

Confession-Beginning Anew!

Joshua 7:19- And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. (KJV)

Confession is the opportunity to begin anew in the life in the Lord Jesus Christ, Confessing personal sins in God's Holy Church removes debilitating stress. God's forgiveness of sins clears the believer's pathway to the Heavenly Kingdom. Having sins forgiven by God results in considerable personal relief for the believer. The Holy Scriptures verify confession has deep roots extending back centuries. Choosing to confess sins requires a desire to purify the heart, mind and soul.

2 Chronicles 30:22- And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers. (KJV)

Great Lent is a perfect time for believers to confess their sins in God's Church. Priests are readily available to assist believers desiring to put their sins behind. Beginning anew is possible for every believer desiring to repent of personal sin. Jesus Christ welcomes believers repenting of their sins and seeking forgiveness. The life in Christ is renewed when believers confess and have their sins forgiven. Every person is free to come to the church for the purpose of confessing sins.

Ezra 10:11- Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. (KJV)

Confessing sins to the Lord God is a demonstrated act of faith, hope and trust. The Lord God is aware of the sins of each person as nothing is hidden from God. The world is full of temptations and perils to trap the believer into committing sins. Keeping the Baptismal garment clean throughout life requires Christ's mercy. Believers have no greater challenge and responsibility in life than care of the soul. Confessing personal sins improves the believer's health and state of mind.

Daniel 9:4- And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; (KJV)

Great Lent encourages and facilitates believers' confessions in the Church. The Church offers nourishment for believers to begin anew in Jesus Christ. The Divine services of the Church are instructive and serve to guide believers. Attentive believers draw strength and wisdom from the content of the services. Confession frees the believer from the heavy weight of sin and is energizing. The lives of the saints vividly witness to the value of confessing sins before God.

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