

FAITH CHAT

with James & John

What One Thing Can We Do That God Cannot Do?

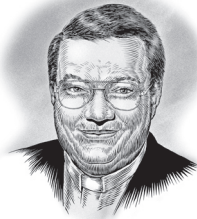
Know This...

The one true God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is all-powerful, all-present, and all-knowing. Yet, there is one thing He can't do that we can. He can't deny the truth. Unfortunately, we can and often do. If God were to deny any one truth, He would have to deny Himself, for He is the source of all truth. You may be thinking, "God can't sin; so there are at least two things He can't do." Since every sin flows from the denial of a truth, God can't sin because He is incapable of denying any truth.



John: God the Father sent His Son into the world to bear witness to the truth. Jesus revealed this to Pontius Pilate. Pilot then asked, as our world still asks, "What is truth?"

James: The Church says we are all drawn to the truth and are obligated to bear witness to it. Our world rejects the Christian belief in revealed truth.



John: God the Father sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles to remind them of all that Jesus had taught them. Guided by the Spirit of Truth, the Apostles built up God's Church.

James: The Church says we can know right from wrong and good from evil. Our world says that knowing right and wrong, good and evil, is not important.

John: Knowing right from wrong and good from evil is essential for each person who seeks to be a voice of reason in our world, country, community, and family.

James: All Christians, especially Catholics, must seek, find, and live the divine truth as created and revealed by the Most Holy Trinity and expressed through the Church.

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Jesus said, "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 assured the Apostles, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always... The

Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Jn 14:16, 26 "For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth." Jn 18:37



"The eighth commandment forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others." CCC 2464 "Just as God's creature, the sun, is one and the same the world over, so also does the Church's preaching shine everywhere" to enlighten all men who want to come to the knowledge of truth." St. Irenaeus, 2nd century

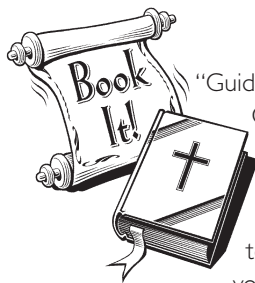
PAPA SAYS

"Although each individual has a right to be respected in his own journey in search of truth, there exists a prior moral obligation, and a grave one at that, to seek the truth and to adhere to it once it is known." Pope John Paul II "A man of conscience is one who never acquires tolerance, well-being, success, public standing, and approval on the part of prevailing opinion, at the expense of truth." Pope Benedict XVI



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"You are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates the mind with its light, and causes me to know your truth" St. Catherine of Siena "Men could not live with one another if there were not mutual confidence that they were being truthful to one another... As a matter of honor, one man owes it to another to manifest the truth." St. Thomas Aquinas



"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior." Ps 25:5 "Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth." Ps 86:11 "These are the things that you shall do: speak the truth to one another." Zec 8:16 "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Rom 12:2 "If we say we have fellowship with [Jesus] while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth." 1 Jn 1:6



Lord God, You are my source of comfort and strength, truth and knowledge. The world obscures the difference between right and wrong, good and evil; but Your Church is the light in darkness that reveals the truth. May Your Living Word and Spirit of Truth continue to be my guiding light. Grant this in the name of Jesus. Amen.