

Message From The Pastor

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Sin (Part One)

Thanks, Adam! And, thanks, Eve! Because they abused their freedom by disobeying their Creator, selecting self over God, the result was the immediate loss of pure grace in which they were created. In other words, they went from a state of “original holiness” to the state of “original sin.” And, you and I have been impacted by their conduct!

Our Church teaches all humans have been affected by the “original sin” of Adam and Eve. Certainly, we did not commit the said “sin,” but we are born into a condition whereby we have the inclination to succumb to the evils which surround us in this world. Nevertheless, the Lord Jesus, the only Begotten Son of God, has liberated us from the power of sin caused by our first parents’ downfall.

How did Jesus provide liberation from the power sin has over us? He has freed us from that destructive power by dying on Calvary for all sin! Moreover, the Church teaches the Lord Jesus has established a sacrament to absolve a sinner, after the reception of baptism, so he/she can return to a “state of grace.” That sacrament is Confession. Thanks be to God!

Consequently, if you are a sinner, Confession is for you! By participation in it, you receive the forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God and the Church. In addition, Confession provides peace of conscience, spiritual comfort, and strengthens us to live the life of a Christian. Moreover, it removes some of the temporal punishment due to sin and totally remits the eternal punishment resulting from mortal sin.

Now, here is a question for you. If Confession provides the forgiveness of sin...reconciliation with God and the Church...peace of conscience...spiritual comfort...strength to live as a Christian...the removal of temporal punishment due to sin...and totally remits the eternal punishment resulting from mortal sin, why don't more good members of the Catholic Church participate in it?

Peace
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