

Q. 47. Did the early Church conduct their worship in a dead language?

A. No; but in the tongue understood by the people.

Q. 48. Does Scripture refer to this subject?

A. Yes; the Apostle Paul speaks distinctly thereon.

1 Corinthians xiv. 19. Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

All Sin is Transgression of the Law.

Q. 49. When we say that all sin is mortal, what do we mean?

A. That all sin is disobedience to God and entails death.

Q. 50. How does the Roman Catholic Church err on this point?

A. She teaches that some sins do not deserve death: that some are "venial" and some "mortal," venial being "little sins" (?) for which no warrant is found in the Scriptures.

Q. 51. Prove that all sin is mortal.

A. Sin is the transgression of the law, and the transgression of the law exposes to the curse.

Romans vi. 23. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

James ii. 10. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

1 John iii. 4. Sin is the transgression of the law.

The Sacraments.

Q. 52. How many Sacraments are there?

A. Two. Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

Q. 53. How many Sacraments does the Roman Catholic Church hold?

A. Seven. In addition to Baptism and the Lord's Supper, she receives as Sacraments Confirmation, Penance, Extreme Unction, Orders, and Matrimony.