

PURGATORY - IS IT BIBLICAL?

Yes it is! Yes, the word “Purgatory” nowhere appears in the Bible. But, neither do the words “Trinity,” or “Incarnation”. Yet, all Christians believe in the Trinity and the Incarnation. Also, the words “altar call” and “rapture” nowhere appear in the Bible, yet many Protestant Christians believe in those concepts.

The Biblical Case for Purgatory:

1) 2 Samuel:13-18, “David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’ And Nathan said to David, ‘the Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die.’ David was forgiven, yet he was still punished.

Biblical Principle #1 on Purgatory – there is the possibility of punishment for sin even after one has been forgiven.

2) Rev 21:27, “But nothing unclean shall enter it [Heaven].”

Biblical Principle #2 on Purgatory – nothing unclean, nothing with the stain of sin, will enter Heaven.

3) Heb 12:22-23, “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem...and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of the just made perfect...”

Biblical Principle #3 on Purgatory – there is a way, a process, by which the spirits of the just are “made perfect”.

4) 1 Cor 3:13-15, “...each man’s work will become manifest; for the Day [judgment day] will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, **he will suffer loss**, though he himself **will be saved**, but only **as through fire.**”

Where is this place that a man, after he dies, suffers loss, as through fire, but is still saved? Hell? No, once you’re in Hell, you don’t get out. Heaven? No, you don’t suffer loss in Heaven. Hmmm...there must be somewhere else.

Biblical Principle #4 on Purgatory – there is a place where a person can go after death other than Heaven or Hell.

Put these four principles together, and you get Purgatory -
straight from the Bible.



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