

Chapter 8

Answer Key for Double-Check Questions

1. *Why do we call Jesus a Savior?*

We refer to Jesus Christ as our Savior because through his Paschal Mystery, he saves us from Original Sin as well as our own personal sins. We are also saved from the effects of sin, including death. Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection provide us the means to reconcile with God, both in this lifetime and after our death, in our heavenly home.

2. *What does Jesus save us from?*

Jesus saves us from sin and its consequences: guilt, shame, feeling unloved, addictions, unhealthy attachments, and death, all of which separate us from God.

3. *What does Jesus save us for?*

Jesus Christ saves us for forgiveness, healing, joy, and eternal life to live in full communion with God and with one another in Heaven.

4. *What does it mean to say that the Kingdom of God is "already but not yet"?*

We live in a sort of in-between state—the Kingdom of God is here already, but we are not yet in a state of perfect grace. War, poverty, racism, and other types of evil have not disappeared. The good news is that we are not alone in our work to do good and live our lives the way God intended. With the gift of sanctifying grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are led to grow in goodness and are able to experience and share God's love with others.

5. *What is our Particular Judgment, and when will it happen?*

Our Particular Judgment is the judgment that occurs immediately at the time of our death, when our immortal souls will be judged as worthy or unworthy of Heaven.

6. *What is the Last Judgment, and when will it happen?*

Also called the Final Judgment, it is the judgment of humanity by Jesus Christ at the Parousia, the second coming of Christ as judge of all the living and the dead, at the end of time, when the Kingdom of God will be fulfilled.

7. *What is Heaven?*

Heaven is the state of eternal life and union with God, in which one experiences full happiness and the satisfaction of the deepest human longings. In Heaven, the relationship broken by humanity through Original Sin is restored, and we join in full communion with the Holy Trinity.

8. *What is Hell?*

Hell is the state of permanent separation from God, reserved for those who die in a state of mortal sin, those who freely and consciously choose to reject God to the very end of their lives.

9. *Can someone go to Hell after Purgatory? Explain.*

Purgatory is a state of final purification or cleansing, which one may need to enter following death and before entering Heaven. Entering Purgatory is a step toward Heaven, so you would not go to Purgatory only to end up in Hell.

