

BEING CATHOLIC AND CHRISTIAN: Faith and Salvation

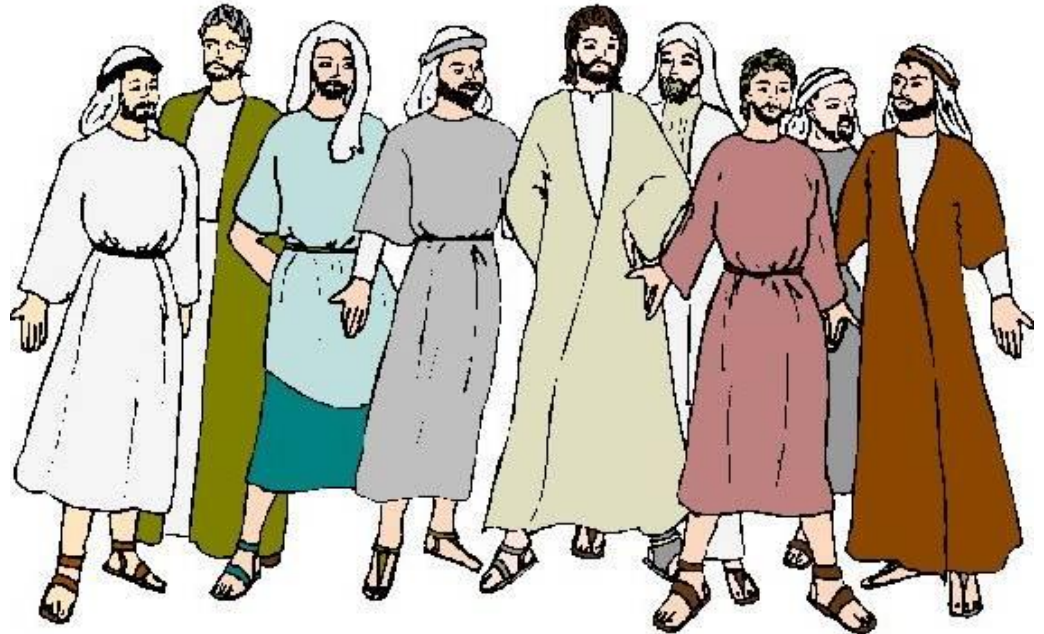
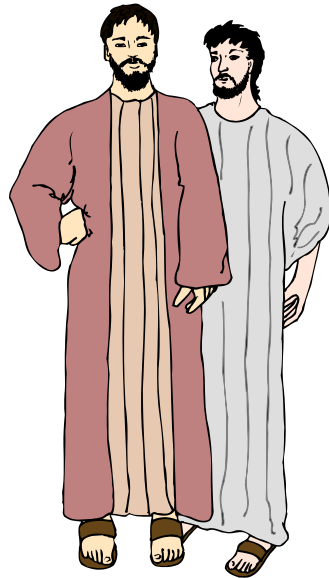
**Part 1d:
The Church: a Biblical Portrait;
Founding and Authority;
Teaching Magisterium**



THE CHURCH: A BIBLICAL PORTRAIT



As Peter
is to the
the eleven
Apostles . . .





The Bishop of Rome
is to
the Bishops
of the world. . .



Jesus Christ preached a Reign or Kingdom, the Kingdom of God (or of heaven).

Matthew 4: 17

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

A “Kingdom” is that society of people governed by a king.

The term “Kingdom (or Reign) of God” occurs 50 times in the three synoptic Gospels (14 times in Mark, 32 times in Luke, and 4 times in Matthew).

The term “kingdom of the heaven” occurs 32 times, mostly in Matthew for designating that kingdom beyond the earth which God decreed to build through Christ.

Matthew 4:17,23

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.” ... He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming **the gospel of the kingdom**, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

Matthew 9:35

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming **the gospel of the kingdom**, and curing every disease and illness.

Matthew 5:3,10

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is **the kingdom of heaven**. ... Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is **the kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 6:10

... **your kingdom come**, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Matthew 13:24,31, 33,44,45,47

He proposed another parable to them. “**The kingdom of heaven** may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.” ... He proposed another parable to them.

“**The kingdom of heaven** is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.” ... He spoke to them another parable. “**The kingdom of heaven** is like yeast ...

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field

... Again, **the kingdom of heaven** is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. ... Again, **the kingdom of**

heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.”

Jesus preached an end-times kingdom but one already existing on earth.

Matthew 5:12

Rejoice and be glad, for **your reward will be great in heaven.**

Matthew 13: 39, 49

The harvest is the **end of the age**, and the harvesters are angels. ... Thus it will be at **the end of the age**. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous.



Jesus preached that the kingdom was primarily spiritual and internal but also visible and external.

Luke 15: 1-32

Kingdom of God parables: the one and ninety-nine sheep, the woman losing a silver piece, the prodigal son.

Luke 17: 20-21

Asked by the Pharisees when **the kingdom of God** would come, he said in reply, “The coming of **the kingdom of God** cannot be observed, and no one will announce, ‘Look, here it is,’ or, ‘There it is.’ For behold, **the kingdom of God** is among you.”

Christ called and founded an exclusive, inner core group of twelve men called the “apostles.”

Matthew 10:1ff

Simon Peter
Andrew
James
John
Philip
Bartholomew
Thomas
Matthew
James Alphaeus
Thaddeus
Simon Zealot
Judas Iscariot

Mark 3:16ff

Simon Peter
James
John
Andrew
Philip
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Judas Iscariot

Luke 6:14ff

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Acts 1:13ff

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The apostles were solely and specially instructed:

Mathew 10:1-11

on the reason for exercising the task of preaching;

Matthew 13:10-36 (Mark 4:10)

on the parables of the kingdom which were only explained to the Apostles;

Matthew 18:1-35 (Mark 9:35)

on the manner of ruling and correcting the faithful in the Church;

Matthew 24

on the destruction of the city of Jerusalem, the end of the world and judgment, and on the permanency of the kingdom of God in the face of the persecution of its enemies.

John 13-17 (Mark 14:17)

on the mysteries of the divine life and on charity;

Matthew 16:21; 17:22; 20:17; 26:2

on the death and resurrection of Jesus;

Mathew 26:20; Mark 14:17; Luke 22:14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

on the new covenant founded on the blood of Jesus;

Acts 1:3; Luke 24:25

on the immediacy of exercising the apostolate of theirs.

Christ committed His very mission to this twelve-man inner core group, his Apostles, alone.

John 17:6-8

I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

John 14:16-17

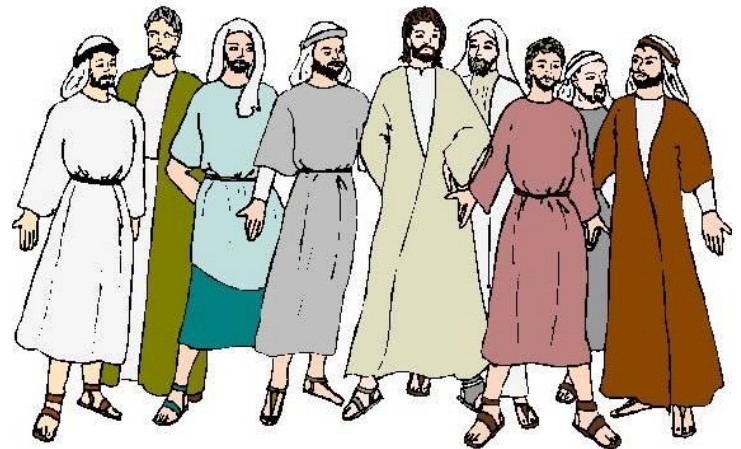
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.

John 20:21

(Jesus) said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



**Christ gave to the Twelve, the Apostles,
the power of ruling, teaching and sanctifying.**

The threefold power:

Matthew 28:18-20

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The power of teaching:

Matthew 10:7, 27

As you go, make this proclamation: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ... What I say to you in the darkness, **speak** in the light; what you hear whispered, **proclaim** on the housetops.

Mark 3:14

He appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) that they might be with him and he might send them forth **to preach**.

Mark 16:15

He said to them (the eleven), “Go into the whole world and **proclaim the gospel** to every creature.”

The power of sanctifying:

Luke 22:19

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; **do this in memory of me.**”

1 Corinthians 11:24

... and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**”

John 20:22-23

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose **sins you forgive are forgiven them**, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

The power of ruling:

Matthew 18:18

Amen, I say to you (the disciples who came up with a question to Jesus in v.1), whatever you **bind on earth** shall be **bound in heaven**, and whatever you **loose on earth** shall be **loosed in heaven**.

Mark 9:35

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes **to be first**, he shall **be the last of all and the servant of all**.”

Christ obliges all people to submit to the power of the Apostles.

Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Matthew 10:32

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

Mathew 10:40

Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

John 13:20

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Luke 10:16

Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.



Christ at the same time instituted an obligatory hierarchical society for all people.

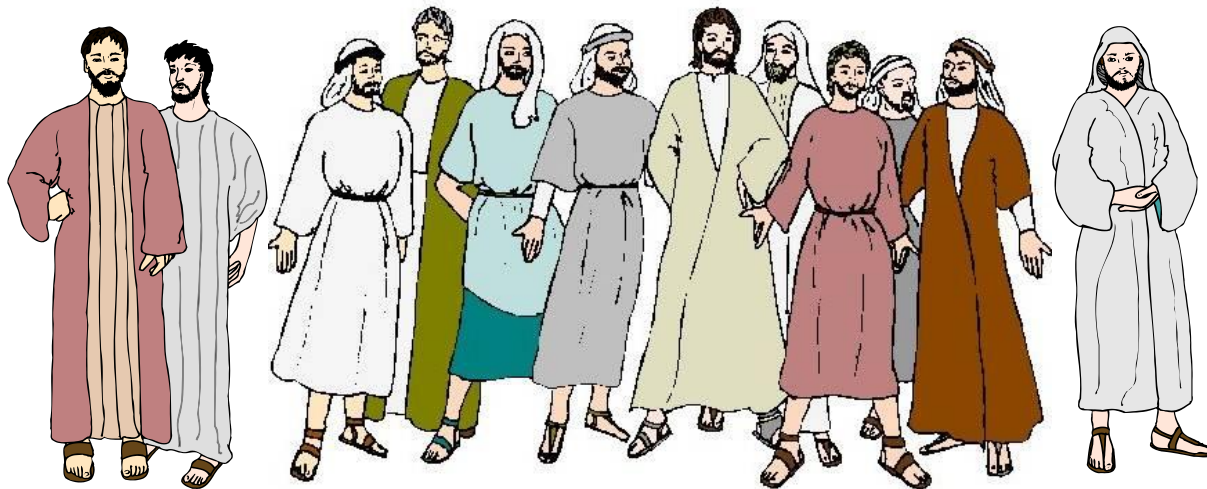
The Apostles took to themselves and exercised the power of teaching:

Mark 16:19-20

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they **went forth and preached everywhere**, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Acts 5:12-42

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. ... (the angel of the Lord) ... said, “Go and take your place in the temple area, and tell the people everything about this life.” When they heard this, they went to the temple early in the morning and **taught**. ... Then someone came in and reported to them, “The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people.” ... And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop **teaching and proclaiming** the Messiah, Jesus.



The Apostles took to themselves and exercised the power of sanctifying:

Acts 2:14, 37-38

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them (the Pentecost crowd), ... Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” Peter (said) to them, “Repent and **be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness of your sins**; and you will **receive the gift of the holy Spirit.**”



The Apostles took to themselves and exercised the power of ruling:

Making laws

Act 15:1- 16:5

The Council of Jerusalem

Making judgments

Act 5:1-11

The same Council

The Apostles understood that their powers were hierarchically conferred:

Act 1:16-26:

in designating a successor to Judas

Galatians 1:1, 12, 18 and 2:2, 7-9:

in establishing, understanding and confirming the apostolate of Paul

Acts 14:23:

in designating priests for the churches

Acts 6:1-6:

in ordaining deacons

This society which Christ instituted He called the Church.

The Greek, ***ekklesia***, and the Latin, ***ecclesia***, translates the Hebrew, ***qahal***, meaning principally, assembly.

In the New Testament, the word occurs 114 times, 3 times in Matthew's Gospel, 23 times in the Acts of the Apostles, 63 times in Paul's epistles, 20 times in Revelation, and 5 times within the other epistles of the Apostles.

The term ***ekklesia***, ***ecclesia***, church was used exclusively by the authors of the New testament for the gathering of Christians while the word, ***synagoge***, was reserved to signify the gathering of Jews.

Matthew 16:18-19

And so I say to you, you are “Rocky”, and upon this rock I will build my **church**, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:17

If he refuses to listen to them (two or three witnesses), tell the **church**. If he refuses to listen even to the **church**, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

**This same church Christ willed to endure
until the end of the world.**

The promise of indefectibility:

Matthew 16:18

... and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail
against it (the church).

Christ instituted only one church, and that society was both formally and specifically a visible one.

Matthew 16:18

... upon this rock I will build my church (Both ‘this rock’ and ‘my church’ are clearly singular in the Greek text.)

John 10:16

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 17:20-21

I pray not only for them (the Apostles), but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

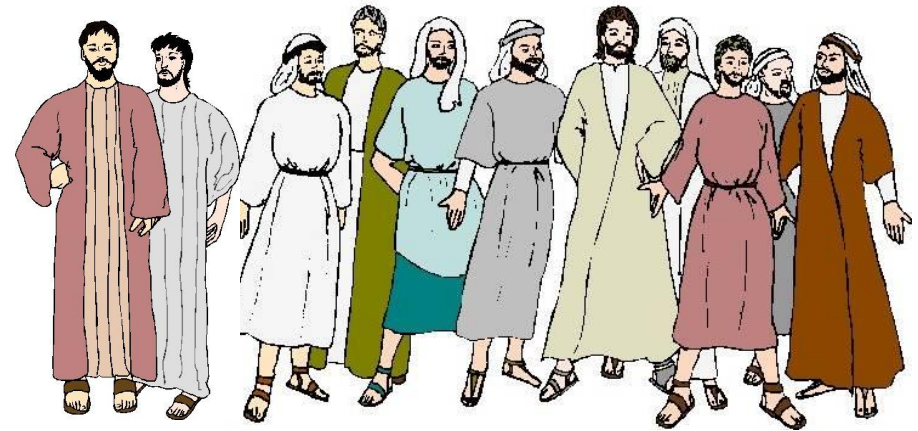
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SIMON BAR JONA / PETER

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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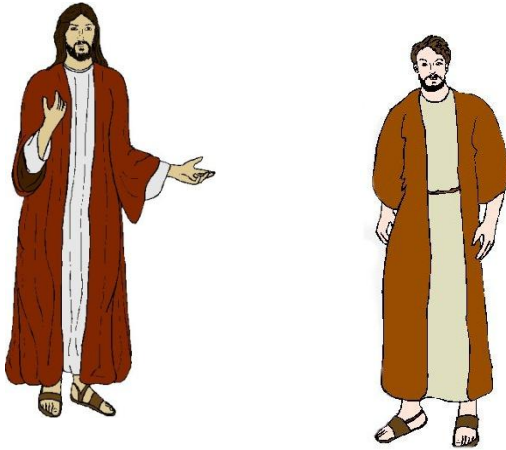


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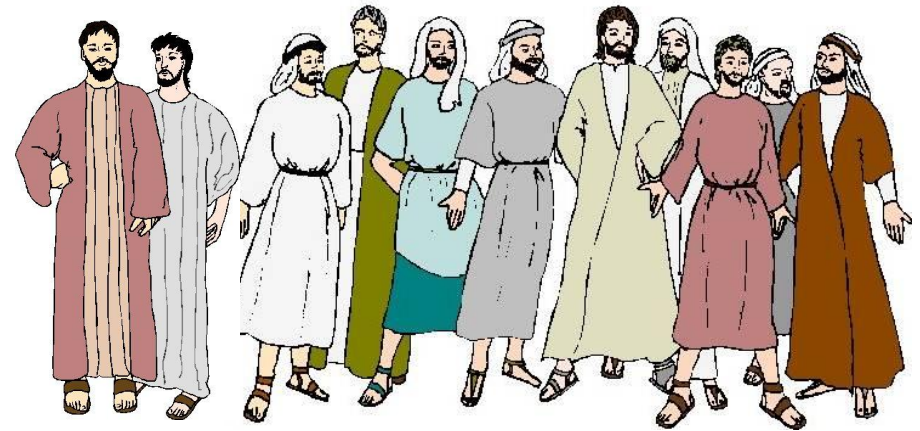
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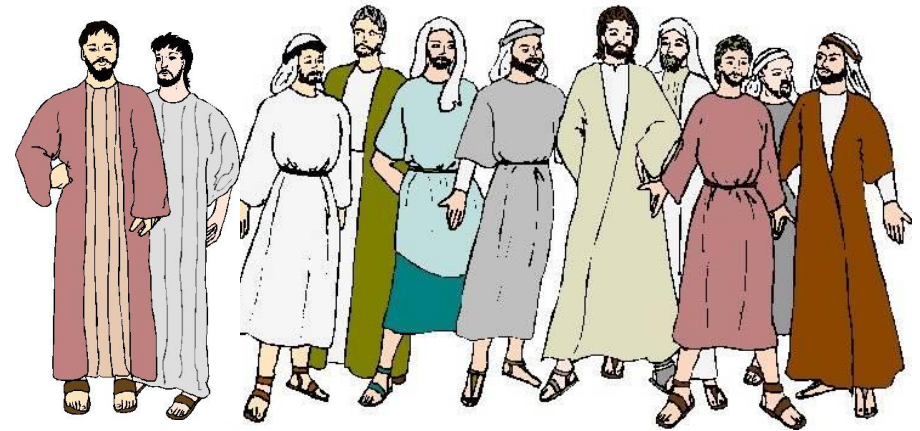
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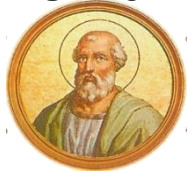


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BISHOP OF ROME d., 67 AD



LINUS, 67-79



ANACLETUS, 79-92



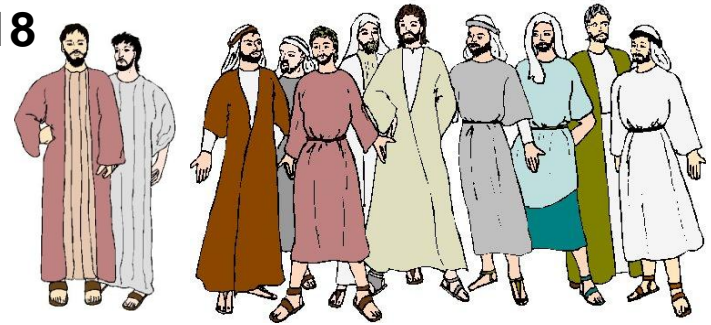
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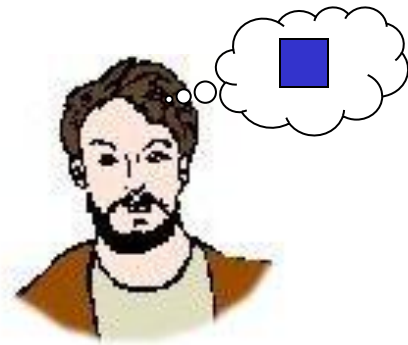
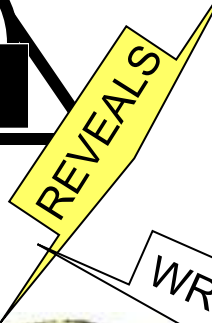
Acts 13:3-4

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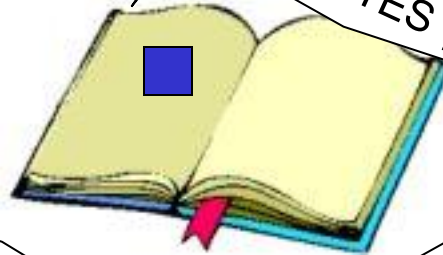
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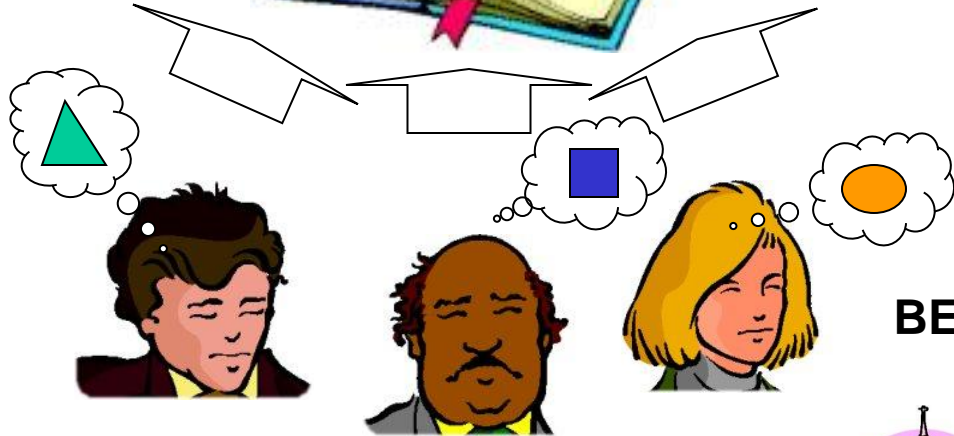
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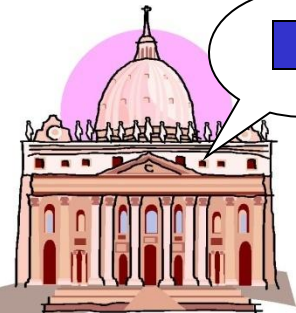
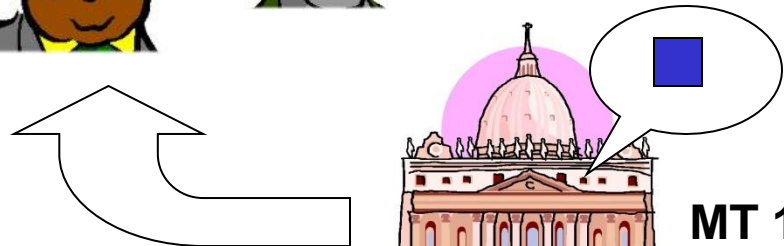


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