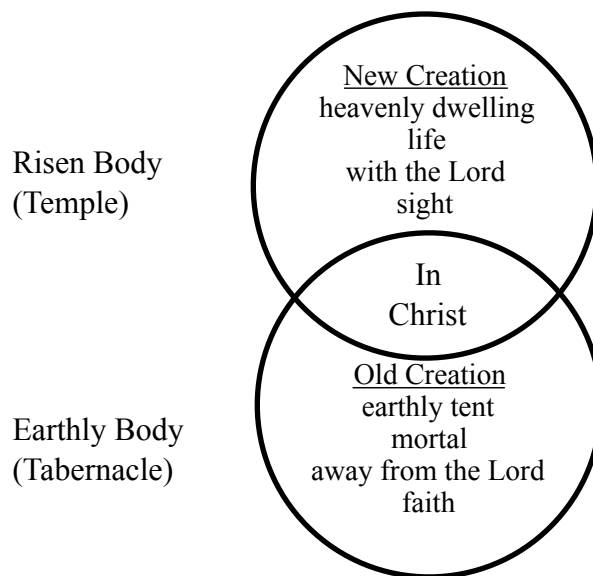


The Particular Judgment (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

⁶ So we are always of good courage; we know that *while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord*, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ *We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.* ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.* (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)



3. Particular Judgment (5:10)

- a. Universal: “we must all appear”
- b. Judgment: “before the judgment seat of Christ”
- c. Individual: “so that each one”
- d. Reward: “may receive good”
- e. Punishment: “or evil”
- f. Works: “according to what he has done in the body”

Living Tradition

Catechism: *Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ.* The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that *each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith...* [cites 2 Cor 5:8] *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,⁵⁹⁵—or immediate and everlasting damnation: “At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.” (CCC 1021-22, citing John of the Cross, *Dichos* 64)

Questions for Discussion and Reflection (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)

1. According to the apostle Paul, when does the particular judgment occur for each human individual? According to the Catechism, does a person have the possibility for repentance after death?

For Further Reading

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