

Tapley vs Staples: Is Pope Francis a Heretic?

This past week on a radio program called 'Catholic Answers', the host, Tim Staples, tried to defend Pope Francis' evil apostolic exhortation called Amoris Laetitia and he specifically defended that horrible footnote, footnote 351 (notice, by the way, that backwards expression of the Rosary number, 153) in which Pope Francis said there are certain cases where divorced and civilly remarried Catholics can receive Holy Communion and that goes against 2,000 years of Church teaching and it goes against the words of our Lord Himself. So I thought we could have sort of a mini debate on this topic and I will show some of Tim's program, not all of it, and I will respond to it and I will try to put a link to his program below so you can see where he has a great many errors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INA-HLYz1wE>

So, go ahead let's look at this clip: ***'You may have guessed by me saying footnote 351. I've had a few questions about this; in fact from friends, from colleagues, from priest friends, you name it.'***

Well sure, the reason is because footnote 351 is very controversial and it's interesting to me that, even though many Catholics recognize that this is heresy, Tim never actually reads footnote 351. So, I thought I would just read the paragraph from Amoris Laetitia, this is paragraph 305, and then I'll read this horrible footnote: ***'Because of forms of conditioning and mitigating factors it is possible that in an objective situation of sin (in other words, divorced and civilly remarried Catholics) which may not be subjectively culpable, or fully such, a person can be living in God's grace, can love and can also grow in the life of grace and charity while receiving the Church's help to this end.'***

And here's footnote 351: ***'In certain cases this can include the help of the sacraments'***. In other words, in certain cases Jesus was mistaken: you CAN give that which is holy to the dogs. Of course, Pope Francis is wrong! St. Paul said; ***'Anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of our Lord unworthily is guilty of the body and the blood of our Lord'***. He did not add 'except in certain cases'. Pope Francis is totally wrong and your interpretation, Tim, is also totally wrong but let's go ahead and see what Tim says now: ***'My friend the first thing we need to know is that there's no doctrinal error here. Unfortunately, Stan, there've been folks who have***

going to extremes on one side saying the Pope, you know, is a heretic and he's made doctrinal errors. That's not the case.'

Oh yes, that is the case. Pope Francis is a heretic besides being the false prophet and he has indeed made a huge doctrinal error in his apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, especially that evil footnote, 351. ***'The bottom line is, the Holy Father is saying, is really building on what Pope St. John Paul in *Familiaris Consortia* paragraph 84 had already talked about. In the case of divorce and remarriage outside of the church.'*** Well, this is even greater nonsense from you, Tim. Pope Francis is not building on what Pope John Paul II said (now St. John Paul II). He is subverting what Pope John Paul II wrote. And let me read to you from what Pope John Paul II wrote. And now this is the words of a Saint and notice how much clearer Pope John Paul II is in his writing. He makes it very clear that divorced and remarried Catholics cannot receive Communion. I don't know what Tim Staples is talking about. So here, this is excerpted from paragraph 84 of *Familiaris Consortio*; that is the encyclical that Pope John Paul II wrote on the family. ***'Together with the Synod, I earnestly call upon pastors and the whole community of the faithful to help the divorced and with solicitous care to make sure that they do not consider themselves as separated from the Church, for as baptized persons they can, and indeed, must share in her life.'***

This is so true. I'm not disagreeing with that. But you don't help them by helping them sin. ***'They should be encouraged to listen to the Word of God, to attend the sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, to contribute to works of charity and to community efforts in favor of Justice, to bring up their children in the Christian faith, to cultivate the spirit and practice of penance and thus implore day by day, God's grace. Let the church pray for them, encourage them and show herself a merciful mother and thus sustain them in faith and hope.'*** But, now here comes the big 'but', and it is a big 'but', this is one that Pope Francis totally ignores. He does not support, he is not building upon the words of Pope John Paul II. ***'However, the Church reaffirms her practice, which is based upon Sacred Scripture, of not admitting to Eucharistic communion divorced persons who have remarried. They are unable to be admitted thereto from the fact that their state and condition of life objectively contradict that union of love between Christ and the Church which is signified and affected by the Eucharist.'*** You can't get any plainer than that! Pope Francis is not building upon what

Pope John Paul II wrote. He is subverting it; he is perverting it. Pope Francis is the False Prophet, Tim Staples. I hope you come to understand this.

And continuing now with paragraph 84: ***'Reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance, which would open the way to the Eucharist, can only be granted to those who, repenting of having broken the sign of the Covenant and of fidelity to Christ, are sincerely ready to undertake a way of life that is no longer in contradiction to the indissolubility of marriage.'*** Pope Francis is undermining these very important words from the Saint. ***'This means, in practice, that when, for serious reasons such as, for example the children's upbringing, a man and a woman cannot satisfy the obligation to separate, they take on themselves the duty to live in complete continence, that is, by abstinence from the acts proper to married couples.'***

Well, Tim Staples, I hope you realize that is not what Pope Francis has in mind. Let's go ahead and hear what you have to say. ***'Pope St. John Paul while he said that state, being in that state, divorced remarried outside the church, would preclude you from receiving Communion.'*** Well, that's right. That's exactly what Pope John Paul II wrote and as I just read. ***'There's too much ambiguity and I do think there needs to be clarification, to be sure, but I want to just caution people against saying that the Pope is teaching heresy; he's not.'*** Well, Pope Francis obviously is teaching heresy and it is more than ambiguity and now Tim Staples goes ahead and gives a long, sad hypothetical story and because of the story you're supposed to accept the heresy of Pope Francis. ***'You know if this person is admitted even if a pastor in the internal forum discerns that this person is not actually committing mortal sin, the mitigating factor, you know there are mitigating factors that reduces the culpability Pope Saint John Paul would say no, you still can't receive sacraments in the Church. But again, that's a matter of prudence. What Pope Francis is saying, and Theologically he is correct. On the objective level it is possible, and a pastor can discern this woman in this case is not in mortal sin. So from a theological perspective, she could be admitted to the sacraments even in that irregular situation.'***

Okay, Tim, well, now let me give you a hypothetical situation: what if you're King Henry VIII and you are supposed to supply an heir to the

kingdom and your wife does not conceive a male child. Is that a mitigating circumstance? Well, in those days it certainly was but the Pope would not give Henry VIII an annulment. There's no doubt in today's system, under Pope Francis where priests can grant annulments, basically, in the so-called 'internal forum', there would have been no problem for Henry VIII. Don't you think he could have found a priest that would have allowed him, in an internal forum, to receive Holy Communion even though he had taken another wife or a third wife or a fourth wife, or a fifth, or a sixth wife? Well, certainly! Pope Francis, you're not thinking ahead or you're not looking at history and neither are you, Tim Staples. This is an evil coming from the false prophet and we, as Catholics, we have to fight this.

'But at the same time we don't want to go to the other extreme to say 'oh, the Pope didn't do anything, you know, nothing has changed'. No, he really did give priests, uh, the power, if you will, to discern in the internal forum what is going on in the lives of these people. Now, these cases are going to be, I would argue, very rare that you would have situations like this. It's to be dealt with in the internal forum. But there's absolutely no doctrinal change, as the Pope made clear in the letter.'

Well, sure, the Pope is going to claim that he is not making doctrinal changes but he most certainly is. Right after he published this infernal document, Amoris Laetitia, Bishop Cupich of Chicago said that everyone and anyone can receive Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Chicago. That's not a rare circumstance. When Pope Francis went to the World Youth Day in Poland, he had a 90-minute meeting with the bishops. He tried to convince them to allow the divorced and remarried to receive Communion. The Polish bishops immediately after that meeting held a press conference and they said that Catholics in Poland who are divorced and remarried cannot receive Holy Communion. These are not rare circumstances. This is for the entire nation of Poland and we are going to find that every nation is going to have to make a decision.

In fact, Mary said at Fatima that in the end some nations would preserve the doctrine of the faith and she mentioned Portugal and obviously Poland is going to maintain the doctrine of the faith. But what about other nations? Will they follow the lead of people like Bishop Cupich? This is not a rare instance, this is a disastrous perverting of the gospel and a perverting of 2,000 years of church teaching. Amoris

Laetitia, and this infernal footnote 351, takes the validity of the Eucharist away from those priests who give communion to divorced and remarried Catholics under the direction of Pope Francis.

That is one of the requirements of a valid Eucharist. You must use the same matter that Jesus used, you must use the same words that he said and you must have the same intention that Jesus had. Jesus did not intend to give that which is holy to the dogs; he did not give the Holy Eucharist to Judas. It's time for the Church to wake up and realize that the prophecies of Daniel in chapter 10, verse number 3 are being fulfilled. The 'daily sacrifice is being taken away from the prince', as Daniel prophesied and Jesus warned about in the Olivet Discourse.

When you see the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, then let those in the field, the field is the Catholic Church, then let them flee and that time is almost upon us and in fact, as I say, in Chicago, I don't believe your Eucharists are valid even today. But I want to leave you on a positive note. As Mary said at Fatima, in some nations the faith will be preserved. Pray that one of those nations will be our nation.