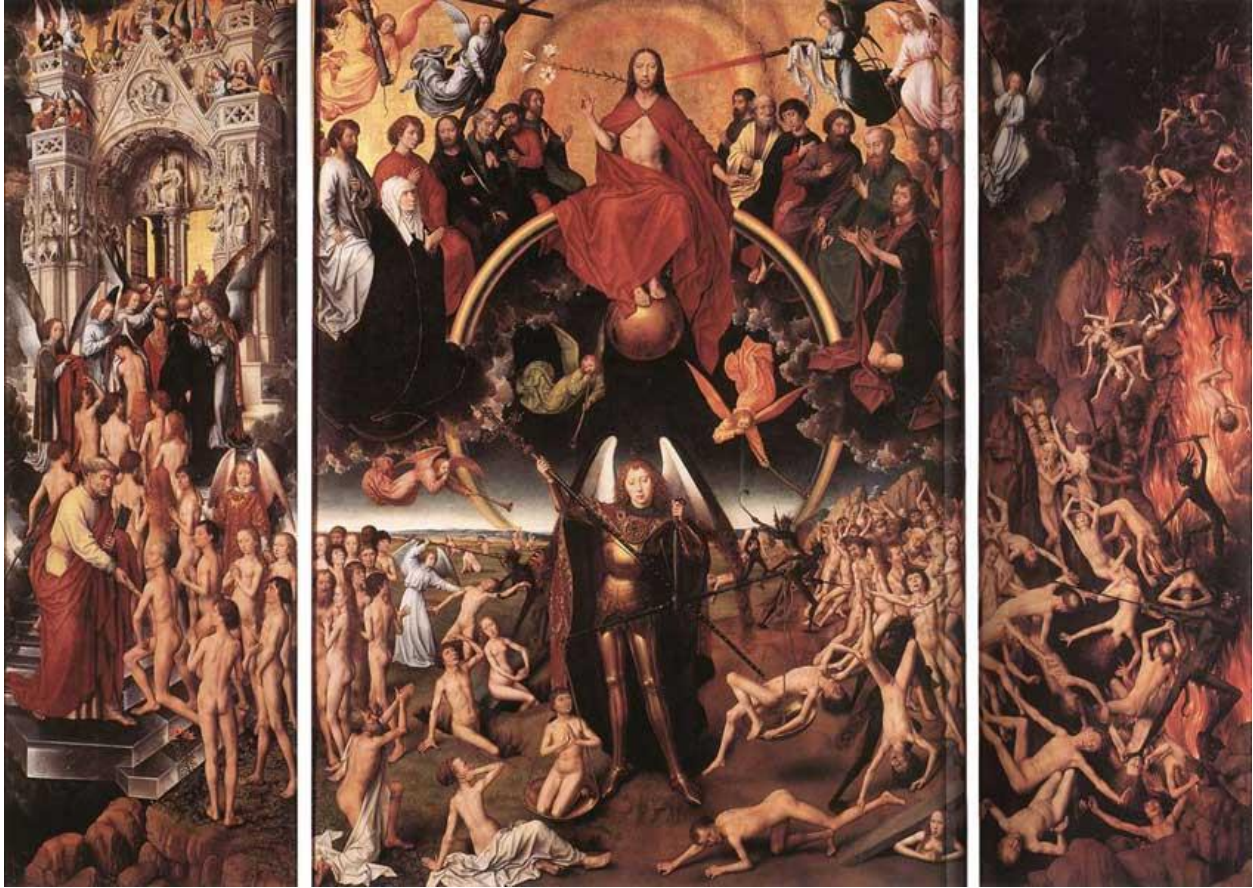


# The Seal of Eternal Life



## Paragraph 1274 - VII. The Grace of Baptism

**1274** The Holy Spirit has marked us with the seal of the Lord (“Dominicus character”) “for the day of redemption.”<sup>86</sup> “Baptism indeed is the seal of eternal life.”<sup>87</sup> The faithful Christian who has “kept the seal” until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life “marked with the sign of faith,”<sup>88</sup> with his baptismal faith, in expectation of the blessed vision of God—the consummation of faith—and in the hope of resurrection.

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## Paragraph 698 - II. The Name, Titles, and Symbols of the Holy Spirit

**698** The seal is a symbol close to that of anointing. “The Father has set his seal” on Christ and also seals us in him.<sup>50</sup> Because this seal indicates the indelible effect of the anointing with the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, the image of the seal (sphragis) has been used in

some theological traditions to express the indelible “character” imprinted by these three unrepeatable sacraments. (1295-1296, 1121) CCC

Apocalypse 7:2-4 [Knox Bible]

2 And I saw a second angel coming up from the east, with the seal of the living God. And he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels who were empowered to lay waste land and sea;

3 Do not lay waste land or sea or wood, until we have put a seal on the foreheads of those who serve our God.

4 Then I heard the count of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand of them, taken from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

*V6 – April 11, 1905 - “Indeed, that of the soul which Pleases Me the Most is Perseverance, because Perseverance is Seal of Eternal Life and Development of Divine Life. In fact, just as God is Ever Old and Ever New and Immutable, in the Same Way, through Perseverance, by having Exercised it Always, the soul is Old, and by her Attitude of Exercising it, she is Ever New; and Each Time she Exercises it she is Renewed in God, Remaining Immutable, and without realizing it. Since through Perseverance she Continuously Acquires Divine Life within herself, by Acquiring God she is Sealed with Eternal Life. Can there be a Seal Safer than God Himself?”*