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## ***God Saves, Chapter 8: Living the Paschal Mystery***

### ***Study Guide***

**Directions:** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it. Enter the missing word(s) for the fill-in-the-blank questions.

#### **Introduction: *The Gift of the Good News***

1. What does the author say is ironic about Catholics who have given up the practice of their faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. True or False? In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul was so passionate that his fellow Jews should come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah that he was willing to be separated from Christ for all eternity for this cause.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. True or False? Both St. Paul and St. John Damascene knew that there is no repentance after death.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. To repent and \_\_\_\_\_, as Jesus instructs in Mark's Gospel, means that we must give up whatever might be \_\_\_\_\_ us from God. It means a \_\_\_\_\_ of mind and heart. Repentance means following the two Great \_\_\_\_\_: loving God above all else and loving one's \_\_\_\_\_ as oneself. This requires an \_\_\_\_\_ in one's efforts at prayer and frequent \_\_\_\_\_ in the sacraments.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. The Church is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world, enlivened and empowered by the \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, we must remain in, or be reconnected with, the \_\_\_\_\_ because Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the Church are all deeply connected. It is through the Church that Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ work of redemption is both made known and made present in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. God's love and compassion are celebrated in the \_\_\_\_\_, especially in the Holy Eucharist. They offer us personal \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus which reach down into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the human experience. The CCC states, "By the sacraments of \_\_\_\_\_, Christians become "partakers of the \_\_\_\_\_."

7. What is eschatology?

**Section 1: *Your Participation in the Paschal Mystery***

8. True or False? The Paschal Mystery is most clearly present in the sacraments, especially in the sacrament of Holy Orders.
9. True or False? Transubstantiation refers to the fact that during the consecration of the bread and wine at Mass, their entire substance symbolically become the Body and Blood of Christ.
10. True or False? When Jesus declared to his first disciples, “my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink,” many of them left him because they could not accept what he was saying.
11. God is infinite and \_\_\_\_\_, and all his actions which bring about our \_\_\_\_\_ exist outside of time. To comprehend Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ at Mass, we must remember that each Mass is also outside the bounds of \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, the Paschal Mystery cannot be a one-time \_\_\_\_\_ if it is to accomplish the end of sinfulness and death for \_\_\_\_\_ who ever lived and will live.
12. First century \_\_\_\_\_ understood that in the celebration of the \_\_\_\_\_, the actual events of the \_\_\_\_\_ are made present; similarly, the Mass. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’s Passover through which he led us out of \_\_\_\_\_ and introduced us of the promised land of \_\_\_\_\_. When we are at Mass, it is as if we are truly \_\_\_\_\_ at the actual events of the Paschal Triduum.
13. The Mass is a re–presentation of Christ’s one \_\_\_\_\_ and he is truly present at each Mass. We are truly present with Christ as if we were at the \_\_\_\_\_. It is the mission of the \_\_\_\_\_ to make Christ and his Paschal Mystery present to the \_\_\_\_\_. Our celebration of the Eucharist is a share in the life of the \_\_\_\_\_ and a foretaste of the heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The author states, “It’s really not out of the realm of possibilities that heaven will consist of work.” What are two types of “work” might we anticipate?

- 15.** List the ways the heavenly liturgy mirrors the earthly liturgy as explained in the Book of Revelation.
- 16.** What is the goal of the heavenly liturgy? Why is it logical that our earthly liturgy should be done with others rather than alone?
- 17.** True or False? Through the Church on Earth we are able to live in the mystery of communion with the Blessed Trinity.

### **Section 2: *The Necessity of Baptism for Salvation***

- 18.** The \_\_\_\_\_ and effects of Baptism and Confirmation are \_\_\_\_\_ for living a Christian life and striving to reach the goal of \_\_\_\_\_. Indeed, Baptism is the “\_\_\_\_\_” that gives access to both the other \_\_\_\_\_ and participation in the Paschal Mystery. It provides the graces necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives in Christ, to gain eternal life, \_\_\_\_\_ from sins, and a new \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Spirit.
- 19.** True or False? The Sacrament of the Eucharist is connected to Baptism in that it increases and deepens baptismal grace and helps a person to bear witness to the Christian life in word and actions.
- 20.** True or False? Jesus is very clear about the connection between Baptism and the inheritance of salvation.
- 21.** True or False? Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is an assurance of our salvation.

**22.** Because most people are \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid all sin, even after \_\_\_\_\_, you are always able to return to the merciful Lord to ask for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sacrament of Penance. We \_\_\_\_\_ in the saving works of Christ – the Paschal Mystery – by \_\_\_\_\_ good actions and by faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ sin. Heaven should be the preeminent \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

### **Section 3: *The Last Things: Christian Death and the Resurrection of the Body***

**23.** According to Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, what is the difference in the fact that animals die and humans die?

**24.** Our \_\_\_\_\_ after death is determined by God. It is based on our \_\_\_\_\_, our faith in him, and how well we live the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith, hope, and love. God \_\_\_\_\_ our eternal life in heaven. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Baptism is that we will be united with Christ if we are \_\_\_\_\_ to our baptismal commitments until the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives. Our deaths will be a \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's Death and his Resurrection.

**25.** While \_\_\_\_\_ life begins immediately after death, the \_\_\_\_\_ remains on earth and begins to decay. However, the \_\_\_\_\_ remains eternally linked to the same body. At the Last \_\_\_\_\_ – also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Judgment – the soul will be united with the same body in a \_\_\_\_\_ form.

**26.** Explain what is meant by the “particular judgment.”

**27.** True or False? The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus refers to the general judgment that happens immediately after death.

**28.** True or False? The parable of the rich man and Lazarus informs us that while our souls are separated from our bodies after death, we still have awareness of ourselves and others, and that those who live, and those who have died, can hear the prayers of each other.

- 29.** True or False? Those who know the truth that the Catholic Church contains the means of salvation and refuse to enter or remain in her, cannot be saved.
- 30.** Explain what the Church believes about salvation for those people who are not Catholic.
- 31.** Heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_ of being, not a \_\_\_\_\_. There we will be enveloped in God's \_\_\_\_\_ and will be in perfect \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Trinity and the saints. We will maintain our true, unique, individual \_\_\_\_\_ which have on earth. We will enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_; we will see God face-to-face as he really is, and \_\_\_\_\_ his heavenly glory.
- 32.** Paraphrase St. Paul's words about heaven and then list the images Scripture uses to describe the same.
- 33.** Read the section on hell and purgatory and circle True or False appropriately based on your understanding of this section.
- 33a** True False Jesus used the Jewish word "Gehenna" to refer to hell.
- 33b** True False Individuals in purgatory have good reason to celebrate because they have no chance of going to hell.
- 33c** True False The book of 2 Maccabees encourages the living to pray for the dead.
- 33d** True False Those who die in a state of mortal sin may or may not experience eternal separation from God.
- 33e** True False To embrace God we must be completely free of any imperfection which limits our capacity to love.
- 33f** True False God sends people to hell if they die with unrepentant mortal sin.
- 33g** True False The doctrine of hell is closely related to the free will God gives each person.
- 33h** True False Heaven, hell, and purgatory are all eternal states of being.
- 33i** True False Purgatory is a state of cleansing in final preparation for the holiness necessitated by the purity of heaven.
- 33j** True False We cannot know who is in hell and Jesus warns us about judging others.

**34.** Explain the difference between the last judgement and particular judgment.

**35.** \_\_\_\_\_ has been assigned the task of the Last Judgment by \_\_\_\_\_ the father because of the free \_\_\_\_\_ he made of his life for the salvation of all. It will be an occasion of the \_\_\_\_\_ of our souls with our resurrected bodies and God will also \_\_\_\_\_ and restore the entire physical \_\_\_\_\_. Those who have done \_\_\_\_\_ deeds will experience a resurrection of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**36.** Explain what we can learn from the Gospels about the resurrected life.

**37.** True or False? In a physical sense, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we have already been buried with Christ and raised with him.

**38.** Explain the three-part funeral rite of the Church which commemorates the believer's resurrection to new life.

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**39.** True or False? The Second Vatican Council prohibited bodily cremation with some restrictions.

### Section 4: Our Mission Is Building God's Kingdom

**40.** We will each suffer, \_\_\_\_\_, and live eternally based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives. Therefore, it's important that whatever \_\_\_\_\_ we have for our lives should \_\_\_\_\_ the Paschal Mystery into them. Doing so must be \_\_\_\_\_ and thus requires intentional efforts. The \_\_\_\_\_ will help to direct us to God the Father, through the \_\_\_\_\_ work of Jesus, to the \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom.

**41.** Carefully read through the section about four definitive ways to bring others to Christ and identify which of the four is being described in the chart below. The first one is done for you.

		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Conse- cra- tion to Mary	Commit ment to Serve	Radically Commit to Christ and his
<i>Sample</i>	<i>Everyone who recites this prayer will receive God's great mercy at the hour of death</i>	X			
<b>41. a</b>	We are aware of the God's mercy due to the Incarnation of Jesus Christ				
<b>41. b</b>	An expression of the virtue of justice				
<b>41. c</b>	Extends the graces of Christ's Passion and presence of his Body and Blood beyond the Mass				
<b>41. d</b>	St. Maximillian Kolbe connected this to the Immaculate Conception				
<b>41. e</b>	Comprises the mission of proclaiming the Gospel to young people				
<b>41. f</b>	To draw special attention to this practice, Pope John Paul II established a special feast day				
<b>41. g</b>	An offering of our prayers, actions, and sacrifices				
<b>41. h</b>	Every Christian is responsible for sharing the Good News with others through our words and actions				
<b>41. i</b>	A form of prayer given to a Polish nun from a vision she experienced of				

	Christ				
<b>41. j</b>	Young people serving alongside the work of religious communities or agencies				
<b>41. k</b>	One saint called this the surest way to holiness and to heaven				
<b>41. l</b>	Prayed on the beads of a rosary				
<b>41. m</b>	To be a radical disciple of Christ is to follow Jesus's new commandment: "love one another"				
<b>41. n</b>	Helping those in need motivated by the love of God				
<b>41. o</b>	St. Louis de Montfort created a thirty-three-day personal retreat to reflect on spiritual readings to lead one to a deeper love of God				
<b>41. p</b>	Jesus does not want followers who are ambivalent				