

Third Article Catechism Test

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The Third Article - Sanctification pages 183-194

1. **How does the Bible emphasize that the Holy Spirit is God?**

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? 4 Was it not yours before it was sold? And after it was sold, was not the money at your disposal? How could you plan such a thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

a. The Holy Spirit is called God.

Psalms 139:7-8 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your Presence? If I go up to heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in hell—there you are!

b. The Holy Spirit is described as having characteristics only God has.

Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 (The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Titus 3:5 he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit,

c. The Holy Spirit does work only God can do.

2. **What is the focus of the work of the Holy Spirit? (What is the main thing the Holy Spirit does?)**

1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God in Corinth—those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, who are called as saints—along with all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

The Holy Spirit calls us out of the darkness of unbelief to faith and he makes us holy.

3. **Why is the work of the Holy Spirit so important to us?**

1 Corinthians 2:14 However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them,

because they are spiritually evaluated.

Ephesians 2:1 You were dead in your trespasses and sins,

Romans 8:7 For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot.

1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Without the Holy Spirit we could never be saved. We could never understand or believe the message of the Gospel. We would remain enemies of God. Faith requires an act of God.

4. *Passage - How does the Holy Spirit call us to faith? (Where does faith come from?)*

Romans 10:17 So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

Acts 2:38 Peter answered them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:15 and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

John 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth.

The Holy Spirit gives faith through the Word of God and the Sacraments.

5. *What ongoing work does the Holy Spirit do after our conversions?*

Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be overwhelmed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self,

1 Peter 5:10 After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you.

The Holy Spirit strengthens our faith.

6. *Why is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to keep us in the true faith so necessary?*

1 Peter 5:8 Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that somehow, just as the serpent deceived Eve with his cunning, so also your minds might be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Galatians 5:17 For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so

that you do not continue to do these things you want to do.

The devil, the world, and our sinful flesh work to weaken and destroy our faith.

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7. *Passage* - What has changed in us because of faith?

2 Corinthians 5:17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come!

Psalm 119:104, 112 From your precepts I gain understanding. Therefore, I hate every false road. I turn my heart to do your statutes, forever, right to the end.

Psalm 40:8 My God, I take pleasure in doing your will. Your law is in my heart."

Our attitudes and our desires have changed. Now we want to reject sin and please God.

8. What does God want Christians to do?

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 Indeed, this is God's will: that you be sanctified, namely, that you keep yourselves away from sexual immorality. 4 He wants each of you to learn to obtain a wife for yourself in a way that is holy and honorable,

2 Peter 3:18 Instead grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

God wants us to stop sinning, to grow in faith and to have a life filled with good works.

9. *Passage* - Who can do good works that please God?

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God. Indeed, it is necessary for the one who approaches God to believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

1 Corinthians 2:14 However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated.

Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters.

Ephesians 2:1 You were dead in your trespasses and sins,

Romans 8:7 For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot.

Romans 14:23b Everything that does not proceed from faith is sin.

Only a believer in Jesus can do works that God considers good.

10. *Passage* - What motivates a believer to do good works?

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 *For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.*

God's love for us and our love for him motivate us to do good works.

11. *Passage* - How do we know what God wants us to do?

Psalm 119:105 *Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:9 *How can a young man keep his path pure? By guarding it with your words.*

Romans 12:2 *Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.*

Luke 11:28 *But he said, "Even more blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."*

We find God's will for us in the Bible.

12. How is it possible that anything done by a sinner could be truly good in God's eyes?

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 Corinthians 6:11 *And some of you were those types of people. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Romans 9:16 *So then, it does not depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.*

God delights in everything that a believer does out of love for Jesus. God looks at us through Christ, whose righteousness covers our imperfection.

13. What are some of the gifts that God has given to the church?

Romans 12:6-8 *We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. 7 If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. 8 If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.*

Ephesians 4:11 *He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers,*

God has give everyone different gifts, each unique to that person, such as prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, and showing mercy. Some he has called to be apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers.

14. What is the purpose for the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 4:12 *for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to*

build up the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:7 Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

God has given us gifts to equip and build up the church.

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15. What is the holy Christian Church?

Ephesians 2:19–22 - So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household. You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
Acts 2:46–47 Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The holy Christian church is all people everywhere who believe in Christ Jesus as their Savior.

16. Who is the only one who can tell who really believes (a member of the invisible church)?

1 Samuel 16:7 For the Lord does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless, God’s foundation stands firm, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and “Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord keep away from wickedness.”

Only God can see faith in a person’s heart. He’s the only one who knows who really believes, who is a member of the holy Christian church.

17. *Passage* - Where is the only place you can find the holy Christian church?

Isaiah 55:11 in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

Matthew 18:20 In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.

John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples..

The holy Christian church can only be found where God’s word is proclaimed and the

sacraments are administered.

18. *Passage* - How does God want us to test churches?

Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians. They received the word very eagerly and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these things were so.

1 John 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples..

God wants us to check to make sure that what they’re teaching is really what the Bible says.

19. *Passage* - What does God want us to do in church?

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

- a. God wants us to worship and study his word together to encourage each other and grow stronger in faith together.

1 Corinthians 10:17 Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Acts 1:14 All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 2:42 They continued to hold firmly to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers.

- b. God wants us to pray together, to go the Lord’s supper together, and to preach and teach the Gospel together.

John 21:15 When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I care about you.” Jesus told him, “Feed my lambs.”

Psalms 78:4-7 We will not hide them from their descendants. We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders that he has done. He set up testimony for Jacob. In Israel he established the law. He commanded our fathers to make it known to their children. Then the next generation would know it, even the children not yet born. They would rise up and tell their children. Then they would put their confidence in God, and they would not forget the deeds of God, but they would keep his commands.

Joel 1:3 Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their

children to the next generation.

Proverbs 22:6 *Dedicate a child to the way he should go, and even when he becomes old, he will not turn away from it.*

c. God wants us to teach his word and his love to our children.

Matthew 28:19 *Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Acts 13:2-3 *While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, after they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them off.*

Philippians 4:16 *Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs.*

d. God wants us to send our and to support missionaries.

20. *Passage* - What does God tells us to do when we discover churches or organizations who teach things contrary to the Word of God?

Matthew 7:15 *"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.*

2 Timothy 4:3 *For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires.*

Romans 16:17 *But I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the teaching that you learned, and keep away from them.*

Galatians 1:8 *But even if we or an angel from heaven would preach any gospel other than the one we preached to you—a curse on him!*

Titus 3:10 *Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning,*

God wants us to warn them, and, if they won't listen, to keep away from them.

21. Why does God want us to separate from those who don't teach God's word faithfully?

John 17:17 *"Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth.*

John 14:6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.*

John 8:31 *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples.*

Matthew 7:15 *"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.*

2 Corinthians 11:3 *But I am afraid that somehow, just as the serpent deceived Eve with his cunning, so also your minds might be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*

2 Timothy 2:17 *and their message will spread like gangrene. This includes Hymenaeus and Philetus,*

Revelation 22:18-19 *I give this warning to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the Tree of Life and in the Holy City, which are written in this*

book.

- a. Out of love for God's Word.
- b. Out of love for our own souls.
- c. Out of love for their souls.

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22. Why does everybody need forgiveness?

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 5:48 So then, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

1 Peter 1:16 For it is written, "Be holy, because I am holy."

- a. The standards are too high. We cannot live up to God's commands.

Romans 5:12 So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned.

Psalm 51:5 Certainly, I was guilty when I was born. I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

John 3:18 The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

- b. We're born sinners.

1 John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Romans 7:18-19 Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing.

- c. We sin every day.

23. What did God do to overturn the judgment we deserve?

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons.

John 1:29 The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

Titus 3:5-7 he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal

life.

God reconciled the world to himself, that is, he declared the whole world not guilty through Jesus' sacrifice.

24. How is it possible that God, who is holy and perfectly just, would declare sinners righteous?

Isaiah 53:5-6 but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the Lord has charged all our guilt to him.

Romans 4:25 He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification.

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Romans 3:23-24 because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

God declared sinners righteous without violating his justice because Jesus was convicted and punished for every sin ever committed or ever will be committed. This is true, not because someone believes it, but because it really happened.

25. Why doesn't everyone receive the blessings Jesus won on the cross?

Philippians 3:18-19 To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things..

Romans 2:12 Indeed, all people who have sinned without law will also perish without law, and all the people who have sinned in connection with law will be judged by law.

Galatians 5:4 You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace.

Romans 3:23-24 because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Many people reject God's grace. When people reject the Gospel, they separate themselves from God's grace.

26. What does the Holy Spirit use to bring faith and forgiveness to our hearts?

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Matthew 28:19–20 Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

Romans 10:17 So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

Acts 2:38 Peter answered them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name

of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, "Take, eat, this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins..

The Holy Spirit gives faith and forgiveness through Word and Sacrament.

27. How do we receive the forgiveness of sins?

Ephesians 2:8-9 Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 3:22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe. In fact, there is no difference,

Romans 3:28 For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

Acts 4:12 "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

We receive forgiveness by the faith that the Holy Spirit works in our hearts.

28. How can we be certain that our sins have been forgiven?

John 1:29 The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

Romans 3:23-24 because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Titus 3:7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

We are certain that our sins have been forgiven because God tells us that Jesus paid for the sins of the entire world.

The Third Article - Resurrection

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29. What happens when a person dies?

Ecclesiastes 12:7 and the dust goes back into the ground—just as it was before, and the spirit goes back to God who gave it.

Hebrews 9:27 And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment,

Luke 23:43 Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."

At death the soul and body separate. The body returns to dust (decays) . The soul goes either to heaven or to hell.

30. When will Judgment Day come?

Matthew 24:36 "No one knows when that day and hour will be, not the angels of heaven, not even the Son, but only the Father.

Luke 12:40 You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him."

Nobody knows when Judgment Day will come. It could be any day, so we have to be ready at all times.

31. What will happen on Judgment Day?

2 Peter 3:10,12 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass away with a roar, the elements will be dissolved as they burn with great heat, and the earth and what was done on it will be burned up.

Daniel 12:2 Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord.

Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels.

All of creation will be destroyed. Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead. The believers will go to heaven. The unbelievers will go to hell.

32. What will Judgment Day be like for unbelievers?

Luke 21:26 people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Revelation 6:16 And they kept saying to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb,

Jude 14-15 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied about these people, saying, "Look, the Lord is going to come with tens of thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment against all of them and to convict every soul concerning all their ungodly deeds, which they did in an ungodly way, and concerning all the harsh words that ungodly sinners spoke against him."

2 Thessalonians 1:9 Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength,

Revelation 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Unbelievers will be terrified. They will have to face God and be condemned to eternity in

hell.

33. How will Judgment day be different for believers?

Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 21:28 But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.”

2 Timothy 4:8 From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

Revelation 22:20 The one who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord.

Psalms 16:11 You have made known to me the path of life, fullness of joy in your presence, pleasures at your right hand forever.

Believers will be excited because our Savior is coming to bring us home to heaven.

34. What does the Bible tell us about heaven?

Revelation 21:3-4 And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God’s dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands.

Revelation 7:15-17 Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard and no human mind has conceived—that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

John 14:2-3 In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am.

We will be with God. Jesus is preparing a place just for us so that we can be with him forever. Everything bad will be gone. Everything good will be perfect. It is beyond our imagination!

35. What will our bodies be like after the resurrection?

Philippians 3:21 By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will

transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 That is the way the resurrection of the dead will be. What is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown as a natural body; it is raised as a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Job 19:25 As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.

Our bodies will be transformed into perfect, imperishable bodies. Every defect will be gone and we will live forever.