

## Heritage OPC: Sunday School

### *Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q 29. *What are the punishments of sin in the world to come?*

A. The punishments of sin in the world to come, are everlasting separation from the comfortable presence of God, and most grievous torments in soul and body, without intermission, in hellfire forever.<sup>a</sup>

a. 2 Thess 1:9; Mark 9:43-44,46,48; Lk 16:24,26; See Matt 25:41,46; Rev 14:11, Jn 3:36

#### Real Place

1. Punishment in the “world” to come
2. Suffer in “body”
3. Created place – Matt 25:41

#### Comfortable Presence

1. God is omnipresent, to include hell – Prov 15:3
2. God is currently “longsuffering” - 2 Pet 3:9
3. Hell is only God’s justice and wrath

#### Grievous Torments

1. God is just in his dealing with sin
2. Body – Matt 10:28
  - a. Gehenna
  - b. Mk 9:47-48
  - c. Matt 25:30
3. Soul
  - a. No worship
  - b. Phil 2:10-11, Ps 2:9
4. Degrees of Punishment – Matt 11:20-24
  - a. WLC Q150, 151
  - b. Sin
  - c. Person

#### Forever

1. Heb 9:27
2. Postmortem evangelism – Jn 10:16, Jn 5:25
  - a. Doesn’t account for those who have already heard the gospel
  - b. Contradicts scripture – Lk 16:19-31

#### False Doctrines

1. Annihilationism – those in hell will be completely destroyed
  - a. Rev 20:10, 14-15
2. Universalism – everyone will eventually be saved by Christ
3. Purgatory – a place where the elect undergo one final act of purification for their sins before entering heaven
  - a. Heb 7:26-27, Lk 23:42-43