

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #53

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Where Was "Vatican Smoke" In the New Testament Church? by John T Polk II

Please read **Acts 15:1-31**, then read the following:

1. **There was NO appeal to Peter, but to "apostles, elders" and the "whole church" gathered to hear Acts 15:2, 4, 6, 12** ("all the multitude"), **22**
2. **EVERY speaker proclaimed only the Word of God (Oral & Written):**
 - (1. **Acts 15:2-4: Paul and Barnabas** proclaimed what God had been doing among Gentiles (before **Acts 13-14** had been written);
 - (2. **Acts 15:5-11: Peter** reminded them of the events of **Acts 10-11** in selecting Gentiles to be saved (before it had been written down);
 - (3. **Acts 15:12-21: James** preached God's Prophecy about the goal of bringing in Gentiles, quoting **Amos 9:11-12**, THEN gave HIS "judgment";
 - (4. **Acts 15:22: THE CONCLUSION WAS INSPIRED ENTIRELY BY GOD'S WORD (A.K.A. "SCRIPTURE"), AND IT WAS UNANIMOUS – LIKE NO Roman Catholic Church COUNCIL!!!!**
3. The letter sent to the Gentiles with this Apostolic preaching (**Acts 15:23-31**) was an Apostolic "letter" (Greek: *epistole*). When copies are actually distributed to the Christians of a Gentile background (**Acts 16:4**), they are termed "decrees" (Greek: *dogmata*): The "DOGMA" was necessary and delivered immediately to the Gentiles!!!!

Refer to **Acts 15:1-16:5** and notice that:

1. The church didn't wait hundreds of years to know "dogma."
2. This was an epistle of Scripture from the Apostles, and NOT from a Roman Catholic Church "Magisterium," or "Vatican Council," or "College of the Cardinals," or

announced by "smoke!" When Peter and the REAL Apostles of Jesus Christ taught and wrote Scripture, it was in writing that WAS "Scripture," based upon Scripture, NOT the result of political "in- fighting" and out-maneuvering, as is continually practiced by the Roman Catholic Church. People who "blow smoke" are NOT Apostles of Jesus Christ!

3. "So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5).

The churches of Christ are always strengthened by Scripture and always apostatize when following human commandments (**1 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:1-5**). Wrong attitudes always produce and defend wrong doctrines (**1 Timothy 6:3-5**)!

4. THERE WAS NO VOTE TAKEN, NOR SUCCESSIVE SESSIONS OF THIS COUNCIL! There was NO:

- (1. supremacy of Peter, voting on doctrine;
- (2. waiting hundreds of years to deal with controversy;
- (3. multiple sessions to arrive at a conclusion;
- (4. opposition to the views expressed;
- (5. PRESENTATION OF ANY OUTSIDE "TRADITION;" "COMMENTARIES;" OR PREVIOUS "COUNCIL" CONCLUSIONS; BUT ONLY SCRIPTURE (BOTH WRITTEN & UNWRITTEN)!

5. This was the ONLY council gathering like it in Scripture.

- (1. The gathering to replace Judas Iscariot (**Acts 1:13-26**) did nothing to replace James the brother of John when Herod killed him (**Acts 12:1- 2**);
- (2. The gathering to disprove Jewish heretics sent Gentiles their "dogma" (**Acts 15:1-31**) and never met again!

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Great Biblical Statements About Marriage

"And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."



Genesis 2:18

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."



Genesis 2:24

"Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."



Mark 10:9

"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine."



Song of Solomon 6:1

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her."



Ephesians 5:25

"That they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed."



Titus 2:4-5

"Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives."



1 Peter 3:1

"Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house . . ."



1 Timothy 5:14

"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."



Hebrews 13:4

"Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does."



1 Corinthians 7:3-4

"For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man."

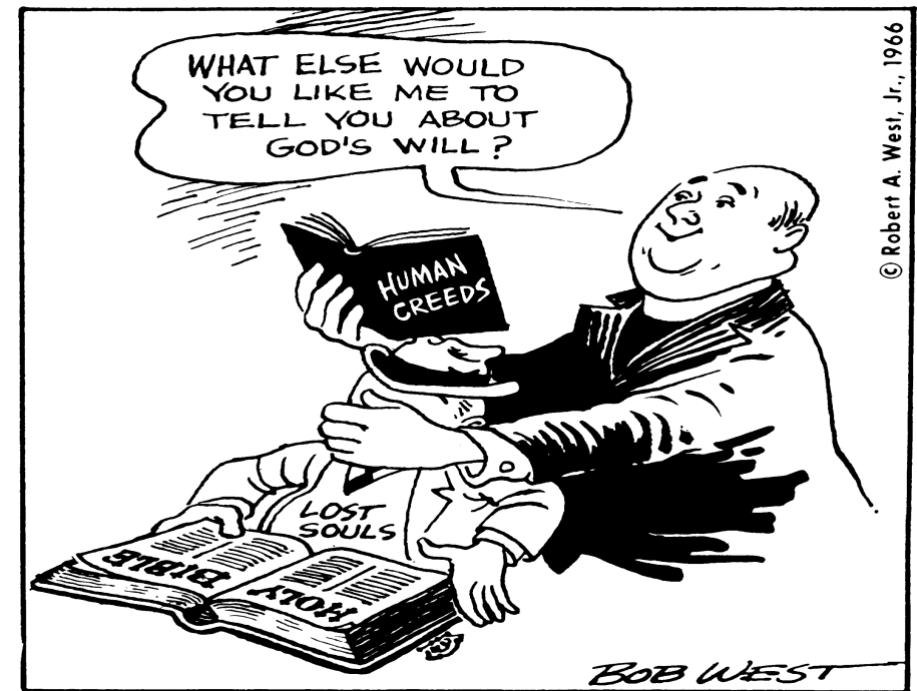


Romans 7:2-3

Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ The Catholic Church is wealthier than Coca-Cola, but takes from some of the poorest people in the world. ~Douglas Henshall
- ~ I am drawn to Christ but I have real problems with the Catholic Church. ~Andres Serrano
- ~ We all understand the people in the Hispanic world know about Jesus Christ, they know about the Bible, they know about God, they know about salvation, at least in some ways. They have biblical terminology because of the impact historically of the Roman Catholic Church, but they don't know Christ. ~John MacArthur

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AIN'T PERFECT
BUT JESUS IS!

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Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere

