

There is mortal (large) and venial (small) sin. This popular religious belief about mortal (large) and venial (small) sin is not spoken of in God's Word in the Bible. When the idea of mortal and venial sin is matched to the Bible the conclusion must be there is no light in the idea. In Isaiah 8:20 it says, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them." The Catholic faith teaches if one dies with venial sin on his soul his soul goes to a place called purgatory, where he must suffer until venial sin is removed from the soul. Once the required suffering is completed venial sin is removed from the soul. When this occurs the soul enters heaven. This concept conflicts with God's Word because in John 5:28, 29 Jesus says that when the hour of His coming (His Second Coming) arrives the dead in the graves will come forth from the graves when they hear His voice. The entire quote from John 5:28, 29 says, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Here, according to Jesus the dead are in the graves until the hour of His return (His Second Coming). Thus, the dead are in the graves: they are not someplace else suffering for venial sin. According

to Matthew 16:27 when Jesus comes with His angels, which will happen on the day of His Second Coming, every man will be rewarded according to his works. In Matthew 16:27 it says, “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.” Therefore, no one receives the reward of heaven coming from purgatory after completing suffering for venial sin in purgatory. In addition to the concept about the dead with venial sin going to purgatory, the Catholic faith has taught Christians that if an infant dies without being baptized the infant goes to a place called Limbo, because an unbaptized infant has original sin inherited from Adam on its’ soul. Therefore, the infant can never enter heaven; instead of going to hell to suffer for the original sin on its’ soul the infant who never had the opportunity to get the sin removed is held in Limbo, where there is no suffering. God’s Word does not mention the Limbo concept or the venial sin concept. Neither of these man created concepts, popular religious beliefs, agree with the Word of God. At creation God spoke into existence the heavens and the earth. Only God can speak places into existence. Man cannot speak into existence a purgatory for venial sinners to temporarily reside or a Limbo for unbaptized infants to reside, or any other place. God’s penalty for large and small sin is the same so there is no need to distinguish sin into different types of sin, e.g., mortal and venial. No one with any sin

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will be permitted to enter heaven.