



## LESSON 9: I CHOOSE TO LOVE GOD

### WORDS TO KNOW:

**Baptism:** The sacrament which takes away original sin. It gives us the new life of grace and makes us children of God.

**Sacrament:** A sign given by Jesus that brings us grace.

**Penance:** The Sacrament in which all sins committed after Baptism are forgiven. It is also a prayer we say or something we do to make up for our sins.

**Mortal sin:** A very big sin that kills all life of grace in a soul

**Venial sin:** A small sin that makes a soul less pleasing to God

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**Q1. What is the sacrament of Baptism?**

Baptism is a Sacrament that makes us Christians and members of the church.

**Q2. What does Baptism do for us?**

Baptism washes away the Original Sin from our soul and makes it rich in the grace of God.

**Q3. What are sacraments?**

Sacraments are signs of grace, given by Christ and entrusted to the church, by which we are called to live a holy life. It is an outward, visible sign of an inward, spiritual grace given to us by the Church.

**Q.4 What is temptation?**

Temptation is an attraction to commit sin.

**Q.5 Can you always overcome temptation?**

Yes, because no temptation can force you into sin, and God will always help you.

**"And God is faithful, who will not let you be tempted beyond your capability. But will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)**

**Q.6 What are actual graces?**

They are "helps" from God which enlighten the mind and strengthen the will to do good and avoid evil.

**'My grace is sufficient for thee: For power is made perfect in infirmity.' (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

**Q.7 What are venial sins?**

Venial sin is a little act of disobedience against the law of God.

**Q.8 What is mortal sin?**

Mortal sin is a serious act of disobedience against the law of God. These sins are forgiven through confession with proper repentance acceptable to God.

**Q9. How do we become children of God?**

By following the two main commandments which Jesus gave us. Love the God with all our hearts with all our heart, soul and mind. Love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

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# The Parable of the Sower



- Who is the sower? God
- What does seed imply? Word of God
- What does soil imply? Our Heart
- **Category 1:** Hard-hearted people are the ones who neglect God's word. In this case the seed did not even fall in the soil, but only the path. Birds (Satan) can easily come and destroy it. These people neither please God nor work for his purpose on Earth.
- **Category 2:** There are few other people who receive the word with joy but fail to adhere to it and yield fruit, just like the seeds which fell on rocky soil. The seeds while growing could not form strong roots and as they grew they got withered by sunlight. These people neither please God nor work for his purpose on Earth.
- **Category 3:** There are few other people who receive God's word but subsequently yield to the attractions and riches of the world which act as thorns. These thorns that are the worldly attractions and riches crush the growth of the seed into a plant. These people neither please God nor work for his purpose on Earth.
- **Category 4:** There are other seeds which fell in good soil (people who take the word of the God in their heart, meditate and live accordingly). Others derive examples from them and they act as the light and salt of the world, spreading the Goodness of God's words (implied by the multiplying 30x, 60x and 100x).
- **We should always strive, with the help of the Grace of God and continuous prayers, to fall in Category 4.**