

# THE 4 LAST THINGS



**DEATH JUDGMENT HEAVEN HELL**  
**CCC 1020-1060**



The Last Judgment  
Giotto  
1304-1306

**“At the evening of our  
life we shall be judged  
on our love.”**

**~St. John of the Cross~**

# DEATH



CCC 336,1020

*Death be not proud,  
though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful,  
for thou art not so,  
For those, whom thou think'st,  
thou dost overthrow, Die not,  
poore death,  
nor yet canst thou kill me...  
One short sleep past,  
we wake eternally,  
And death shall be no more;  
death, thou shalt die.*







## The Canticle of Brother Sun

Praised be you, my Lord, through our Sister  
Bodily Death,  
no living person can escape her.  
Woe to those who die in mortal sin;  
blessed are those who  
die in your most holy  
will, for the second  
death shall not harm  
them.



## PARTICULAR JUDGMENT



CCC 1021-1022



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 a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation. CCC 1022

*Christ the Judge  
Fra Angelico  
1447*

## SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT



**PRESUMPTION**



**DESPAIR**

CCC 1037, 1864, 2091

## HEAVEN



**CCC 1023-1029**





"Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they 'see Him as He is,' face to face." CCC 1023



## PURGATORY



CCC 1030-1032

Purgatorio, Cantos 1-33  
Giovanni Boccaccio  
1300-1301

- All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation. (CCC 1030)
- ...final purification of the elect, entirely different from the punishment of the damned. (CCC 1031)
- "Hence [Judas Maccabeus] had this expiatory sacrifice offered for the dead, that they might be released from their sin." (JB 2 Macc 12:46)
- "No one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will be forgiven either in this world or in the next." (JB Mt 12:31)

## **AVOIDING PURGATORY**

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| • Daily prayer                                  | • Offering God your death            |
| • Frequent confession                           | • Offering God your daily crosses    |
| • Frequent Mass and reception of Holy Communion | • Receive the sacrament of anointing |
| • Regular penance                               | • Indulgences                        |
| • Daily Rosary                                  |                                      |

**"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."**

**CCC 1471**

**"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it 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

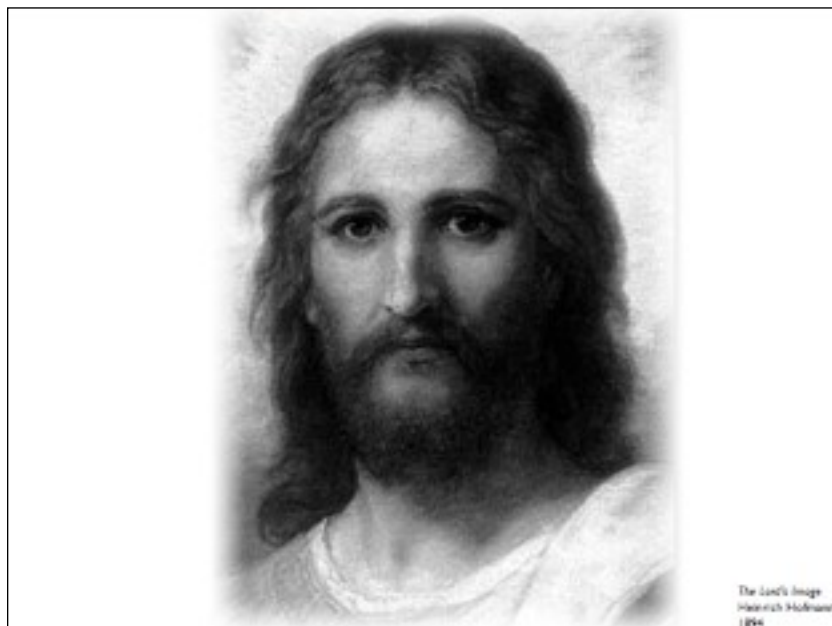
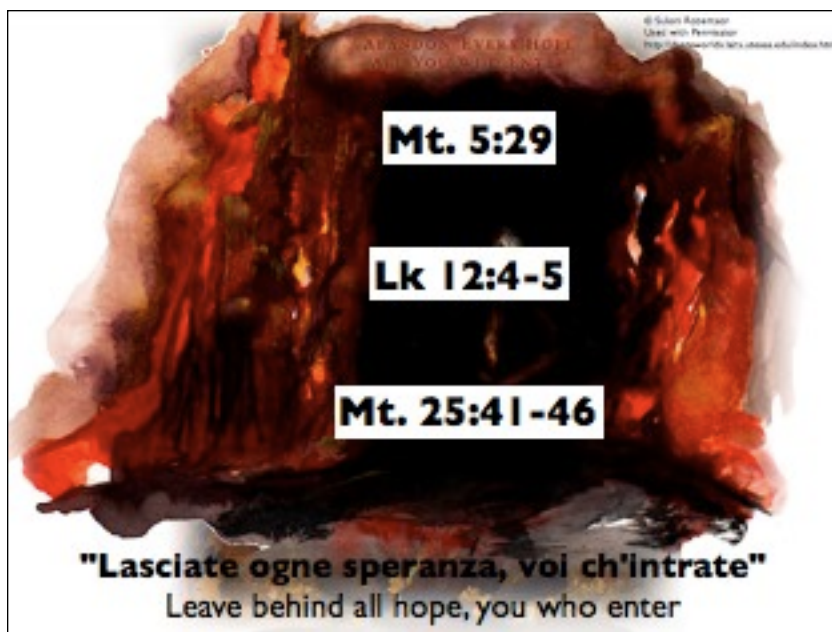
## HELL



CCC 1033-1037

- **Hell is the “definitive state of self-exclusion from communion with God.”** (CCC 1033)
- **We cannot love God and sin gravely against Him.** (CCC 1033)
- **To die in the state of mortal sin without repenting and accepting God’s merciful love...** (CCC 1033)
- **God predestines no one to go to hell.** (CCC 1037)
- **Hell is FOREVER.** (CCC 1035)







- There will be a “resurrection of the dead” of both the just and the unjust will precede the Last Judgment. (CCC 1038)
- Christ will place the the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. (CCC 1038)
- The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life. (CCC 1039)
- WHY?

Although everyone is judged immediately after death, it is fitting that there be a general judgment in order that the justice, wisdom, and mercy of God may be glorified in the presence of all.

(a) Man is a social being as well as an individual. The general judgment will manifest God's Providence, the majesty of Christ, and the glory of the elect.

–The Baltimore Catechism, no. 3, Lesson 14

