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Purge – Pt 1 Christ has purged our sin

This is our first study on the topic – “purge”. In this teaching we establish the meaning of the word, and three points – (1) The scriptures attest to God only purging sins, (2) all things are purged by the law with blood, (3) Christ purged our sins on the cross and then sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high!

To assist in our meaning of the word “purge” we turn to Greek words translated “purge” and the scriptures–

- i) Greek words translated “purge” are also translated– cleansing, have purged, purification and purifying, purge out and purge thoroughly.
- ii) According to the scriptures to purge is to–
* wash away – Is.4: 4, take away –Is.6: 7, cleanse –Ez.43: 20, and purify– Eze.43: 26.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. The scriptures attest to God only purging sins

David – “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (Ps.51: 7). See also Ps.65:3, and 79:9.

Isaiah – “And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy sin” (Is.1:25). See also Is.4: 4, and 22:14

2. All things are by the law purged with blood

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb.9: 22).

3. Christ purged our sins on the cross THEN sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high

“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Heb.1: 3).

Illustration

For a Roman Catholic their sin is forgiven when they are baptised, cleansed when they receive the Eucharist each Sunday. Then if there is any sin that is unconfessed– hence penance left undone – and they die, they go to Purgatory where these “venial” sins are purged. The tradition of Purgatory was formulated at the Councils of Florence and Trent and is read into scriptures like 1Cor.3: 15 where the fire that tries a man’s work is read as the fires of Purgatory.

Question to think about.

In what ways does the Roman Catholic doctrine of Purgatory violate the holy scriptures?

Answer from the scriptures

The Roman Catholic doctrine of Purgatory is a commandment of man because it errs not knowing the scriptures–

- i) The purging of their sin is not carried out by God, ii) the purging of their sin is not by blood and iii) the purging of their sin in Purgatory denies the finished work of Christ on the cross. Where, AFTER he purged our sins, washed us from our sins in his own blood” (Rev.1: 5), He then sat down at the right hand of the Father, His work being finished (Jn.19: 30). You will know false religions because they desecrate the work of God in purging our sins on the cross at Calvary!