

## WHEN WILL WE BE PUNISHED?

According to the sacred scriptures, each of us is accountable for keeping God's moral laws. If we have asked Jesus Christ to pay the sin debt we owe God, we will be punished during this lifetime for every unrepented sin we commit on this earth.

*6. For whom the Lord loves, He chastises; and He scourges every son whom He receives.' 7. Continue under discipline. God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not correct? 8. But if you are without discipline, in which all have a share, then are you illegitimate children and not sons."* Hebrews 12:6-8 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition)

If we have not asked Jesus Christ to pay the sin debt we owe God, we will have to pay our sin debt for eternity in a place called Gehenna (the Lake of Fire).

*"<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 6:23 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition)

*<sup>11</sup>And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (Revelation or Apocalypse 20:11-12 NIV)*

*<sup>15</sup>And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* (Revelation or Apocalypse 20:15 NIV)

We would suggest to those who want to "miss it for the world" that they commit as few sins as possible because each sin will make the torments in Gehenna (The Lake of Fire) that much greater when they end up having to pay for their sin debt, themselves, for eternity.