

New City Catechism: Question 18

Question: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

Answer: No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

Ephesians 5:5-6

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- I. To leave sin unpunished would make God unjust. What does this say about modern Christianity's attempt to reject the notion of hell?
- II. When we are clearly reminded of the punishment that **MUST** come as a result of our sin, what changes in our disposition towards sin?
- III. Why is it so difficult for us to grapple with the truth that punishment for sin is the fairest outcome?
- IV. Read Romans 3:21-26. According to this passage, how is God able to forgive our sin and still be just?
- V. What other passages remind us of the wrath of God and its connection to sin?

