

Jesus Calls Us to Eternal Life

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 24**.

The writer of the Book of Revelation encouraged Christians who had doubts about their future to remain faithful and strong in the midst of threat and oppression. The conclusion of the Book of Revelation tells us that good will always prevail.

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Apocalyptic literature is a biblical form of writing that uses symbolic language and imagery to describe the eternal struggle between good and evil.

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As Catholics, we understand the Bible better when we recognize its many styles of writing, called literary forms, such as proverbs, history, letters, parables, and poetry.

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The sole purpose of all forms of writing in the Bible is to relay the truth about God's Word. We strive to study and seek what the authors intended to say and what God wants to show through their words.

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The Assumption is when Mary was taken into Heaven, body and soul. Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on August 15.

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When the Church declares and accepts a belief as truth informed and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the decree is declared infallible. The decree of Mary's Assumption is infallible.

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The Last Judgment is the end of time when Christ will return in glory. All will be raised from the dead to stand before God, at which time our relationship with him will be revealed to all.

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The Communion of Saints is the unity of all who have been saved in Jesus Christ, whether living or dead. We are united in this union through our one faith and one Lord, whom we receive in the Eucharist.

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On All Saints Day, November 1, we remember the holy men and women recognized by the Church as saints. We also honor and remember undeclared saints and recognize that their prayers benefit us too.

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Faith, hope, and charity are the Theological Virtues. These virtues are gifts from God and not acquired by human effort. Faith helps us believe in God. Hope helps us desire the Kingdom of God and eternal life as our happiness. Charity helps us love God above all things and love our neighbor as ourselves.

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