

## **Worksheet 13**

### **“The World To Come”**

#### **Answer Sheet**

**Why does the Church teach that Baptism cannot be repeated, even if a baptized person later falls into sin?**

- Baptism cannot be repeated because it leaves a permanent spiritual seal on the soul.
- Through Baptism, a person receives new life in the Holy Spirit and establishes a lasting covenantal bond with Christ and His Church.
- If a baptized person later falls into sin, Baptism is not lost or erased
- The grace of Baptism remains and calls the person back to repentance.
- This return to God takes place through healing and renewed communion with Him, especially in the Sacrament of Confession.

**What does the resurrection of the body mean?**

- It means that at the end of time, our souls will be reunited with glorified bodies.
- Just as Christ rose from the dead, those who belong to Him will also be raised up.
- The resurrection of the body is a real Christian hope, even though the full manner of this transformation remains a mystery.

**What analogy helps us understand the resurrection of the body?**

- Just as an acorn becomes a great oak tree, our earthly bodies will be transformed by God into something far more glorious.
- This shows continuity with who we are now, but also a transformation into something greater.

**What is purgatory?**

- Purgatory is the final purification of those who die in God’s friendship but are not yet perfectly purified from attachments to sin, selfishness, or spiritual disorder.
- Because God is perfectly holy, nothing unclean can enter fully into His presence.
- In His mercy, God purifies the soul so it can be ready for heaven.
- Purgatory shows that God does not merely overlook sin, but purifies and restores the person. . In his mercy, God forgives sin. In his justice, God heals and sets right the disorder sin has caused.
- Even those who love God may still die with

**What is heaven?**

- Heaven is the perfect state of communion with God.
- It is the fullness of life, love, truth, and joy in His presence.
- The highest joy of heaven is seeing God face to face in what the Church calls the Beatific Vision.

**What is hell?**

- Hell is the definitive state of separation from God.
- It results from a person definitively rejecting God's mercy and love.
- Hell shows the reality of human freedom and the consequences of freely refusing communion with God.
- God does not delight in condemning anyone but desires the salvation of all people. However, God does not force His love on anyone, because love must be freely received.

**What is meant by "the life of the world to come"?**

- It means the renewal of all creation in Christ when God will create a new heaven and a new earth and dwell with His people
- In some ways, this fulfills what was first hinted at in Eden, where God dwelt with humanity.
- Sin, death, suffering, and disorder will be no more.
- We will live forever in the love for which we were created.