

“The punishment for sin is first physical death, but ultimately it is eternal damnation.

2. “Obviously, Christ did not undergo the punishment of eternal damnation; otherwise, he would still be in hell suffering for sin.

3. “Further, there is no Scripture specifying that Christ suffered the eternal punishment of hell for sin. GW - see Colossians 2:13–14

4. “If Christ had paid the eternal consequence for everyone’s sin, God would have no recourse to punish anyone because the sin would have already been adjudicated.

5. “God could not demand double payment for the same sin. We must conclude then, that Christ did not take upon himself the entire punishment required of man for sin.

6. “Although the Scripture sometimes speaks of salvation being purchased, this refers only to the requirements Christ had to satisfy in order to make salvation possible for the whole world.” (1 John 2:1). (SUNGENIS, 56)

“IN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY, justification is not a one-time act of God.

“Although for New Testament believers’ justification begins at a specific point in time, (i.e., baptism).

“Justification continues as a process throughout the individual’s life. God gives his grace to the individual at baptism,

“But he also gives grace continually throughout the course of life. A person gains grace as he lives out his Christian life in obedience. GW - Grace is a gift of God. Eph. 2:8–9.

“As grace increases, justification increases, and the individual becomes more and more righteous in the eyes of God.

“If God removes justifying grace from the individual, then justification ceases. This occurs when the individual commits serious sin—

“In the final analysis, if the justifying grace begun at baptism is not present at the end of a person’s life,

“Then he will remain unjustified and be condemned for eternity.” (SUNGENIS, 150)

7. “THE PROTESTANT [Christian] understanding of ... justification—it is simply a legal declaration that

“God makes, designating the person to be in a justified state.

“The justified state means that God has forgiven his sins because Christ took the guilt and paid the penalty for his sins.

“Acceptance by faith means that, though undeserving, the individual receives the righteousness of Christ if he simply acknowledges its availability and efficacy by believing that he can receive it.

“Once this is done, the theological category of justification is complete and secure and the now justified Christian immediately passes into another theological category called sanctification.

“The Christian begins to live a holy life by refraining from sin, doing good works, praying, etc.—

Justification is a one-time legal act administered by God, while sanctification is the ongoing process of personal holiness.” (SUNGENIS, 149–150) GW - Sounds correct, believe in Jesus: eternally – saved, Justified, forgiven!

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“For all the promises of God in him (Jesus) are \*yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.” (2 Cor. 1:20)

Paul’s scriptural support for Christ-ian Justification.

“(Jesus) Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our Justification.” (Rom. 4:25)

“And not as it was by one (Adam) that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto Justification.” (Rom. 5:16)

“By the offence of one (Adam) judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one (Jesus) the free gift came upon all men unto Justification of life.” (Rom. 5:18)

The free gift is received by faith.

Jesus’s victory becomes yours by faith! 1 John 2:1,

“If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ—the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:1–2)

Your sin debt owed to God has been paid in full.

“[God,] Having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and [yes] took it out of the way, nailing it to his (Jesus’s) CROSS.” (Col. 2:13–14)

Here is Paul speaking on the inheritance of believers,

“That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory— That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe.” (Eph. 1:12–19)

Paul: Acts 20:28, A WARNING! to Church Leaders.

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, (“All the counsel of God.” Acts 20:27) which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

Peter’s WARNING! to those of like precious faith.

2 Peter 1:1 “Simon Peter—to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.” 2 Pet. 2:1 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, Even denying the Lord that bought them.”

(5. “Christ did not take upon himself the entire punishment required of man for sin.” —SUNGENIS)

“For it is through Christ’s Catholic Church \*ALONE which is the universal help toward salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained.” (CCC-816) Catechism of the Catholic Church © 1994

2 Pet. 2:1 “And bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom, **The way of truth shall be evil spoken of.**”

**[1].** “Did Christ take within himself the sin and guilt of mankind and suffer the specific punishment for that sin and guilt, as Protestants [in #7] contend? The answer is **\*no.**”—SUNGENIS. Read again, 2–4, 6) / & (John 3:16)

**A CATHOLIC VIEW**—Infant Baptism in the Bible?

**A FACEBOOK POST: TIM STAPLES of Catholic Answers • 1/14/2022** — “Babies need to have original sin removed from their souls. But there is more.”

**Revolt Against Reality by Gary Michuta** (see: James 1:27) **True religion** is a family affair. A Jew became a Jew when he was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. “**They did not have to first ‘accept Moses as their personal prophet’** before they could be circumcised.” [GW—Ha. Ha. Funny! However, Christians teach that a sinner who is of age, knowing right from wrong, upon hearing God’s word and the Spirit’s conviction must first, **believe “accept Jesus as their personal Saviour”** using their own free will. Simultaneously with **faith** and accepting Jesus, comes the reception of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is called being born again. Included in being born again is the joy, the lifting away of the burden of sin and guilt. This Salvation is followed by believer’s water baptism, and unlike Catholic baptism **it is not necessary** for salvation.] “**And according to Paul, baptism is the fulfillment of circumcision.**”—*Gary Michuta,*

**GARY WESTGERDES** Concerning circumcision of the **flesh: God rebuked the Jews;** he wanted their **hearts** circumcised. In the same sense now in “Christendom” baptism of the flesh means nothing if it comes before faith in Christ. **The only** baptism that Cleanses away your sin is the Holy Spirit’s. **He is the one** that knows your faith in Jesus, your **heart’s** desire for forgiveness and cleansing, and **he knows if you really mean it.**

**Paul did not preach baptism.**

“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the **gospel:** not with wisdom of words, lest the **cross** of Christ should be made of none effect. **[\*yes]** For the **preaching** of the **cross** is to them that perish **foolishness;** (see # 1) “But

“**Unto us** which are saved it is the power of God—it **pleased God** by the foolishness of preaching to save them that **believe—[yes] We Preach Christ Crucified.**” (1 Cor. 1:17–18, 21, 23) **Not Christ Consumed.**

**Jesus paid off your sin debt in full,** with his blood. Since he was sinless, his physical death paid your sin debt without him having to spend an eternity in hell. By God’s grace you will be saved through faith, **sacramental grace is not necessary.**

**[yes]** “For by **one offering** he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” (Heb. 10:14)

**The Mass,** a re-offering of the sacrifice of the Cross in an un-bloody manner, **is not necessary.**

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands—**Nor** yet that he should **offer** himself **often**—For then must he **often** have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but [yes]** now **once** in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin **by the sacrifice of himself.**” (Heb. 9:24–26)

**The Catholic Priesthood is not necessary.**

**PETER,** “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a **spiritual house,** an holy **priesthood,** to offer up **spiritual sacrifices,** acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Pet. 2:5)

**PAUL, [yes]** “Let us offer the **Sacrifice of praise** to God **continually,** that is, the fruit of our lips **giving thanks** to his name. But to do good and to **communicate** (be giving) forget not: for with such **Sacrifices** God is well pleased.” (Heb. 13:14–16)

**Purgatory is not necessary or available.**

“There is—**now no condemnation** to them which are **in Christ Jesus,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ **[yes]** Jesus **hath made me free** from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh.**” (Rom. 8:1–3)



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**WESTGERDES** shares, in yellow, support for the Protestant/Biblical Christian view.

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