Ch. 10 - **Communion of Saints**

In notes,
- define Heaven, Hell, Purgatory

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**Indulgence**

**Also:** Particular Judgment

**General Judgment**

**Part**

God judges us immediately after death, decides for us to go to Heaven, Purgatory, Hell

**Gen 3:** God judges us on the "Lat Day" -- at the Resurrection of the dead, shows the effects of our sins and good deeds

**Heaven:** a realm where we go after death

to live eternally with God, His angels, and the saints

**Hell:** a realm for those who refuse to believe and be converted, where both body and soul are lost for eternity. The absence of God is felt.

**Purgatory:** a realm where those who are assured of Heaven, but who still have penance to do, are purged of their sin to prepare them for Heaven.
The Three-Fold Church

1) The Church Militant: Human beings on Earth. = US
3) The Church Triumphant: The saints and Angels in Heaven.

Read pgs. 69-72; take notes and define all terms
Purgatory in Scripture

2 Maccabees 12:38-46

**Context:** Greek culture, language, and religion were being forced upon the Jews - even so far as to put a statue of Zeus in the Holy Temple. Maccabees is about a rebellion against the Greeks that was successful until the Romans came.

- "They prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out."

- they took a collection to pay for a sacrifice to be offered on behalf of the sins of their fallen comrades

- he acted in an excellent and noble way - thinking of the Resurrection of the Body

- "thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin"
Matthew 12:32

- Sins against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven in this age (life on earth) or in the age to come (life after death)
- So, some sins can be forgiven in this age and in the age to come.
Revelation 21:27

"Nothing unclean will enter it..."
1 Corinthians 3:10-12

Foundation on Jesus:
1. gold, silver, precious stones
2. wood
3. Hay or straw

God tests our soul (works) with purifying fire (Love).

Sainthood awaits

But if our work is "burned up" we're still saved but only as through "fire"
From Tradition:

- **Funeral Mass**

- **Cult of the Martyrs**
  in the Catacombs in Rome, early Christians would gather amidst the tombs of the dead to offer prayers and Masses on their "death days", memorials of their birth into the afterlife **"FEAST" DAYS**

  **Mt 16: 13-20**

  **INDULGENCES**

  - Jesus gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven
    - The Church can proclaim who gets in to heaven (**SAINTS**)
    - Bind: attach a penance
    - Loose: relaxing the penance to an indulgence
Get out HW to check (WB 49-50)
Get notes
Matthew 16:13-20

- Jesus gives Peter and the Church the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven
- "Keys" lock or unlock
  - Trust and Responsibility
- Powers to bind + loose with rope
  Bind: tie up (attach a penance)
  Loose: loosen rope (lift the penance) - *remit temporal punishment*

Penance - makes you realize the damage you've caused; an attempt to make things right; (Satisfaction; Reparation)

"Temporal Punishment" - the consequences of sin inside of time
Indulgences CCC #1471
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 ministers of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.

- What an indulgence is **NOT**.
  Not permission to sin.
  Not a pardon of future sins.
  Not "buying" salvation for you or for others.

Medieval + Renaissance Period, Indulgences were being sold - this was an error, an abuse of Church teaching by individuals motivated by greed.

Martin Luther decided that rather than eliminating the abuse, he would attempt to eliminate the doctrines of Purgatory and indulgences, so he decided he would have to eliminate the Scriptural support for indulgences by removing Maccabees from the Bible.
Purgatory

Revelation 21:27
only the pure and those who have been purified can enter Heaven

2 Maccabees 12:38-46
the living on Earth pray for the souls in Purgatory

Matthew 12:32
some sins can be forgiven in the age to come - Purgatory

Matthew 16:13-20
the Church has the authority to impose penances and grant indulgences

1 Samuel 28:4-25
Ghosts do not haunt, but God may send the souls of the dead to Earth for His purposes

Luke 16:19-31
The dead cannot escape hell but God may send a saint to Purgatory or Earth

2 Maccabees 15:12-16
the saints in Heaven pray for the living on Earth

Job 1:1-5
the living on Earth can pray for others on Earth
Ch 10 Test Wed: Weebly notes online, Kahoot
7 or 8 MC questions
Review sheet with terms (Church militant, Church suffering, Church Triumphant)
7 or 8 Matching Questions
All of the Bible verses
Short answer 5 or 6 questions
• Main way the Communion of saints interacts
• Name for forbidden communication with the dead