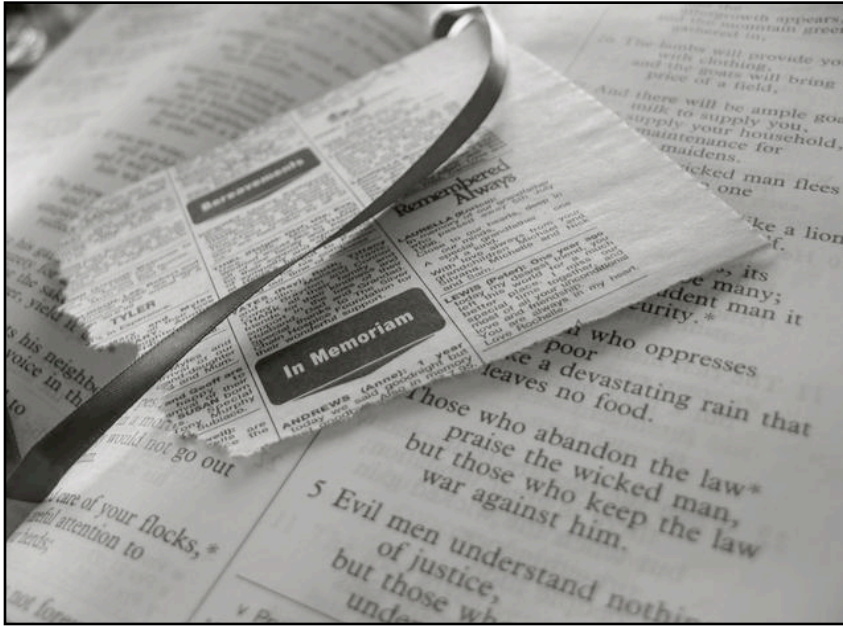


Scripture as the Word of God

Faith in Focus

Catholic Campus Ministries at UWF



From the Presenter:

In His goodness and wisdom God chose to reveal Himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of his will (cf. Eph 1:9) by which through Christ, the Word made flesh, man might in the Holy Spirit have access to the Father and come to share in the divine nature (cf. Eph 2:18; 2 Peter 1:4).

What an honor it is to be with you this evening as we continue our pilgrimage of faith together. I thank you for this opportunity to be your companion on this stretch of the way.

This discussion affords one an opportunity of prayer, study, and reflection in the midst of the hectic pace of everyday life. In these moments we encounter the God of Jesus Christ, community, and (often frighteningly) ourselves.

Together we seek the wisdom of God which is revealed to the Church. May we cast away the temptations of the world and embrace the invitation of the Holy Spirit. Glory and praise to you, Word of God!

Peace!

Dei Verbum: Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation.

6. Through divine revelation, God chose to show forth and communicate Himself and the eternal decisions of His will regarding the salvation of men.

13. The words of God, expressed in human language, have been made like human discourse, just as the word of the eternal Father, when He took to Himself the flesh of

human weakness, was in every way made like men.

21. In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life.

THE COMMUNICATION AGE: HOW WELL DO YOU COMMUNICATE?

Communication is the imparting or exchanging of information. It comes from the old Latin root of *communicatio*, meaning to share. In this age of email, iPhones, Myspace, text messaging, Youtube, Twitter, and cell phones, it is amazing how

little we truly communicate. When was the last time you had a meaningful conversation? When was the last time you shared yourself? When was the last time you prayed?



INSPIRATION



1 John 1:1-4

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life--for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us--what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, refutation, correction, and training for righteousness.

2 Peter 1:20-21

There is no prophecy of scripture that is a matter of personal interpretation, for no prophecy ever came through human will; human beings moved by the Holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.

Exodus 33:11

The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one man speaks to another.

In the Balance



BOTH...AND

Scripture...Tradition

prayer...action

contemplation...social justice

body...soul

matter...spirit

individual...communal

grace...nature

Petrine...Marian

OT...NT

human...divine

One...Three

Son of Mary...Son of God

Word...Sacrament

love of God...love of neighbor

faith...reason

religion...science

now...not yet

faith...works

ST. AUGUSTINE AND SACRED SCRIPTURE

"For Augustine, Scripture was the source and subject of his preaching, and he discovered in it too nourishment for his own prayer and reflection. Because of his firm conviction in his pastoral role of proclaiming the Good News, Augustine diligently sought to apply himself in the study of the Sacred Scriptures and theology, which for the Early Church were synonymous. For Augustine the Word of God is divine revelation, and his description of such would have been consistent with the definition promulgated by a Synod of the Second Vatican Council, namely that "by divine Revelation God wished to manifest and communicate both himself and the eternal decrees of his will concerning the salvation of mankind." Indeed, that divine wisdom is mediated through Sacred Scripture was the belief of the Early Church Fathers, and the work of theology would have been the study of that revelation, which in a particular way is transmitted to all generations."

Excerpt from Ars Predicandi, a thesis by Fr. James Valenzuela

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