAUSE** Jesus is also **TRUE MAN** therefore Jesus as the **MESSIAH** is true man.

How do we decide?

**A.**

**The teeter totter**

**Which ever side has more scriptures on their side wins?**

## **B. The ladder ?**

**What ever scripture is at the top then that one explains the one below it.**

**So the Father and I are one goes at the top and below it is there Father is greater than I.**

**But who gets to decide which one goes on top?**



**Thus there is a need to explore the fundament questions about  
the Church which we begin now.**

Remember that it is God's grace of conversion that enables our presentation to have any impact - the grace to set aside negative bias.

If I was to leave a protestant with one quote it would be

“1 Cor 6:9”

1 Corinthians 6:9 (ESV) Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,

I pray that this is the grace to nag them that “once saved always save” is a deadly trap from the devil.

This leads to - so if I am in grave sin how does Our Lord call me to conversion: “who sins you forgive ...” which leads to the truth about “PUR - Paul’s word for purgatory, fire of loving purification ...



Is there a true Church?

You worship what you don't know, we worship what we do know

Salvation is from the Jews

My Father must be worshiped in Spirit and truth



Is there authority in the true Church?

Apostles and Presbyters ... went out without any mandate from us

The Holy Spirit we and deem it good not to oppose any more.

Our Lord required Paul to go up and get this mandate to preach

Acts 15:2f





Is there a true ordained sacramental ministry in this true Church  
or can anyone just begin doing it?



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or can anyone just begin doing it?

Simon the magician  
7 ordained deacons - Philip  
The people had pistos -faith

John and Peter came and lay hands on them for Confirmation

“Give me also this power (as a bishop )so I can lay hands on others  
to give them confirmation”

2 Tim 1:6 “I admonish you to stir up the grace of God which is in you  
by the laying on of my hands.”



What did the early Church leaders say?

Mt 28:20 teach them all that I commanded you and I will always be with you.

People turned a way ( schism) from Christ John 6 concerning the Eucharist

So Mt 16:15 I say you are Kepha and upon Kepha I build my Church

Judas died but the office continued.

Act 1:15,20,26 “and may another take his office Gk: episkopen = office  
and thus Matthias is now counted with the eleven apostles.

The office continues all the way down to today.

St Paul 2 Tim 2:2 entrust to others who will also teach others