

Where Will You Spend Eternity?

How much time have you spent thinking about where you will be spending your eternity? This is most definitely something that we all should be thinking about very seriously. Compared to eternity, this life on earth is not even a drop in the bucket.

Speaking of buckets, we could be kicking one any day now. You never know when you are going to die. Holy Scripture tells us to be ready at every moment, by having our lamps filled with oil. What the Lord Jesus was referring to here, was making sure that we are ready to meet Him by being in a perfect state of grace. What is this state of grace? It is what we get when we ask Jesus to forgive us and He forgives us of our sins in Confession and He fills us with grace.

We often wonder which spiritual path is the correct one. Everything seems to be so watered-down these days and this goes even as far as our belief in God. People are living in fear of the future. Much of this fear stems from the reality that maybe; just maybe, we don't have our salvation "in our back pockets". We should really fear the future if we are not really ready to meet the Lord at any moment. Are you ready to meet Jesus right now? Are you afraid to die?

Eternity is a very, very long time. Nothing can compare to it. Can you imagine spending your eternity in the never ending flames of hell? It could happen very easily. We could be taken by surprise and die at any time at all. We need to make sure that we are always ready to stand in Judgment before the Lord.

When you think of it, what could be more important than being prepared to die? When you compare the amount of time that we are on earth to the amount of time in eternity, we wonder how we could have ever lost focus of where we will be forever. Jesus tells us to forget this life. He said this for a very good reason: this is not our home. Home is where we spend the greatest amount of time and that will be in eternity. I don't know about you, but I don't want to burn.

So what can we do to make sure that we are prepared? The very best thing is to go and confess your sins to a Catholic priest. Jesus initiated confession on the very day that He Resurrected from the dead. It was the very first thing that He instructed His Apostles to do to begin His Church. He said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Gospel of John 20:19-31) This Holy Spirit power has been passed down from the Apostles by the Holy Spirit to the Catholic priests we have today.

As Catholics, we are taught that when we go to Confession, our sins are forgiven, but not the punishment. That means, if we die, and we have not worked-off our punishment, we have to work it off in Purgatory. Purgatory, we are told, is a place very similar to hell. We might be there for a real long time, but eventually we will get out and get to heaven. It is much easier, they say, to work off all of the punishment in this life, before we come face to face with God.

There is however, a much better way of getting to Heaven. The Catholic Church has a new feast that can give their members the total forgiveness of all sins and all punishment. This feast is called Divine Mercy Sunday and it is celebrated every year on the Sunday after Easter. If you are a Catholic and have been away from the faith, don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. You can come right back to the Church, go to Confession and get completely right with God.

To get this total forgiveness of all sins and all punishment, all you need to do is make a good Confession (within 20 days), don't sin again, and receive Holy Communion on that special feast, Divine Mercy Sunday. Remember, if you have been away from the Church for a while and you want to make a good Confession, you must confess that you have not been going to Sunday Mass, and you must promise to keep going to Mass on Sundays, or it won't work for you.

If you fail to confess that with a contrite heart, then that Confession is not a good one and it is not valid. If the Confession is not valid, then your sins and punishment will not be forgiven. As Christians we are required to keep holy the Lord's Day. Missing Mass on Sundays is a serious mortal sin. If you die in the state of mortal sin, you are destined to spend eternity in hell. Don't mess around with eternity. Make sure that you confess all mortal sins right away.

Divine Mercy Sunday was started in the Church because Jesus had requested that the Church institute a Feast of Mercy as a "last hope of salvation" before He comes. Pope John Paul II died on that feast after he got it started and this must be a sign from God that Jesus is coming soon.

It does not matter which Catholic Church that you go to. Just make a good Confession (within 20 days) and receive Holy Communion on that day at your nearest Church. You will feel like a new person after your sins and punishment have been washed away. You will feel so good!

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Jesus had promised to "pour out a whole ocean of graces" on this Feast of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday to all those souls who approach the "fount of His mercy", which is the Confessional. Bob was a little bit afraid to go to Confession until he found out that it is actually Jesus waiting there in the confessional and not just the Catholic priest. Jesus had told St. Faustina "*When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light.*" (Diary 1602)

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