

Chapter Sixteen

Purgatory

The word “purgatory” refers to a place and a status. It is believed to be a place of a temporary nature where the soul of the believer is further “cleansed” or “purged” after death before it can proceed to Heaven. Its derivation is from the Latin word “purgatorium”, a place of cleansing, from the verb “purgo”, meaning to clean or cleanse. This definition and usage implies that the soul of a believer is in need of such cleansing and that individual suffering will accomplish the goal. Both of these ideas are patently false.

- John 5:24 says, “Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me **has eternal life**, and doesn’t come into judgment, but **has passed out of death into life.**” A believer simply has eternal life. Now. God only gives one kind of life. Eternal life. He doesn’t plan for you to pay for your future sins through your own suffering in a mythical location called Purga-

tory.

- 1 John 1:7-9 says, “But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yeshua the Messiah his Son, cleanses us from **all** sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins and to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness.” It is the blood of Yeshua that cleanses us from all sin, not our suffering.
- 2 Corinthians 5:8 says, “We are courageous, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.” This is a binary declaration of our status. We are either in the body (and alive) or absent from the body (at death) and at home with the Lord. There is no room for a third option of Purgatory.
- Rom 8:1 says, “There is therefore **now** no condemnation to those who are in Messiah Yeshua, who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”
- 1 Peter 3:18 says, “Because Messiah also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God.”

- Heb 10:17 says, “I will remember their sins and their iniquities **no** more.”
- John 3:36 says, “One who believes in the Son **has** eternal life.”
- 1 John 3:14 says, “We **know** that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers.”
- 1 John 5:11-13 says, “The testimony is this: that God gave to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who **has** the Son **has** the life. He who doesn’t have God’s Son doesn’t have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that **you may know** that **you have eternal life**, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”
- Revelation 14:13 says, “I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow with them.”

The teaching of the Roman Catholic church regarding the place of Purgatory as a place where the righteous are “further purged and cleansed” is a complete hoax and fraud. It is perpetrated by the Roman Catholic church to play on fear and guilt and to fleece the flock into paying for masses for departed loved ones to release them from a place that does not exist.