

Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation:  
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*Final Essay Questions*

Your Final Exam will consist of three questions. Each essay response should be anywhere from 4-6 paragraphs. The Final Exam is to exercise your knowledge of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium (Deposit of Faith) as it would be applied to your faith response in word and deed. Carefully consider the essentials to your answer as it will provide a clear and concise response to the question. During your exam, you will be able to use your Bible...God speed!

- 1) Reflecting upon *Dei Verbum*, articles from the In-house duplicate, and class notes, provide for me a clear understanding of What Sacred Scripture is and the hermeneutics necessary to interpret the Word of God (***weeks 1 and 2 and any other week where the hermeneutic of faith was addressed***). In this response, you should have the following:
  - a. Revelation itself (consider the Economy of Revelation) and Man's response to God.
  - b. Inspiration and the hermeneutic of faith.
  - c. The Literal and Spiritual Sense of Scripture.
  
- 2) Reflecting upon *God's Word, Letter and Spirit, The Meaning of Tradition*, and class notes, provide for me a clear understanding of what Sacred Tradition is and its relationship to Sacred Scripture (***week 1 and 3***). In this response, you should have the following:
  - a. The meaning of Sacred Tradition.
  - b. The significance of Apostolic Succession and the word Deposit.
  - c. The link that Tradition has with the Bible and Liturgy.
  
- 3) Reflecting upon *Jesus of Nazareth* and class notes, apply the senses of Scripture, with an emphasis on typology, towards anyone of the required topics discussed in class. Select one of the following: (1) The Baptism of Jesus; (2) The Temptation of Jesus; (3) The Prodigal Son; (4) Christ's Hour; (5) Water; (6) Wine; (7) Vine; (8) Bread (***week applies to what topic you select***). In this response, you should have the following:
  - a. A clear understanding of the symmetry that exists between the OT and NT with your selected topic.
  - b. What the transformative components are in your topic.