

# Sun 5pm class — March 16, 2025

## Second chances

The doctrines of Purgatory and Reincarnation offer men “second chances” to repent if they die in sin without Christ. We looked at three passages in the Eschology class that do not “agree” (a Divine test—**Ac 15:15**) with this concept of “second chances.” If you have your notes from class, you can refresh your mind.

**2Co 5:10**

**Heb 9:27**

**2Pt 2:4,9**

In this study we will discuss some of the Scriptures used in an attempt to support Purgatory and Reincarnation.

## Purgatory

### 1Pt 3:19

“this one verse directly teaches the existence of purgatory” [<http://www.catholic.com/library/Purgatory.asp>]

- Who are the “spirits”? **v20**
- Why call them “spirits”? Were they “spirits” when preached to or now when Peter writes about them?
- Where was the preaching done? (**v20**; See also **2Pt 2:5**)
- Law of harmony - see the texts we looked at in class.

### Mt 12:32

“these words prove that in the next life ‘some sins will be forgiven and purged away by a certain purifying fire’” [<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12575a.htm>]

- What does this *assume* “the age to come” means, and, what is *assumed* this says about sin in “the age to come”?
- What is the point of contrast in **Mk 3:28-29** and **Lk 12:10**?

### 1Co 3:15

“The Catholic doctrine of purgatory alone explains this passage” [<http://www.catholic.com/library/Purgatory.asp>] ... “evidence for the existence of an intermediate state in which the dross of lighter transgressions will be burnt away, and the soul thus purified will be saved” [<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12575a.htm>] “the day of the Lord which is a man’s death shall be revealed in the fire of Purgatory” [Pope, *The Laymans NT*—has both *Nihil Obstat* and *Imprimatur*]

- What is “any man’s work” [“anyone’s work” NAS20, ESV] (see the context, **vv4-17**)?
- What is “the day” of **v13**? (Note: the “fire” tests *both* kinds of building materials in the two groups mentioned.)
- Compare the analogy in **Eph 2:19-22** by the same writer.

## Reincarnation

Define “reincarnation”

### Mt 11:14

What shows this was a reincarnation into a different body with a new identity?

### Jn 3:3

What does “born again” refer to in the context?