

Disciples Church

Lesson 75: Wednesday Mar 22, 2017

**Discussion Guide**

**Q115. Beyond this life, are there other opportunities to be redeemed from guilt and reconciled to God?**

No. Beyond this one life, there are no additional chances to repent and trust in Jesus alone.

**Q116. What happens to people when they physically die?**

The bodies of those who have died return to dust and decay; however, their souls neither die nor sleep, because they have an immortal character. At death, the souls of the righteous are then made perfect in holiness and are received into paradise, where they are with Christ and enjoy God’s glory while they wait for the full redemption of their bodies. The souls of the wicked are sent by God to Hades, where they remain in torment and utter darkness awaiting the final judgment.

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10
   1. Does the fact that you will stand in judgment factor into your conduct as a Christian?
2. Read Luke 13:1-5
   1. Some sins are more grievous than others, but **any** sin is worthy of eternal Hell because it is against the righteous God. How does this passage challenge how we typically view some sins as more damnable in God’s eyes?
   2. Jesus’ answer shows the necessity and urgency of repentance. Most of us have family and friends who have failed to truly repent and believe the gospel. In light of tonight’s lesson, how can you start to share the gospel with them? If you already are, is there a proper urgency, balance, and clarity?
   3. Take a few minutes to stop and pray for those people God has sovereignly put in your life who are not believers.
3. In Roman Catholic theology, the false doctrine of Purgatory is an intermediate location after death where some of those ultimately destined for heaven must first undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven.
   1. In order for us to be with God in heaven, do we need to have our sin removed?
   2. How does Rome’s doctrine of salvation require the necessity of purgatory?
      1. Hint: *In the Roman Catholic system, does God see the Catholic as fully righteous and declared ‘not-guilty’ by Christ’s work? No, He does not. Catholics must work to justify themselves. Catholicism teaches salvation by works.*
4. Read Genesis 3:19
   1. Where do our bodies go when we die?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:8
   1. Where do souls of the saved go when they physically die?
6. We learned that Hades is a degree of Hell, but not the fullness of it. We learned the souls of the wicked are sent by God to Hades when those persons physically die. Scripture doesn’t need to say much about Hades for us to know how bad it is; what verses in tonight’s lesson spoke to what Hades is like?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-44
   1. Many Christians suffer temporal physical pain and discomfort in this one life, but Christians will be raised with bodies that are characterized with glory and power. How does this comfort help you to continue walking in faith? Do you look to this truth in times of pain?