

relapsed again and again." In that case the priest knows: „Oho, I must give more help and advice!" He sees that the penitent cannot overcome sin on his own. That is the whole point.

Only a Dead Person Can Rise

Many people sometimes suffer terribly tough hardships, mortal dangers and are going through rough times altogether to the extent that they seem surrounded by nothing but darkness. If this is the case with you, then be glad and rejoice! Because in order for you to rise spiritually, it is necessary that you die to yourself first. Only a dead person can rise. The spiritual resurrection, however, will already take place while we are still alive. It does not matter what you did before. It is all humbug and nonsense if anyone keeps reproaching you. It is all of no importance when you have mended your ways. Then you can rise again, too, especially through Confession. Amen!



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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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**Sacrament of Redemption
Importance of Confession**

My dearly beloved! In the early years, when I had consecrated the first priests and bishops, I told them: „If you happen to meet a really tough, high-calibre sinner, send him to me. It is my greatest pleasure to tell him: ‚Your sins are forgiven you in the Name of the FATHER, of the SON, of the HOLY GHOST!’ Awesome!“ What can be more wonderful for a priest than to see a soul mending her ways and wishing to please GOD! GOD only wants you to say: „LORD, I am sorry! I do not want to do it any more!“ then the priest – because GOD willed it so – can take away your sins in the Name of GOD. You are as pure as when you were baptised.

Importance of Confession

Recently someone told me: „I do not need the Sacraments!“ – However, those who have received Catholic or Orthodox Baptism would be bound to receive the Sacraments, otherwise they are no longer Catholic or Orthodox. – To which I replied: „So, in other words you are saying: ‚Dear GOD, I do not need Your help, which You have instituted for the Church. I will manage to come to You in Heaven by my own efforts!’ Do you really think you will cope on your own? Does GOD not need to help you?“ Here on earth GOD has to pull us up through the Sacraments, because otherwise we have limp and heavy wings when the soul is to leave the body when we die. – Do you also know that on one side of a dying person is the Archangel Michael, whose patronage it is to lead the

soul before GOD's presence, and on the other side there are the demons and devils waiting for an opportunity to seize the soul?! How important, therefore, for a dying person is the support of the priest and the Extreme Unction, strengthening the soul and purifying her for Heaven.

An imperfect soul is like a crystal glass steamed up, unclean. With every Sacrament, in which a person receives the SAVIOUR or through which he receives graces, his soul will become clearer and clearer and GOD's love will be mirrored in her. The Evil One cannot bear this, he will flee.

If you believe that confession is not important, then you are proud. Are you so good that GOD ought to admire you? Are you as good as Mary, the Mother of GOD? Are you as good as St. Joseph, as John the Baptist?

Once a woman came to me at the confessional and said: „I have simply come because it's common practice. I do not have any sins, I do not know anything to confess.“ Then, as a confessor, I play-acted a bit and basically what I said was: „Dear GOD, I thank You! At long last You have sent me a person who is as pure and immaculate as Mary! ...“ Then this woman suddenly said: „No, no, Reverend Sword-Bishop, that is not true, I am not like that yet!“ Whereupon I asked her: „Why not?“ – „Well, I still have my shortcomings in this and that and that!“ Then I said to her: „Now that is what I call a confession!“

Confessing Imperfections as well

You may confess your sins. What does "sins" mean? We do not speak so much of sins but would rather say: I did something which did not please GOD and that grieves me. If, for example, in anger or rebellion I lost my temper. And do you also confess the things you should have done and did not – omissions of good deeds? There would be a lot more. Therefore, in our hearts there is always a bit of human coffee grounds. If, then, pure things from GOD pour in, it will take

on the flavour of these coffee dregs. This is not the ideal situation. Of course, we can never be as we would like to be, so that GOD would nothing but be pleased. But He is already pleased if someone wants to do good.

Resolution: I Do not Want to Sin any more!

GOD does not suffer so much because someone is in sin, but He suffers due to someone not rising from sin, persisting in sin and not asking for contrition and freeing by jumping to Him saying: „Help me, I am sinful! Please purify me that I may look at You again!“ And then ask for love! We, who are granted the opportunity of confession, can be purified through the Sacrament of Redemption and are allowed to look at GOD again with delight.

When you go to confession – and you can do this especially if you keep asking GOD for love – it is important that you say: „I do not want to sin any more!“ Certainly, people will relapse and if you go up to the communion rail, there are moments in which you tend to say: „LORD, I might actually not receive You, I am still so wretched, so sinful. I do not deserve it, but I need You! I cannot cope without You!“ The SAVIOUR would love to go to such a person. But if they are grave sins, please go to confession first.

When the Priest Asks Questions

For instance, when someone confesses: „I masturbated!“ it may happen that the priest will ask you: „Does it happen regularly?“ Some people say: „What has he got to do with it? He wants to know more about it!“ Do you know the reason why the priest might ask this question? Because he should not simply say: „Just unbosom yourself and then it is all over and done with. You can go now, you are clean!“ but his intention is to help you. It makes a difference whether someone says: „I lapsed into it once or twice this week and sometimes I could restrain myself for a week,“ or: „I yielded to it five times a day and