

No Need For Purgatory!

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42-43

What is purgatory? According to the Roman Catholic Church, it is a place where souls go to be cleansed of their sins before they can enter into heaven. How nice. The only problem is, purgatory is a myth, a fallacy, an imaginary place that doesn't exist. It was concocted by the Roman Catholic Church to make money, **BIG** money, by using fear to keep their over one billion members in bondage to the church. "Say masses" they are told, to get your loved ones out of purgatory sooner. The only problem with this is that the masses cost money, good money, to get family members out of a place that doesn't even exist!

By saying there is purgatory, they are calling Jesus a liar. Again, what did Jesus say to the thief on the cross who repented... *"To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."* Not a hundred years down the road after you have suffered for your sins in a place called purgatory. There is no burning in paradise. Go ask Abraham or Lazarus (Luke 16:19-26).

Again, the Bible says "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Cor 5:8). If purgatory exists, when a person dies and leaves his body, he is not present with the Lord, which contradicts all the scriptures that say that Jesus paid the price at the cross for all of our sins, past, present, and unfortunately, future.

Review the following scriptures. In them you will find the truth in the word of God as compared to the lies and fallacies created by a man made religion. Upon careful study, you will come to realize that heaven is real and hell is real, but a place called purgatory doesn't even exist. If it does, then Jesus died for nothing.

Psalm 51:1-2 *Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

Psalm 51:9 *Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.*

Psalm 65:3 *Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.*

Psalm 79:9 *Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.*

Psalm 85:2 *Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.*

Psalm 103:3 *Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

Luke 13:3,5 *I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*

NOTE: If you don't repent, you don't go to purgatory, you go to hell.

John 1:29 *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

John 8:21 *Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.*

Colossians 2:13 *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

1 Thessalonians 4:17 *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

NOTE: If we are caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, forever to be with the Lord, then there is no purgatory.

Do not pass Go, Do not collect \$200.00, Go directly to Heaven! Amen!

Titus 2:14 *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

Hebrews 1:3 *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

Hebrews 9:26 *For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

Hebrews 10:12 *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 3:5 *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

Revelation 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.*

Revelation 5:9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

Yes, there is absolutely no place called Purgatory. Heaven exists and so does Hell. When you die, it's either one or the other. There is no in between! Heaven if your sins are forgiven you or Hell if they are not. "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*" the Bible says (Hebrews 9:27). If you die in your sins, you are immediately in hell. If you've had them forgiven, you immediately go to heaven to be with the Lord forever. It's that simple!

When Jesus said, "*It is finished*" (John 19:30) just before He died, he meant that our road to salvation was complete. Bought and paid for with His precious Holy Blood (Revelation 1:5) that He shed for us all on the cross. It is a gift (Romans 6:23) and if you freely take that gift that He offers you, and receive Him into your heart (John 1:12) as your Lord and Saviour, you become a new creature in Christ (2Corinthians 5:17). You become Born Again (John 3:3) with all your sins covered under His blood, never to be remembered again (Heb 8:12, 10:17).

The church age is coming to a close. All the signs of the Great Tribulation are upon us. Wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, hurricanes, famines, floods, plagues, and pestilence, forest fires consuming millions of acres, nations in distress with perplexity, murders and thefts, sexual immorality of all kinds, sorcery, witchcraft, devil worship right out in the open, all pointing to one thing... the Rapture and the removal of the true church of Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) from off the earth before all hell breaks loose. Repentance is needed now (2 Corinthians 6:2) while the age of grace still exists.

After that it will be death, doom, and destruction for a world gone mad and temporarily ruled by the devil himself (Rev 12:12). Hell will actually enlarge itself (Isaiah 5:14) to take in all the lost souls who died without the hope of salvation in their hearts. They won't go to purgatory. They will go to hell!

So just remember what the Bible says in Proverbs 20:9 "*Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?*" NO ONE! No need for purgatory, I guess.

Amen