

**A Biblical Study of
The Catechism
of the Catholic Church:
Bible Answers to the Most
Frequently Asked Questions
about Catholic Beliefs and Practices**

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WILL I GO TO
PURGATORY?

“every sin, even venial,
entails an unhealthy
attachment to creatures,
which must be purified
here on earth, or after
death in a state called
Purgatory” (CCC 1472)

“Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven - through purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation.

‘At the evening of life we shall be judged on our love.’ (CCC 1022)

“All who died in God’s grace and friendship, but are 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”
(CCC 1030)

“The Church formulated their doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence [1439] and Trent [1563]. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire.” (CCC 1031)

“we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come” (CCC 1031)

“The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead” (CCC 1032)

“Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them” (CCC 1032)

DO INDULGENCES
HELP US?

“An indulgence...removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.” (CCC 1471)

“This treasury
includes as well the
prayers and good
works of the Blessed
Virgin Mary”
(CCC 1477)

“In this treasury too,
are the prayers and
good works of all the
saints” (CCC 1477)

“In this way they
attained their own
salvation and at the
same time cooperated
in saving their
brothers” (CCC 1477)

“Through indulgences the faithful can obtain the remission of temporal punishment resulting from sin for themselves and also for the souls in Purgatory” (CCC 1498)

2 Maccabees 12:43, "And making a gathering, he sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

Luke 23:43 “Truly, I
say to you, today
you will be with me
in paradise.” (ESV)

Were Job's sons
alive or dead when
made offerings for
them (Job 1:5)?

Does 1 Corinthians 13:14-15 speak about people being burned up or their works being burned up to evidence their quality/genuineness? Does it talk about the person being burned or escaping from the fire or being cleansed by the fire?

If the Bible speaks so much about Heaven and Hell, why did it take the Catholic Church 1400+ years to approve a statement on Purgatory?

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What were the motives of the Catholic doctrine of Purgatory? How were they connected with indulgences and money/fundraising? Why were Martin Luther and other reformers so much against this abuse of power and manipulative tactics?

Why does the Bible have so many warnings about adding to it? What is the danger? What is the offense? How has the Catholic Church offended God in the invention of purgatory?

Where is the
concept of
indulgences in the
Bible?

What does Romans 8:1-2
mean? What does 1 John 1:9
mean?

If our debt has been fully
paid (Colossians 2:13–14),
why is there a need for
Purgatory or Indulgences?

SEE: “What Does the Bible Say
About Heaven?”

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