

Topic	Content	Key Knowledge
Death and the Afterlife*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian teaching on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ heaven</li> <li>○ hell</li> <li>○ purgatory</li> </ul> </li>   <li>○ election</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• different interpretations of heaven, hell and purgatory, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ heaven, hell and purgatory are actual places where a person may go after death and experience physical and emotional happiness, punishment or purification</li> <li>○ heaven, hell and purgatory are not places but spiritual states that a person experiences as part of their spiritual journey after death</li> <li>○ heaven, hell and purgatory are symbols of a person's spiritual and moral life on Earth and not places or states after death</li> </ul> </li> <li>• different Christian views of who will be saved, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ limited election (that only a few Christians will be saved)</li> <li>○ unlimited election (that all people are called to salvation but not all are saved)</li> <li>○ universalist belief (that all people will be saved)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• the above to be studied with reference to the key ideas in Jesus' parable on Final Judgement, 'The Sheep and the Goats' (Matthew 25:31–46)</li> </ul>
<p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Christian ideas on death and the afterlife, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether or not God's judgement takes place immediately after death or at the end of time</li> <li>• whether or not hell and heaven are eternal</li> <li>• whether or not heaven is the transformation and perfection of the whole of creation</li> <li>• whether or not purgatory is a state through which everyone goes</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Suggested scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority</b>  <i>Learners will be given credit for referring to any <b>appropriate</b> scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority, however the following examples may prove useful</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapman, G. (1994) <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> paras. 356–368, 1020–1050</li> <li>• Hick, J. (1985) <i>Death and Eternal Life</i>, Palgrave Macmillan, Part III</li> <li>• McGrath, A. E. (2011) <i>Theology: the Basics</i>, Blackwell, Chapter 8</li> <li>• Revelation 20: 2–6, 7–15 and 21:1–8</li> </ul>		