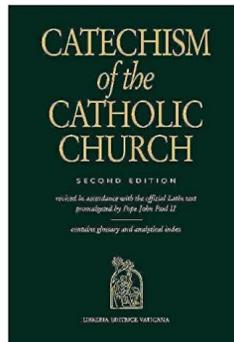




Catechism of the Catholic Church Quotes on Death and Resurrection



#1010 - Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." The saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him. What is essentially new about Christian death is this: through Baptism, the Christian has already "died with Christ" sacramentally, in order to live a new life; and if we die in Christ's grace, physical death completes this "dying with Christ" and so completes our incorporation into him in his redeeming act:

(In our baptisms we are claimed for and bonded to Christ in such a strong way that when we die we also share in Christ's resurrection too.)

#1012 - The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.

(Death is not the end of our journey, just a change to a different type existence, hopefully with God in heaven.)

#1014 - The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. In the litany of the saints, for instance, she has us pray: "From a sudden and unforeseen death, deliver us, O Lord"; to ask the Mother of God to intercede for us "at the hour of our death" in the Hail Mary; and to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death.

Every action of yours, every thought, should be those of one who expects to die before the day is out. Death would have no great terrors for you if you had a quiet conscience Then why not keep clear of sin instead of running away from death? If you aren't fit to face death today, it's very unlikely you will be tomorrow

(Do your best to confess and have your sins forgiven and then there will be nothing to worry about with death.)

#1022 - Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation.

At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.

(Again, the 3 possibilities when we die are heaven, purgatory, or hell and are connected to our state of sin when we die.)

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