

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Isaiah 25:6-9a

Luke 21:7-11; Matthew 24:3-14; Mark 13:3-13

Mark 13:30; Luke 21:32; Matthew 24:34

Luke 12:35-40; Matthew 24:45-51

1 Thessalonians 5:2

Luke 23:43

Tobit 1: 16-17

Mark 12: 18-27

Matthew 25:31-46

2 Maccabees 12: 32-46

HEAVEN

CCC 1023: Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ.

CCC 1024: This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, angels and all the blessed, is called "Heaven."

CCC 1025: To live in heaven is "to be with Christ."

PURGATORY---THE FINAL PURIFICATION

CCC 1030: All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven

HELL

CCC 1033: We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love Him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against Him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death." To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from Him forever by our own free choice. This state of self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "Hell."

CCC 1010 -1014, 1034 -1037