

“The Truth about Hell (3): My Journey to Purgatory (and Back)”

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□ Purgatory

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, sections 1030 and 1031: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. . . . The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire.”

□ Holy Scripture

- Hebrews 9:27, 28
 - Death marks the end of _____.
 - Once we die, our _____ is sealed.
- Revelation 22:12
 - When Christ returns to the earth the second time, he comes _____.
 - That reward presupposes a prior _____ that has been rendered for every human being before Christ returns.
 - The timeline: _____, _____, _____, and then _____.
 - Death does not transition to human _____, but rather to divine _____.
- Revelation 14:13, 14
 - What follows death for the one who believes in Christ is _____ and repose, not further suffering and cleansing.
 - Death comes as a divine _____ for the child and friend of God.
- II Timothy 4:6-8
 - Death for the Christian means the _____ is finished, the _____ has been kept, and the _____ of the judgment is assured.
 - When you cross the threshold of death, you cross the finish line of _____.
- Hebrews 10:10, 14, 21-23
 - Jesus’ death was a _____ sacrifice for all!
 - “For by one sacrifice he has made _____ forever those who are being made _____.”
 - Christ is not only our great sacrifice, he is our “great _____ over the house of God.”
- I John 1:7, 9
- (For further study download the paper, “The Truth about Purgatory,” @ www.pmchurch.tv)

□ Love’s Agonizing Choice

- *Great Controversy*: “No eternally burning hell will keep before the ransomed the fearful consequences of sin. One reminder alone remains: Our Redeemer will ever bear the marks of His crucifixion. Upon His wounded head, upon His side, His hands and feet, are the only traces of the cruel work that sin has wrought. . . . And the tokens of His humiliation are His highest honor; through the eternal ages the wounds of Calvary will show forth His praise and declare His power.” (674)

“God is Love”

Human probation, eternal destiny, bringing his reward with him, judgment, life, death, judgment, Christ returns, cleansing, judgment, rest, sleep, race, faith, verdict, life and salvation, “once for all”, perfect, holy, priest