

Handout for Part II: Individual Judgment

The judgment the righteous prior to the Advent of Christ in Wisdom 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-16.

Some of the promises the godly can expect from Wisdom 3:1-9

- The righteous only appear to die (verse 2)—there is hope for life beyond death.
- They will be at peace in death (verse 3)
- Even though they suffered in life, their suffering counted toward their future hope (verse 4-5)
- God will test them with purifying fire (verses 6-7)
- The righteous can expect grace and mercy, the Lord will be their king for ever, they will understand the truth and live with Him in love (verses 8-9)

When we face our individual judgments we know that:

1. There is no reincarnation: see CCC# 1013
 2. There is no repentance after death: see CCC# 393
- CCC#679: *Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to him as redeemer of the world. He “acquired” this right by his cross. The Father has given “all judgment to the Son.” Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life he has in himself. **By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one’s works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love.***
 - CCC# 1022: *Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers to his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately,—or immediate and everlasting damnation.*

Review of Scripture and Catechism teachings concerning Particular (Individual) Judgment:

1. Our final destiny is in the hands of Christ.
2. Only He is qualified to judge hearts and souls.
3. Judgment will be individual for each soul.
4. Individuals will receive judgment on faith and works.
5. Satan will be our accuser and Christ our advocate.
6. Believers’ sins will be judged in the light of Christ who will make up what we lack—He has paid the price for forgiveness of our sins in full atonement.
7. Individual judgment decides the final destiny of the soul.

Evidence from Sacred Scripture that Satan will be our accuser is found in the Book of Job chapters 1-2, in Zechariah 3:1-2 and in Revelation 12:10 where Satan is also identified as man’s accuser: *...now that the accuser, who accused our brothers day and night before our God, has been brought down.*