

Scriptures and Doctrine :: purgatory**purgatory - posted by coolcap2007, on: 2007/4/13 2:52**

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Re: purgatory - posted by enid, on: 2007/4/13 4:42

For me, the final authority is scripture, I hope it is with you.

Let's look at a few verses, and ask a few questions as we go along.

2 Cor 5v10, 'For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...

This is a certainty. When does it happen?

Heb 9v27, 'And as it is appointed for men to die once, after this the judgment.

It is after we die that we are judged. There is no more mercy. Mercy is for this life only.

Let's look at what it says in the book of Revelation.

Rev 21v8, 'But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

This scripture does not say that the lake of fire is eternal, but this next scripture does.

Rev 20v10, 'The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

For me, this is final. It tells us that hell is a place of everlasting punishment. No escape.

The teaching of purgatory is a false, man-made teaching.

How can you get clean in hell? Did not the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ do that?

Hope this has helped.

God bless.

Re: - posted by Provost, on: 2007/4/13 9:01

2Corinthians 5:8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/4/13 9:12

Provost,
Could I ask, why did you use that scripture?

God bless.

Re: purgatory - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/4/13 9:20

Quote:

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When you read this verse, did you consider what the Bible says is just punishment for sin against the Eternal One? Just what (or who) is the price tag?

Matthew Henry said this, "divine justice will be for ever in the satisfying, but never satisfied."

In Christ,

Ron

Re:, on: 2007/4/13 9:42

Heb 9:27-28 And as **it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

There is no mention of a "purification" process, and then the judgment. The purification comes thru Christ's blood. If we could attain heaven by enduring purgatory then please tell me why Christ died? It is no longer salvation by faith, it is salvation by works... which is in keeping with Catholic doctrines.

Purgatory is a lie from hell.

Krispy

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/4/13 9:58

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Hi Coolcap

Thank you for your honest question.

Have the replies so far really answered...?

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A knee-jerk reaction, that this is a devilish, Catholic doctrine, may be true but doesn't answer what these scriptures DO mean!

I'm not sure of the answer to the first example, and not sure how to *explain* the second, though (I *think* I know the answer :-?)

The third refers to the *works* we do for the Lord, not our souls. There is no punishment, such as purgatory, only the loss of the **work** we have done.

It's like someone who is put in charge of a small factory producing hand-made goods. The owner gives us all the materials we need, and the skilled workmanship to make everything to his specifications. We work hard producing beautiful things, but dishonestly substitute gold paint and wood for pure gold; and jewellery with plastic instead of true precious gems. Then there's a fire in the factory. We escape with our lives but the goods are burned.

Nothing to show for all those years of labour, how tragic!

Can anyone explain the first two scriptures?

in Him

Jeannette

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/4/13 16:23

In Luke chapters 11 through 13 we read some very passionate words by our Lord Jesus. Chapter 11 ends with Jesus pronouncing Woes upon the hypocritical Pharisees and Chapter 12 picks up with some intense discussion. In verses 4-5 Jesus says:

"I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!"

In verses 8-10 Jesus says, "And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. "And every one who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him."

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In verses 58-59 Jesus tells everyone that they must be reconciled to God before the judgment because at the judgment there is no redemption, Â”For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. "I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent.Â”

These verses do not teach purgatory, but they emphasize that the punishment is very long in duration. In those days it was impossible to pay back a debt if one was in prison because they could not work. Â”Until you have paid the very last centÂ’ is a sentencing of life.

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Thanks for that Jay, especially:

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I'd forgotten that the situation of someone in debt would have been so hopeless.

It seems it used to be the same here in the UK; the Fleet Prison in London was notorious. The famous novelist Charles Dickens wrote about it. They were simply locked up without any help at all. Unless inmates had someone outside to bring them food, or had a little money themselves, they literally starved to death.

So Jesus is describing a truly terrible and hopeless fate, to illustrate His teaching.

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This is slightly off-topic but to add to this point, the Old Testament confirms the "once for all" nature of Christ's sacrifice in the incident where Moses smote the rock when he shouldn't have.

Numbers 20:7-9;7; Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 8; 9; "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. **Speak to the rock** before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus 10; you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals." 11; So Moses took the rod 12; from before the Lord as He commanded him. 13; And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, 14; "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?" 15; Then Moses lifted his hand and **struck the rock twice with his rod**; 16; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

17; Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, 18; "Because 19; you did not believe Me, to 20; hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

I think that "struck the rock twice" can mean "struck the rock a second time". The Lord told him to only speak to the rock, but he struck it instead. (compare 1Corinthians 10:4; "and all drank the same 5; spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ."

So the Lord takes it very seriously if we think the Rock can be struck more than once, that the Sacrifice of the Cross can be repeated. Jesus' death is indeed once for all, and cannot be imitated or repeated, or re-enacted (as is supposed to be done in the Catholic Mass).

These thoughts blessed me anyway...

Jeannette