

# FAITH CHAT

with James & John

## Do You Look For Knowledge, Wisdom, And Truth On The Internet Or In The Deposit Of Faith?

*Know This...*

Man is the only creature who seeks truth. The Internet is a valuable resource that offers opinion and truth. Unfortunately, it's often impossible to distinguish between the two. When we speak and write, our opinions and prejudices guide our thoughts and words. Opinionated men and women feed the internet. God

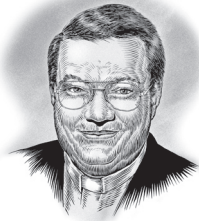
doesn't deal in opinion; He deals in truth. God is the creator and custodian of His Internet: the Deposit of Faith.



**John:** The Deposit of Faith contains the knowledge, wisdom, and truth Jesus passed on to His Apostles.

**James:** They entrusted it to the Church to be preserved and proclaimed.

**John:** If we are to be faithful followers of Christ, we must believe all the Church teaches.



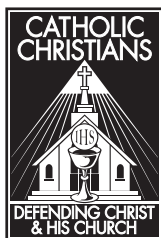
**James:** "The Deposit of Faith is the heritage of faith contained in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, handed on in the Church from the time of the Apostles, from which the Magisterium draws all that it proposes for belief." (CCC)

**John:** The Internet is a useful resource. We must use it cautiously to learn about our world. The Deposit of Faith is an inexhaustible and priceless resource. We must use it faithfully to learn and live our faith.

**James:** Don't use the internet to deepen your understanding of heaven, and hell. Use the Church: the custodian of the Deposit of Faith.

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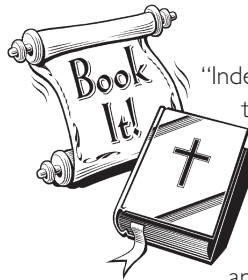
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Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the One who sent me." Lk 10:16 He then said to the Jews who believed in Him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Jn 8:31-32 Jesus reminds us that "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Mk 13:31



The Early Church Father, Saint Vincent of Lerins, a priest and monk wrote on the deposit of faith in 434 A.D. "And so Paul said, 'Guard the deposit.' But, what is the 'deposit?' It is what you must believe, not what you invented; what you received, not what you thought up yourself; it is the outcome of teaching, not the result of ingenuity; what comes from public tradition, not from private plundering. It is something which has come down to you, but which you have not produced; something of which you are not the author but the guardian; not the leader but the one led. 'Guard the deposit', the Apostle says; keep inviolate and spotless the talent of the Catholic faith. What you have believed hold fast to, and pass it on to another." St. Vincent of Lerins (Commoitorium, 22)



"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." The Deposit of Faith is the Word of God spoken through Holy Tradition, Sacred Scripture, and the Magisterium. A deposit is something entrusted for safekeeping. In I Timothy, the Apostle Paul tells his disciple Timothy to guard the Deposit of Faith. "O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge, for by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith." 1 Tim 6:20

Almighty God, thank you for giving me life and baptizing me into your Church. I know you created me that I might come to know and love you in this life and spend eternity with you in heaven. You took on human flesh that I might come to know and accept your divine revelation. May I hunger for the truth found in your Deposit of Faith. Open my heart, mind, and soul to your love, wisdom, and grace that I might serve you with unwavering faith, sincere charity toward all, and a deep desire to subordinate my will to yours. I ask this in your most holy Name. Amen.

