

Please note the following correction to the Gospel of John, Lesson 18:

- Please note that Study Question #4, page 187 asks, “Jesus states that no one comes to the Father but by him. Does this mean that one has to believe in Jesus to go to Heaven or does it suffice to just be a good person?”

As the answer to this question in Study Question #4 is not given in the Responses to the Questions, please make note of the following response:

In Ephesians 2:8-9, St. Paul tells us that salvation is by grace through faith and not something we merit purely through our good works. St. James tells us that faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead (James 2:17). So we see that we are saved by the grace of God, through our faith, which is demonstrated by our works. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph #679 states, “Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to him as redeemer of the world. He ‘acquired’ this right by his cross. The Father has given ‘all judgment to the Son.’ Yet, the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life that he has in himself. By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one’s works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love.”

Regarding this important question, also note: CCC 1260 states that “Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved.”