

Foundations of Faith (A Catechism for Today)

Lesson 36 – September 3

Question 96: Does this hope make us indifferent to the sufferings of the world?

No. God teaches us to take the world seriously. When we experience the contradiction between our hope of the heavenly kingdom and the suffering that exists in this world, we are spurred to action. Our Christian hope encourages us to work and pray for the coming of God's kingdom on earth.

Deut 30:19-20 I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Rom 5:3-5 But we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given us.

Ps 27:13, 33:20-22, 42:5,11

13 Yet I am confident I will see the LORD 's goodness while I am here in the land of the living.

20 We put our hope in the LORD . He is our help and our shield. 21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. 22 Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.

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Rom 4:18, 14:19, 8:24-25

18 Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That's how many descendants you will have!”

19 So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

24 We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. 25 But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

Mt 6:10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven

Lk 11:2 Jesus said, “This is how you should pray: “Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon.

Question 97: What do we believe concerning “the life everlasting”?

To believe in Christ is to have eternal life here and now, a life that continues and is not ended by death. Jesus is the resurrection and the life; those who believe in him, even though they die, will live.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Jn 2:25 And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

Jn 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die ..."

Dan 12:1-2 "At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued. 2 Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace.

Mk 12:18-27 Then Jesus was approached by some Sadducees—religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead. They posed this question: 19 "Teacher, Moses gave us a law that if a man dies, leaving a wife without children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. 20 Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. 21 So the second brother married the widow, but he also died without children. Then the third brother married her. 22 This continued with all seven of them, and still there were no children. Last of all, the woman also died. 23 So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her." 24 Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. 25 For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven. 26 "But now, as to whether the dead will be raised—haven't you ever read about this in the writings of Moses, in the story of the burning bush? Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' 27 So he is the God of the living, not the dead. You have made a serious error."

Jn 3:15,16,36, 6:40,47,54, 17:3

15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

36 And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."

40 For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

47 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.

54 But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day.

3 And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

Titus 1:2, 3:7

2 This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began.

7 Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

1 Jn 5:11,13,20

11 And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.