

# Purgatory Pickpocket

by Ian Paisley

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*The doctrine of Purgatory is a gigantic fraud that replaces Scripture and the Spirit, leading to death and destruction.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 23:27, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8, 1 John 1:7, Revelation 14:13

**Topics:** "Salvation By Faith", "Purgatory Refuted"

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## Description

Ian Paisley preaches against the concept of Purgatory, emphasizing that all sins are forgiven through the sacrifice of Christ, and there is no need for human merit to purge sins. He highlights the danger of replacing Scripture and the Spirit with the teachings of the Vatican, warning that compounding errors leads to death and destruction. Paisley urges Roman Catholic readers to understand that true forgiveness comes from confessing sins and accepting the cleansing power of Jesus' blood, as stated in 1 John 1:7-9.

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## Transcript

It was in 1950 that Pope Pius XII repeated the claim when he wrote in 'Humani Generis' that the enlightener of the Church is not the Spirit but the teaching office of the Vatican:

'Together with the sacred sources (Scripture and tradition) [NB] God has given to his Church a living magisterium to throw light on and explain those matters that are contained in the deposit of faith only in an obscure and so to speak implicit manner.'

So the pope has become an omniscient oracle. It is this replacing of Scripture and the Spirit that John Paul II admires in his forebear Pius XII.

Considering that we live in a world where there is all manner of striving for the truth and demand for evidence in so many aspects of life and in the activities of people, more are happy to incorporate into their lives all manner of myths and lies and perpetuate them rather than submit and live by Truth.

Certainly the compounding of error leads not to Purgatory or heaven, but rather to death and destruction - HELL.

For the true believer John teaches,

'The blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin.....If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:7-9).

Dear Roman Catholic reader, what does this mean. This means that it is not just some or a few sins but all sins that are forgiven through the sacrifice of Christ. No sins are left to be purged away by human merit.

Further he says,

'And I heard a voice from heaven saying write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labours; for their works follow with them'. (Revelation 14:13)

Lorraine Boettner explains the evil of Purgatory in this way:

'If any one of us actually had the power to release souls from Purgatory and refused to exercise that power except in return for a payment of money, he would be considered cruel and unchristian - which he would be. [Certainly not a Christ-like example!] No decent man would permit even a dog to suffer in the fire until its owner paid him five dollars to take it out.

The insistence on a money transaction before a soul can be released and sometimes money transactions over long periods of time, shows clearly the sinister purpose for which the doctrine of Purgatory was invented. The simple fact is that if Purgatory were emptied and all those suffering souls admitted to heaven, there would be little incentive left for the people to pay money to the priests.'

Purgatory is a gigantic fraud.

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