Comparing Roman Catholic and Evangelical Protestant Theologies

Resources/Reading
https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm


Class Syllabus

Week 1 (1/27/2021)
I. Source of Authority
• Understanding classification of Sacred Scripture & Sacred Tradition
• Issues associated with authoritative interpretation
• Understanding revelation (general & special)
• Different approaches to canonization
Read and pray through:
 Deut 4:2, 12:32; Mark 7:5-9, 13; Col 2:8, 20-23; 2Thes 2:13-15; 2Tim 3:16; 2Pet 1:19-21

Week 2 (2/3/2021)
II. Salvation
• Justification: how does one merit standing before God?
• Sacraments and the role they play in a believer’s salvation
• The Gospel of salvation: our condition and His remedy; examining issues of permanence, sufficiency and efficacy
• Sanctification: the role of works in the life of a believer
Read and pray through:
 Gen 15:6; Rom 3:21-26, 4:1-8; Gal 3:1-9; Eph 2:1-10; Jam 2:14-24

Week 3 (2/10/2021)
III. Eternity
• Heaven/Hell/Purgatory: qualifications and entrance
• Concept of Limbo and the role of sacramental baptism
• Mortal and venial sins
• Indulgences: role and effect
• Treasury of the Church for purification
• Issue of permanence in our eternal state
Read and pray through:
Apocrypha: 2Mac 12:40-45
Week 4 (2/17/2021)
IV. The Mass
• Transubstantiation: Eucharistic sacrifice
• Sacramental necessity
• Understanding an ordinance: symbolic remembrance
• Analogia Fidei / Analogia Scripturae
Read and pray through:
(Mat 26:26-29; Luke 22:18-20; John 6:17-71; 1Cor 11:17-34

Week 5 (2/24/2021)
V. The Priest and Priesthood
• The Papacy and hierarchical divisions
• The Apostle Peter and apostolic succession
• Ministering of the Sacraments and priestly absolution
• The priesthood of believers
• New Covenant sacrifices
Read and pray through:

Week 6 (3/3/2021)
VI. Mary
• Significant titles and positions
• Significant roles related to the church
• Adoration & devotion
• Blessedness & honor
Read and pray through:

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