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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

## # 910328-5 THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

2:00 Terry chooses to use the language of the Nicene Creed on this teaching because it is a bit broader in its declaration: One holy catholic and <u>apostolic</u> Church.

5:00 The term Holy is from its original meaning based on its use in Leviticus 27. It meant that which was set aside to the Lord.

17:30 As used in its earliest sense the term catholic mean essentially two things. 1. Universal – it transcends all borders, nationalities and other divisions. 2. Totality of Faith in balance without an over emphasis on any one doctrine.

25:00 Apostolic. In harmony with the teaching of the apostles, as recorded in the New Testament – Together with the experience of the living God. Not a procedural process as in a Bishop placing his hands upon the head of another. Empty hands on empty heads does nothing.

29:40 Church. In the Greek "Ekklesia" it means the called out ones or ones who are called to assembly.

31:30 Three descriptions of the church: God's Flock, The Building of the Lord (Not a physical building). And the wife of God the Husband.

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31:40 Acts 20:28-29 The Elders are to watch over the Flocks, the Pastors are to shepherd the flock in their care.

38:00 Ezekiel 34:1-31. Sometimes those over the flock are derelict in their duties.

43:30 1 Corinthians 3:9 The church as a field and a building .

46:00 Ephesians 2:11-22 The body of Christ – God's household is built on the cornerstone of Christ and we too are being built together into the dwelling place of God's Spirit.

52:50 The church is to be full of diversity, but in unity.

53:00 The relationship of God to his people is set forth as that of a husband (God) to his wife (His people). Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 31:31-32;

56:45 Ezekiel 16:4-8 The Lord declares a covenant of marriage to his people.

01:02:00 Romans 12:4-5 Each of us in the Body of Christ belong to all the others – the universal church bound together in one Spirit.

01:04:00 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Not all of us are alike but we need each other, to function as the body was intended, by God. Lev. 27:9 "If what he vowed is an animal that is acceptable as an offering to the LORD, such an animal given to the LORD becomes holy.

<u>Acts 20:28</u> Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. <u>29</u> I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

- Ezek. 34:1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? 3 You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. 4 You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. 5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. 6 My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.
- <u>Ezek. 34:7</u> "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <u>8</u> As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, <u>9</u> therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <u>10</u> This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.
- Ezek. 34:11 "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <u>12</u> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <u>13</u> I will bring them out from the nations

and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <u>14</u> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <u>15</u> I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <u>16</u> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

- <u>Ezek. 34:17</u> "As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats.
   <u>18</u> Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?
   <u>19</u> Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?
- <u>Ezek. 34:20</u> "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <u>21</u>
  Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, <u>22</u> I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. <u>23</u> I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <u>24</u> I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.
- <u>Ezek. 34:25</u> "I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. <u>26</u> I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. <u>27</u> The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. <u>28</u> They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will

live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. <u>29</u> I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. <u>30</u> Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. <u>31</u> You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.'"

1Cor. 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

- <u>Eph. 2:11</u> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)— <u>12</u> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <u>13</u> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.
- <u>Eph. 2:14</u> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <u>15</u> by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, <u>16</u> and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <u>17</u> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <u>18</u> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
- Eph. 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, <u>20</u> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <u>21</u> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <u>22</u> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.
- Is. 54:5 For your Maker is your husband—

the LORD Almighty is his name the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

- Jer. 31:31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.
- Jer. 31:32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,'" declares the LORD.

<u>Ezek. 16:4</u> On the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to make you clean, nor were you rubbed with salt or wrapped in cloths. <u>5</u> No one looked on you with pity or had compassion enough to do any of these things for you. Rather, you were thrown out into the open field, for on the day you were born you were despised.

- <u>Ezek. 16:6</u> "'Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you lay there in your blood I said to you, "Live!" <u>7</u> I made you grow like a plant of the field. You grew up and developed and became the most beautiful of jewels. Your breasts were formed and your hair grew, you who were naked and bare.
- <u>Ezek. 16:8</u> "'Later I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign LORD, and you became mine.

<u>Rom. 12:4</u> Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

- <u>1Cor. 12:12</u> The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.
  <u>13</u> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
- <u>1Cor. 12:14</u> Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. <u>15</u> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. <u>16</u> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. <u>17</u> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <u>18</u> But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <u>19</u> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <u>20</u> As it is, there are many parts, but one body.
- <u>1Cor. 12:21</u> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" <u>22</u> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <u>23</u> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <u>24</u> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <u>25</u> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <u>26</u> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
- <u>1Cor. 12:27</u> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. <u>28</u> And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. <u>29</u> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <u>30</u> Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?