

# St. Peter's Basilica

An aerial photograph of St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums complex in Rome, Italy. The basilica's large dome is prominent on the left, and the extensive museum complex with its terraces and courtyards extends to the right. The surrounding city of Rome is visible in the background.

**240,000 Sq ft**

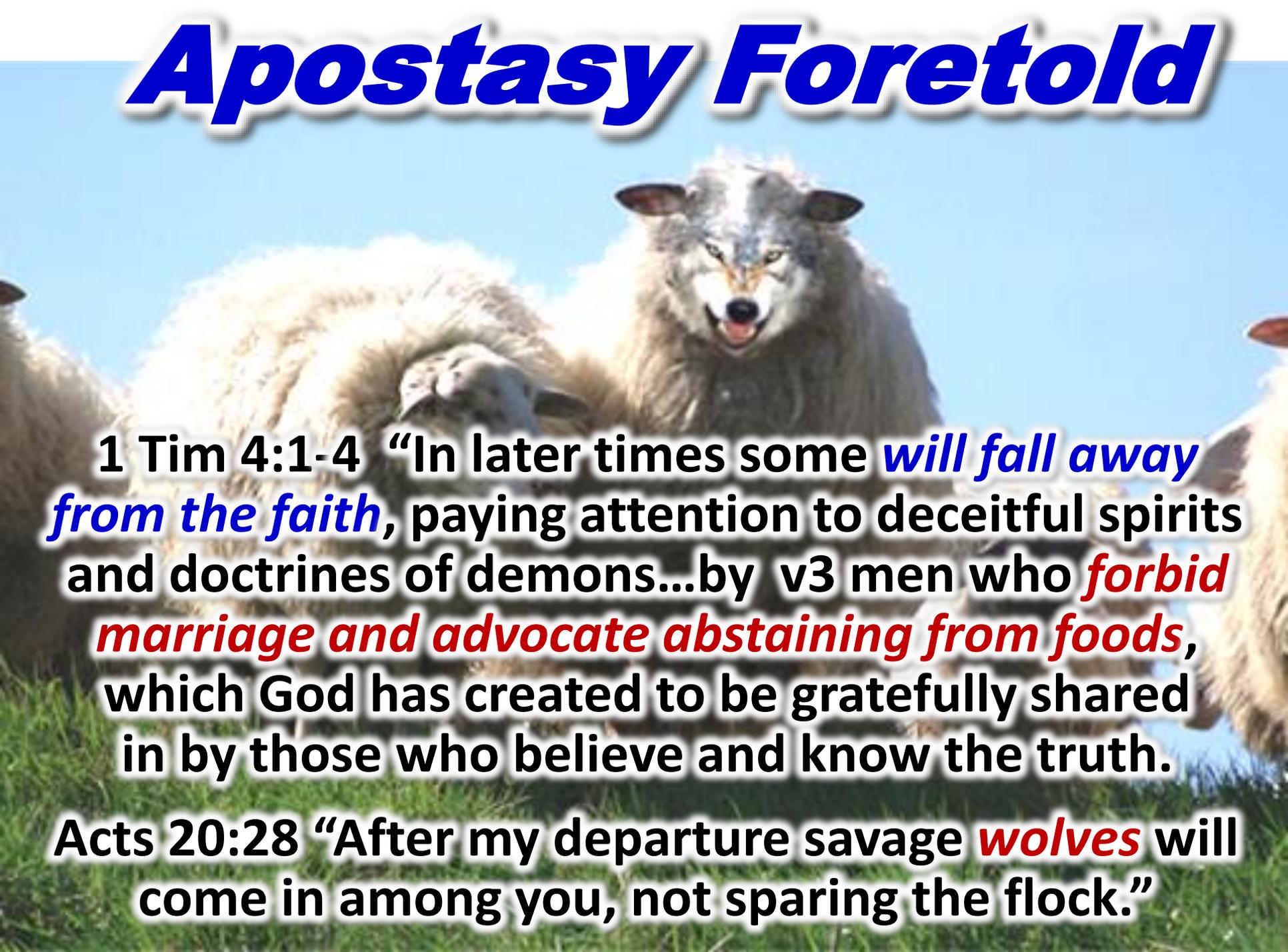
**60,000 capacity**

**1,300 yrs construction**

**Financed by sale of 'Indulgences'**

**This led to the rise of Protestantism.**

# ***Apostasy Foretold***

A photograph of a wolf in a sheep's clothing, standing in a field of sheep. The wolf is in the center, looking towards the camera with its mouth open, showing its teeth. The sheep are in the foreground and background, some looking towards the wolf. The background is a clear blue sky.

1 Tim 4:1-4 “In later times some ***will fall away from the faith***, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons...by v3 men who ***forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods***, which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

Acts 20:28 “After my departure savage ***wolves*** will come in among you, not sparing the flock.”

# ***Early References to Apostate Doctrines***

**Transubstantiation:** Justin Martyr ca. AD 150

First apparent mention (*First Apology LXVI.*)

***Compare Mt 26:26 "This is my body"***

**Infant Baptism:** Irenaeus ca. AD 180

Infants being born unto God (*Against Heresies.*)

*Cyprian AD 200. Baptize 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> day after birth*

*Letter 58:2; Ante-Nicean Fathers.*

***Mat 19:14 Kingdom belongs to such as these***

**Penance:** Tertullian *De Penitentia* 4. ca. AD 200.

Pardon promised for **penance** ie. deeds for forgiveness!

**Acts 8:22 Repent & Pray. Mt 3:8 Bring forth fruit**

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**Perpetual Virginity of Mary:** Irenaeus ca. AD 200

Against (Gnostic) Heresies; Book III; Chap III.

**Mat 13:55-56 Jesus' brothers and sisters**

**Lent:** Fasting re 'Easter' Irenaeus ca. AD 202

How many days? (*Eusebius, History of the Church, V, 24*).

***Gal 4:10 You observe days and months..***

**Purgatory:** Gregory of Nyssa ca. AD 382

After death soul purified by fire (Sermon on the dead)

**Heb 9:27 Appointed once to die.. Then judgment**

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**Priestly Celibacy:** Spanish Council of Elvira AD. 300

*Canon 33 Orders celibacy of all **its** clergy, **married or not.***

*2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Lateran orders celibacy of **all clergy in 1139***

**1 Cor 9:5 Peter and rest of **apostles were married****

**1 Cor 7:1-7 Be married, but no law not to be.**

**Holy Water:** Apostolic Constitutions ca. AD 400

*Blessing (Section 4 Certain Prayers & Laws; article XXIX;)*

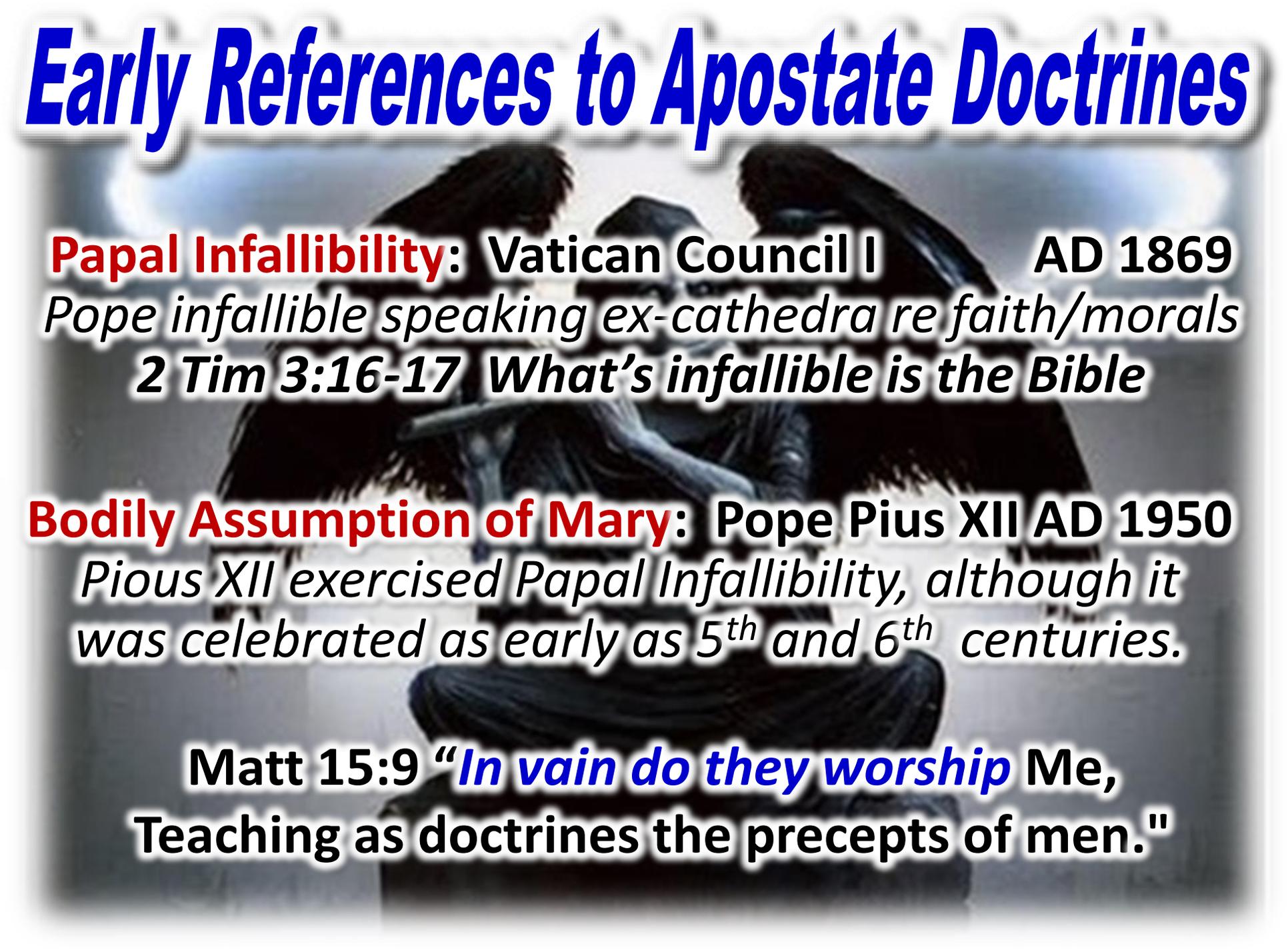
**(John 3:23) There was **MUCH** water, not holy water**

**Wine for Priest only:** Council of Lambeth AD 1281

*Since 1970 (Vatican II) Now Catholics can have both.*

**Mat 26:28-29 Fruit of the vine.. Drink all of you.**

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**Papal Infallibility:** Vatican Council I AD 1869

*Pope infallible speaking ex-cathedra re faith/morals*

***2 Tim 3:16-17 What's infallible is the Bible***

**Bodily Assumption of Mary:** Pope Pius XII AD 1950

*Pious XII exercised Papal Infallibility, although it was celebrated as early as 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries.*

**Matt 15:9** ***"In vain do they worship Me,***  
**Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men."**

# ***Catholic Authority***

**The Church**

**Pope/Cardinals**

**Faith of Our Fathers p.54**

**Sacred  
Tradition**

**Council of:**

**Constantinople AD 369**

**Council of Trent AD 1563**

**And  
Scripture**

**theoretically,**

**if Priests interpret it.**

# ***Catholic Teachings***



**Original Sin:** Transmitted not Committed?

1 John 3:4 Sin is a **transgression** of Law *KJV*

Mt 18:3 Except as **little children** not enter..

Ezek 18:20 Son **not bear** inequity of father

Eccles 12:7 Soul that **sins** shall die...

Ps 51:5 Shaped in inequity/ 58:3 lie from birth

# **Catholic** *Indulgences*

“Certificates from the pope that excused a person from doing penance & shortened the required stay in purgatory before going to Heaven.”



Purgatory is a “state in which those suffer for a time who die guilty of *venial sin*, or without having satisfied for the punishment due to their sins.”

1517 Pope Leo X made a Dominican monk Johann *Tetzel* commissioner of indulgences for Germany. Tetzel made a rhyme “When a coin in coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs.”

# ***Sacrament of Baptism***

***“Born with a fallen human nature*** and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God”.

¶ 1250 [Catechism of Catholic Church](#)



Baby ***Believe*** Mk 16:16? Acts 2:38 ***Repent?***  
***Confess?*** Rom 10:9-10?

# Catholics Pray to *Mary*

**CatholicBridge.com**

She's *interceding* for the unborn, for mothers contemplating abortion, and for many others who are experiencing sorrows in our world.



**Rosary “Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.”**

Jesus said to pray to the Father (Mat 6:9)  
Paul said the Spirit intercedes (Rom 8:27) *Not Mary*.  
The dead don't know what occurs on earth (Ecc 9:5)  
No one in Bible ever prayed asking *Dead* for prayers!

# *Immaculate Conception of Mary*

*Mary*, whose conception was brought about the normal way, *was conceived without original sin.*



Pope Pius IX: 1854 “Both the Eastern and Western Church, most convincingly testify that this doctrine of the *immaculate conception* of the most Blessed Virgin . . . *always existed in the Church.*” [www.Catholic.com](http://www.Catholic.com)

*Original sin* is never mentioned in the Bible.

*Mary* is never described as sinless (Rom 3:23)

*Clerics* AD300-600 said she was, doesn't make it so.

*It was needed* so Jesus couldn't have Original Sin.

A painting depicting Jesus with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, embracing a man in a brown tunic and pants. They are standing on a rocky outcrop. In the background, a landscape with a cross on a hill is visible under a dramatic, colorful sky with shades of blue, purple, and orange.

# ***Leading Catholics truly to Christ.***

***Pray for them (2 Tim 2:25-26)***

***Nurture friendship (Prov 27:9)***

***Invite Bible study (Isa 1:18)***

***Be Patient (2 Tim 2:24)***

***Encourage clean break (Lk 9:62)***

***Expect opposition (Mat 10:34-39)***