

Trending 4/1/16, Bible Study Outline, Catholic Doctrine

1. 1 Timothy 4:1-3, violated in Catholic teaching (voluntary celibacy and voluntary fasting are fine; the issue arises when extra-biblical commands are made
 - a. Forbidding to marry (Matthew 19:12 used as a proof text)
 - i. Not natural in the case of most people, 1 Corinthians 7:1-9
 1. Can give way to deviant outlets when unnaturally stifled
 - ii. Peter was married, Mark 1:30
 - iii. 1 Timothy 3:2, elders usually married, priesthood of believers (1 Peter 2:5)
 - iv. Council of Nicea, 325, issue debated, no decree made by the council
 - v. 580, property inheritance rights argued as a reason for celibacy
 - vi. 1139, Pope Innocent 2, Second Lateran Council, celibacy required
 - vii. 1545-1563, Council of Trent reaffirms this
 1. Pope Paul 3, Pope Pious 4, during this time, had sons
 - viii. 1962, Vatican 2 reaffirms the doctrine
 - b. Commanding to abstain from foods
 - i. Lent, no biblical command to observe
 1. Eusebius, varied practice regarding fasting in early church
 2. Duration of the fast, 40 hours or 40 days?
 - a. Hours, Christ 40 hours in the tomb, reckoned Good Friday 3 pm until Easter morning 7 am
 - b. Days, Jesus' temptation, Matthew 4:2
 3. Which days
 - a. Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday
 - b. Holy Days of Obligation to fast (these 2 days, and Fridays), having the days and stipulations gradually relaxed by decree
 - c. Bookends, Shrove Tuesday and Easter Sunday
 4. Fast from what
 - a. Ancients, bread diet, no meat or wine
 - b. Fowl, fish, wine allowed, over time
2. Council of Trent (1545-1563), Roman Catholic Council convened to affirm RC practice in the context of the challenge of the Reformation, Reaffirmed the following unbiblical doctrines, which have since been further reaffirmed at Vatican 2:
 - a. Faith plus works salvation
 - b. Apocrypha as canonical
 - c. Transubstantiation
 - d. Tradition equal weight with Scripture (1869, infallibility of the Pope, Vatican 1)
 - e. Indulgences and Purgatory
 - f. Celibacy and other church marriage laws, annulments required for communion

***These practices refuted by Ephesians 2:8-10; Revelation 22:18-19; Matthew 26:26-28; 2 Timothy 3:16; Luke 16:26; 1 John 1:9