

What is going to help you to get to heaven?

How to Go to Heaven?



- You are going to need a ticket to get into Heaven.
 - Is this ticket expensive? Not at all! in fact, it is free!
 - But We are in charge of keeping it.
- Not only God freely give you this ticket;
- He also gives you everything you need, to make this journey in this life, for your final destination in the next.

Grace in our Heart





- Through the Gift of His Grace, God has given man the Power to live with Him in Heaven.
- This Grace come from Christ Sacrifice on the Cross, and it is given to us through the Church.
- With the Grace In our Heart, we can do good works which will help faith our souls for Heaven.

Preparing our Souls for Heaven

- Everyone will love a super power, the ability to do something that we can not normally do.
- Well, God has given each person a super power
 - A supernatural power about our human notion
 - This power is Called <u>GRACE</u>
- Without this Gift of supernatural Life of God: GRACE, we won't be able to live with Him in Heaven.
- So where do you get GRACE? (your ticket for Heaven)





Where do you get GRACE?

- When we receive Grace? (our ticket to Heaven)
- Many of you probably don't remember when you received it...



- But when you were baptized, GRACE is infused into your soul.
 - Grace is a supernatural gift of God; it is our ticket to Heaven
 - Without Grace in our soul, we will be unable to get into Heaven.



By The Power of the Holy Spirit you Receive Grace

- Through the Power of the Holy Spirit, you receive God's Grace at you baptism.
- You have supernatural life of the Holy Trinity within you.
 - a) If you remember, <u>The Heaven</u> is sharing the life in the Trinity
 - And now, you remember that GRACE is the Life of the Trinity in your soul.
 - Then Now, you can see that this Divine Life is in your soul, allows you to live a Divine Life in Heaven.
- Here on earth our souls enjoy the indwelling of The Holy Trinity.





Can a Person Lose Grace?





- Can a person lose Grace? <u>Unfortunately,</u> Yes
 - Unfortunately, through a serious sin, called mortal sin, a person may lose the Grace in their soul,
 - God cannot exist where a person chose serious sin.
- Now, no all sins are mortal sin; some sins are <u>Venial Sin</u>
 - Venial sin is like wounded your relationship with God,
- But GRACE or Supernatural life of God still remains in your soul.
- When the person commits Mortal Sin, there is not divine life left in his soul.

What to do if Grace is lost in our soul?

- So what does a person do if has lost His ticket: Grace?
- God is so merciful, that if some persons lose the Grace in their souls because of mortal sin,
- they may get it back when they go to the Sacrament of Penance or Confession.
- God gave the priest the power to forget sin, in the Sacrament of Penance,
 - which brings back life,
- Grace back into the person soul by the power of <u>The Holy Spirit</u>





Receive Grace in your Soul

- Once you confess your mortal sin and receive absolution, you get your ticket back.
- You receive Grace in your soul once again, and hopefully never to lose it again.



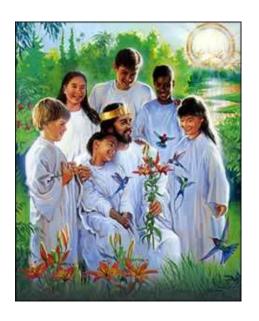


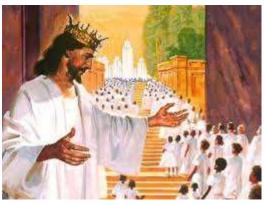
Your Royal Family

- Have you ever wanted to be a prince or princess?
- May you keep the hope that your Dad is really a king of some far away country?
 - Well consider you lucky day!
- Our should I Say? Consider your Baptism Day, your lucky day!
- The day you were baptize, it is the day you entered into the Royal family
 - you are not the heir of a earthly king, who reigns all the things on earth and come to an end.
 - But rather You are heir of a kingdom that will never ever, ever come to the end.
 - That's right you are the heir of to all, powerful king.



Inherited the Kingdom of Heaven





- The Day of your Baptism you become an heir to the throne of God.
 - Your parents give you natural life,
 - but only God can give you Supernatural life or GRACE
- Because you are adopted son and daughter of God
 - We can inherited the kingdom of Heaven;
 - a kingdom that will never ever will come to an end.
 - So we will be princes and princesses forever.



Hail Mary full of grace

Hail Mary Full of Grace



- Who did the Angel Gabriel greet, saying: "Hail, Full of GRACE"?
- He came to announce the Incarnation to Mary; Mary is the most Blessed among all women in the whole Human History!
 - Mary Full of Grace—She is the most beautiful example of Union with the Holy Trinity.
- How can we prepare to learn to live in such of union with The three Divines Persons of the Holy Trinity?
- Mary has a beautiful title: She is called THE Gate of Heaven or in Latin Janua Caeli
- Through this Gate, Jesus became man and entered the world.
- She is also the Gate through which God give us Graces

We Have a Mother who Loves Us

- Here on earth, when we need to learn something,
- it is up to our mother to show us the way
 - She watches over us
 - □ Protects us
 - And loves us
 - And shows us the way
- In Heaven we also have a Mother, the Mother of God: Mary.



Mary Full of Grace Intercedes for Us

- Saint Louis de Montfort says,
 - "He has chosen Her to be the dispenser of all He possesses, in such wise that He distributes to whom she wills,
 - as much as she wills, and as she wills, and when she wills all His gifts and Graces."
- Jesus gave his mother this special privilege precisely because she is His mother
- She come to him and pray on behalf of all her children here below, us.
- Mother Mary is the most powerful intersection before God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)





Jesus Mother Intercedes on Our Behalf

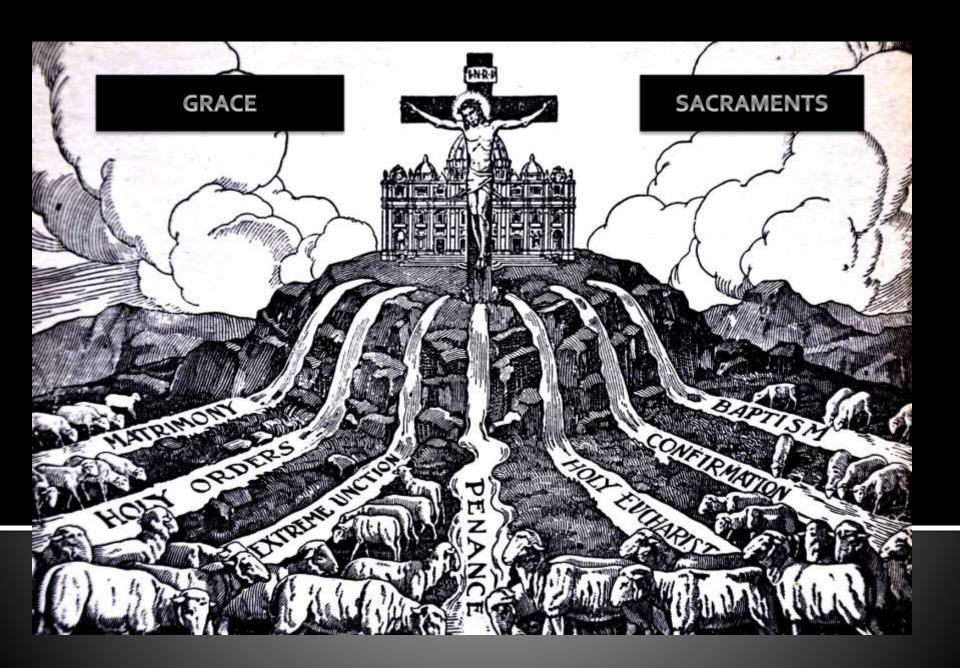
- Jesus Himself thought us while He was here on earth,
 that He listen please His Mother's intercessions.
- It says on the Bible that one day, Mary when to a wedding of Cana, and also Jesus and his disciples were there.
- Mary concerned when the host went out of wine,
 - She asked Jesus: "they have no wine"
 - then turning to the servants she said: "Do whatever HE told you"
- Jesus shows us how his Mother intercedes on our behalf.



She Begs to God for the Graces that Her Children Need

- Just as She did on Cana,
- She sees our needs and begs to the throne of Heaven for the Graces that her children need.
- Do you have a devotion to Mary?
 - Ask her to be your mother,
 - Ask her to help you to be obedient, to follow Her example, to trust in God, and to do the Will of God.
- Talk to her as you were to talk to your own mother.





Efficacious Signs of Grace



- God wants you in Heaven with Him so much that not only gives you His Grace the ticket to heaven...
- He also gives a lot of help along the way.
 - One way he helps us get to Heaven, is by strengthen us spiritually with the Sacraments.
 - According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, The SACRAMENTS are efficacious signs of Grace,
- instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which Divine Life is dispensed to us, by The Holy Spirit.

The Sacraments Signs of Grace

- God gave the Church the special mission of taking care of all His sons & daughters down here on earth.
- Through Church, God gives us His Divine Power through the Sacraments by the Power of The Holy Spirit; there are 7 Sacraments
 - 1) Baptism
 - 2) Penance
 - 3) Eucharist
 - 4) Confirmation
 - 5) Holy Orders
 - 6) Holy Matrimony
 - 7) Anointing of the Sick



Sacraments Source of Grace

"by the Power of the Holy Spirit"

- Through the Sacraments God invites us to be part of his Family,
- And God gives us many Graces to become One with Him, and become Holy.
- It is a way God loves us, stay with us, & share his Divine Live with us.
- God communicates Spiritual life to our souls in the Sacraments instituted by Christ.
- By the Power of the Holy Spirit the sacraments do what they are assign for:
 - a) Make us Holy,
 - b) Sanctify you
 - c) Give you God's Grace
 - d) Strength your will
 - e) and Illuminate the reason
- They are visible sings of an <u>invisible reality</u>. They Give us Grace.



Sacraments Source of Grace

- Every Sacrament have a <u>particular GRACE</u> that help you to grow in HOLINESSS
- As part of God's Plan for saving men (all of us),
 - He knew that we'll need access to all the GRACE;
 - Christ bear it for us by His death on the cross & resurrection.
- God gave us his Grace to make us his adopted sons & daughters
 - & makes us capable of loving him
 - & participating in his divine life
- Grace is God's Divine Life given to us: with what Adam & Eve were created, and lost through sin, we regain through the Sacraments by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Each Sacrament is order to our participation in God's Divine Life, filling us with <u>His Life & Agape Love.</u>





Sacraments Source of Grace "by the Power of the Holy Spirit"

- The First time, we receive God's Grace is in "BAPTISM",
- and after that, we continue receiving God's Divine Life, through others Sacraments.
- but very specially in the "EUCHARIST"







GIVES & COMMUNICATES GRACE

- a) The Grace receive in Baptism is fortified, strengthen
- b) And reach its Maturity in the Confirmation
- c) And our union with Christ is nourished and fortified every time that we receive Jesus truly present in The Eucharist (Holy Communion)

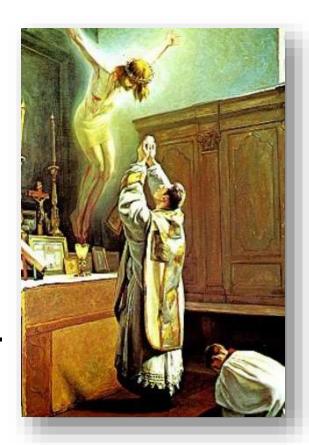






The Greatest Miracle Full of Grace

- Have you ever wanted to see a miracle? Well, wait no longer.
- Do You know that every time you attend Mass, you are witness of a miracle?
- What is this miracle?
- Every time the Priest changes the ordinary bread & wine into the Holy Eucharist, you are witness to a miracle.
- Jesus Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity present in the appearance of bread & wine



Jesus become food for us



- When we Consume the Eucharist we are united to the Divine Life of Jesus
- because <u>He become food for us</u>.
- The Heavenly Glory of our destination is now within us.
- As the Holy Sacrifice at the Mass, the veils of Heaven is parted and we get a little glimpse of Heaven.
- You know why? During Mass we participate with the holy angels and all saints in the Heavenly basement.
- Mass is the Representation of the Sacrifice, Christ made on the Cross.



Mass is the Representation of the Jesus Sacrifice

At every single Mass all around the world, at all times,

we are allow a glimpse into the Heavenly court, during specific time:

When we sing: THE SACTUS or also called THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

When we sing those words, we are joining on the praise of angels & saints who surround the heavenly throne.

We are swept up into heaven all during the Holy Mass



Reflect the Heavenly Liturgy





- Other parts of the Mass that also reflect the Heavenly Liturgy are
 - □ The Gloria, and a course, the
 - Consecration of Bread & Wine to the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, where 1000's & 1000's of angels are present adoring Our Eucharistic Lord.

The Eucharist is food for Our Soul

- When we receive our Lord in The Eucharist, we have His Divine Life present with us.
- He is changing us into Himself; we share His Divine Life even while we are here on earth.
- Like the Eucharist, all the Sacraments give us the Grace that we need to help us in our Journey home to heaven.
- The Eucharist is food for our journey.





THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Source & Summit of Grace

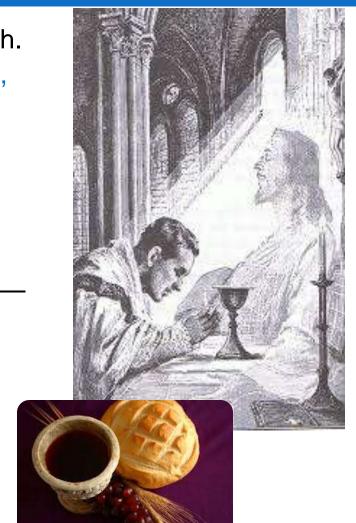
The Eucharist: Source of Grace



- This Sacrament is the Summit of our Faith
 - ✓ The Holy Sacrament,
 - The Holy Eucharist,
 - ✓ Holy Communion: EUCHARIST
- It is the real and truly presence of Jesus: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity
- It is the Holy Sacrament that <u>pours</u> <u>Grace over Grace</u>, through the Power of the Holy Spirit.
- It Fulfills the promise of Jesus:
 - "...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matt. 28, 20)

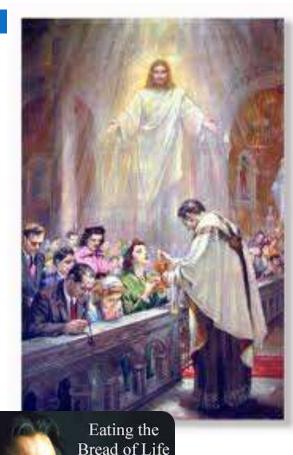
The most Blessed Sacrament: "THE EUCHARIST"

- Eucharist the Source & Summit of our Faith.
- The True presence of Jesus: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity!
 - The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Sacraments.
 - The source of Grace and the Summit of all other Sacraments.
- God, the Father, in his plan, united with Christ and the Holy Spirit, give us Grace— His Divine Life through the Blessed Sacrament.
- Of the 7 Sacraments, and the Eucharist is the most important of them, because it is actually Jesus Himself.



Grace: Supernatural Life of God in our Soul

- By eating this bread, which He called my flesh, we will live for ever. (no spiritual death, nor eternal death, but resurrection)
- The Blessed Sacrament united us with Jesus Himself.
- By eating the body of Jesus in the "Blessed Sacrament", we share more & more Christ Divine Life & we become more like Him.
- Here he comes to save us from our sin, and share with us His Divine Life.
- Jesus instituted this Sacrament and said to his disciples "Do this in memory of Me"
- The Priest in Mass is carrying on the commandment that Jesus told his disciple and continues to command throughout time.

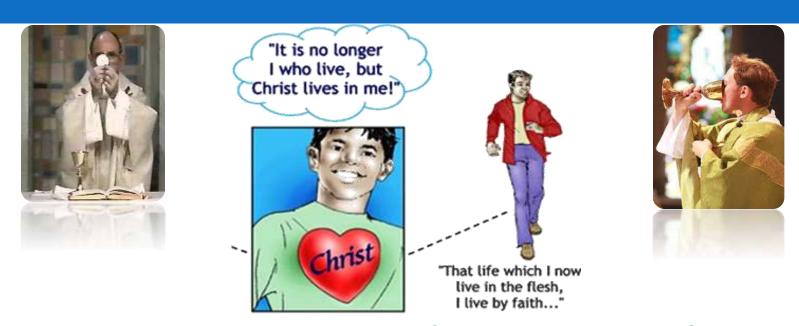


The Eucharist: The Most Beautiful Gift

- The Church teaches us that the most great & beautiful gift of all gifts that we have received from God is:
- "The Gift of His Own Son" who stay with us always in the Church, by the Power of The Holy Spirit in the Eucharist.
- The Eucharist is "the Sacrament of Sacraments": it's the summit or pick of our Faith.
- The Holy Communion is truly & real presence of Jesus: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.



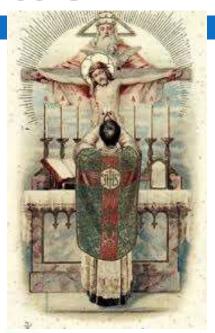
Grace: God's Supernatural Life



- Don't forget Grace is the <u>Supernatural life of God in</u> our soul. It is his Divine Life!
- When Grace is in your Soul, Jesus not only feels right at home, but <u>He adds Grace upon Grace.</u>
- It strengthen you and help you to grow in Holiness. Your soul needs nourishment and energy to grow in Spiritual life.

Eucharist: A Life of Holiness & Virtue

- The life of Holiness and virtue come from Him, that's why is important to receive the Eucharist to grow strong
- After the Holy Communion, The Holy Trinity is united with you in a very Special Way.
 - The Holy Eucharist helps to keep your <u>soul happy</u> & <u>healthy.</u>
 - 2) His Grace help you to <u>Grow in Holiness</u> because you are strengthen.
 - 3) Also cleans your soul, wiping away any venial sins.
 - And preserve you from committing <u>moral sins</u>, which bring <u>Death of the Soul</u>.
 - 5) Another Benefit is that you grow in love for your neighbor.
 - Receiving Eucharist builds up the light of your soul, and makes you Spiritually healthy.





Jesus teaches the Apostles of His Presence in Eucharist: The Bread of Life

Jesus: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world..."

T hen the Jews began to argue:

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so will live because of me the one who feeds on me. (John 6: 25 50-59)

The Holy Sacrament bonds us closer to Christ Himself.



GRACE: Supernatural Divine Life

- Divine Grace, It has been defined as the Divine Influence which operates in humans
 - to regenerate and sanctify,
 - to inspire virtuous actions
 - and to impart strength to endure trial
 - and resist temptation
 - Helps to keep soul happy & healthy
 - And growing in holiness because strengthen.
 - Helps to grow in love for the neighbor.
- It is an individual virtue, and excellence of <u>Divine Origin</u>



Catholic doctrine



- It teaches that God has imparted Divine Grace upon humanity, and uses the <u>sacraments</u> to facilitate the reception of his grace.
- In the Catholic Church a state of grace is granted by God from Baptism firstly, instead of plainly by faith,
- Grace is granted from the <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> after Sacrament of Baptism, if a <u>mortal sin</u> is committed.
- A mortal sin makes the <u>state of Grace lost</u> even if faith is still present.
- The sacrament of the Holy Eucharist pours Grace over Grace,
- It nourish our soul, cleans us from venial sins, and protects our soul from mortal sin.
- Jesus come to dwell into our souls to give us Eternal life, So we can share God's grace with others
 - Sharing in God's love
 - Growing in Loving & Patient
 - Living in harmony
 - Strengthen our will
 - Avoiding doing evil.

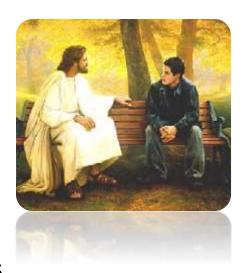


God asks us for Our Love

- It is hard not to be excited about all help, God gives us in our journey to Heaven
 - But what do we need to do to cooperate with this Grace?
 - Well, God asks us for our Love.
- And we can show Him our Love through:
 - a) How we love our neighbor
 - Suffering big and little sufferings that we faced, just for Him.
 - c) Reading His Holy Scriptures
 - d) And through Prayer.

Prayer

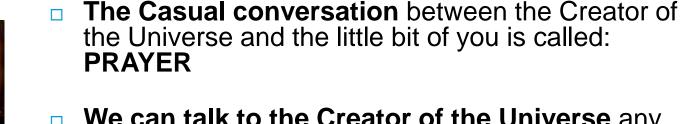
- Didn't you want to talk with someone to share your worry, sadness or happiness?
 - Think about the time when you were sad, or worry of something and need to talk about it.
 - Also, Good things happen to you, and some times you want share your excitement with your friends or family
- Both of this situations are like prayer.
- God is so good, that not only does He gives us
 - others here on earth to talk to,
 - and the saints on heaven to talk, too.
- But we can talk to the Creator of the Universe any time.
- God is there to talk things over with...





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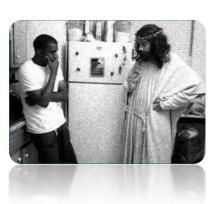




- We can talk to the Creator of the Universe any time.
 - That's right!
- We have a direct line to the Holy Trinity all time:
 - At night,
 - In the morning,
 - At dinner or lunch
 - in the middle of any activity,
 - whatever you are doing...







Prayer and Saint Teresa de Lisieux



Saint Teresa de Lisieux gives us some advises about Prayer; she said:

"For me prayer is a surge of the heart. It is a simply look turned toward heaven.

It is a cry or recognition and of Love, embracing both trial and joy."

There are 4 kinds of Prayer

- Prayer of Adoration: where you can tell God
 - how much you love Him
 - and How great He is!

Prayer of Contrition: where we tell God we are sorry for offending Him with our sins.





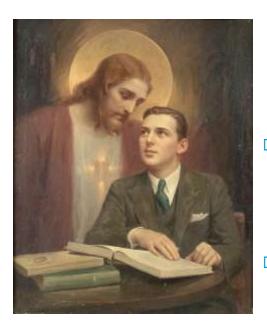
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- Prayer of Thanksgiving: to thanks Him for all He has done for us.
- Prayer of Petition: asking God to look after all we worry about and suffer through.





God Loves to Hear from You



- If God knows all things,
 - 1) Why do we need to ask Him for what we need?
 - Why we have to thank Him for all He has already given us?
 - 3) Or show Him our Love in adoration?
- Well, Sure God can see how much you love
 - all the blessings He showers on you,
 - and He sees all what you are worry about,
- But He loves to hear from you,
 - how much you love Him
 - How thankful you are for everything He has given you.
 - And all your concerns & worries.
- Prayer and the Holy Scriptures keep us in touch with God

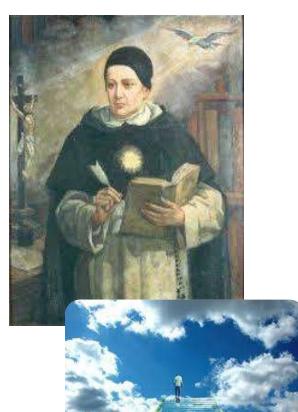


Christian Life is Like Running a Race

- God gives us Grace and everything we need to get to Heaven.
- Saint Paul wrote a letter to Timothy comparing the Christian Life to Running a Race:
 - For I am already on the point of being sacrificed.
 - The time of my departure has come; I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race. I have kept the Faith.
- Although God has given us the gift of Grace (the free ticket), He wants us "to want to come to Heaven."
- Because of this, He asks us
 - to believe in the Truth that the Church teaches,
 - □ To Read the Holy Scriptures and
 - □ To follow the Commandments.



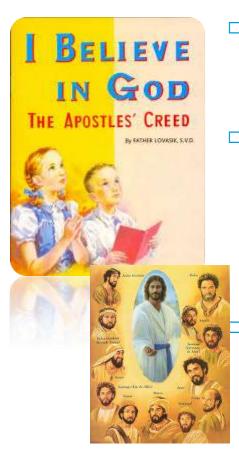
Want to Get to Heaven



- Santo Tomas Aquinas once was asked for a sister,
 - How to become a Saint?
 - He simply answer: to Want to be a Saint!
- He knew that we received everything, we need to get to heaven, from God.
- Now, we need to do our part to get there.
- We need to Want to get to Heaven!
 - To show this through our faith
 - Following the commandments
 - Reading the Holy Scriptures frequently
 - Loving our neighbor,
 - and doing good works

Saint Tomas Aquinas write: "With God's Help if you want to be a Saint, You will be a Saint!"

Love the Truths of The Faith



- All this takes us back, Why God made us!?
 - To know Him; To love Him, To Serve Him... and by doing these, To live with Him forever in Heaven"
- If the purpose of life here on earth is to love God in Heaven,
 - then the more we know about god, more we will love God
 - And the more we will love God, more do we want to know about Him.

We need To know and love the Truths of the Faith.

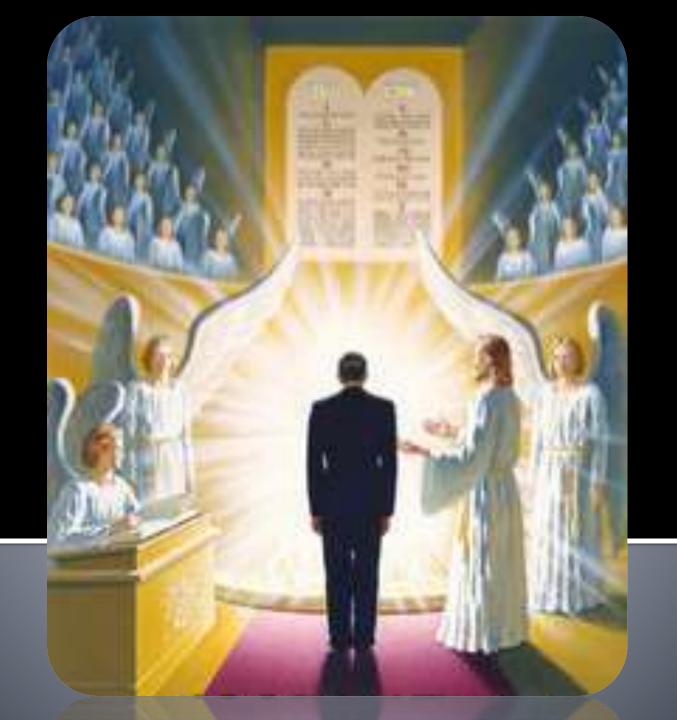
- What are the Truths we must learn?
- The Apostles Creed list the basic of the Faith for us.
- But that's only the surface, you can go deeply and discover so much more about what is our Faith

Truths of the Faith

- You may know the commandments, the sacraments, but that's just the surface of the Faith
- Faith is full of the depths of mysteries
- Anything that we understand about mysteries of the Faith <u>helps us to grow in Love with God.</u>
- We grow in Love and Knowledge of the Truths of the Faith.
- You may contemplate the beauty of our Faith,
 - but don't be afraid to dive down into the depth, and surround yourself with the depths of God's mysteries.

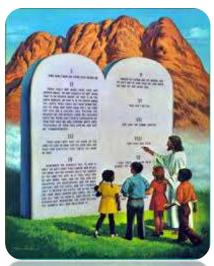






We can Serve God by Following The Commandments

- We can serve God by following the commandments and doing good works here on earth
- Following the commandments, we will follow the will of God for us
 - He give us the commandments because, He loves us so much
 - He wants us to be happy and share the Happiness of Heaven
- By following the commandments, we can show our Love for Him through our deeds and actions
- Every deed you do out of Love of God, builds the charity in your soul.





Charity Builds Charity In Your Soul



- Every deed you do out of Love of God, builds the charity in your soul.
 - The more Charity you have in your soul here on earth,
 the more fully you will share in the life of God in Heavenly glory.
- Although we all will be happy be on Heaven,

God only fills us with His Love (Grace), as much as we have made room for Him in our soul.

God have given us everything we need to get to Heaven.

With God's Grace, We Can Be Holy for the Sake Of Others & the Glory Of God





SUMMARY

1) What is Grace?

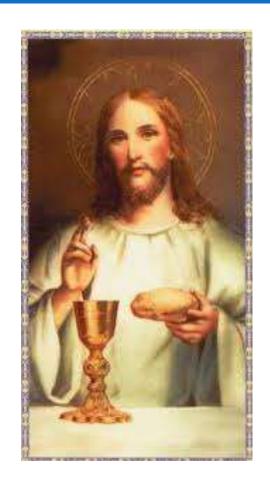
- Grace is the supernatural life of God
- Grace is given to you in your Baptism.
- With Grace you have the indwelling of The Holy Trinity in your soul
- Among many things Grace helps you to love your neighbor as God love him.
- We said that Grace is your ticket to Heaven



SUMMARY

2) What is the Sacrament where Jesus is Present?

- The Eucharist is the Sacrament in which Christ is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of bread & wine.
- We talk about the sacrament in giving us Grace
- Jesus is present Body Y Blood in the Holy Eucharist



SUMMARY

3) What is Prayer?

- This is your change to have a conversation with the Creator of the Universe and you.
- Prayer is the conversation between you and God

4) What Prayer list the essential Truths of the Faith?

- The Apostles Creed list all the essential truths of our Faith and is easy to remember
- Your ticket to Heaven is Grace, granted to you by the power of the Holy Spirit;
 - God however, also wants you to want to go to Heaven
 - by knowing Him, Loving Him, and serving Him here on earth you will live with Him forever in eternity.





DON'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD