

Living the Truth: Chapter 54

Heaven and Hell

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Its Properties.

- It is unlosable.
- It is eternal.
- It is ever new.
- It varies for different persons.
- Yet each is perfectly happy.

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- Eternal life.
- The one thing we must never lose.
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- Dignity and depth of the soul.
- Gratitude for the Incarnation.
- Hatred of sin.
- Value of the present moment.
- Danger of worldliness and superficiality.
- Zeal for souls.
- Imitation of Christ and Our Lady.

Practical Conclusions.

- I should hate mortal sin above every other evil; and avoid as far as I can all occasions of sin.
- I should make an act of perfect contrition immediately, and go to confession as soon as I can if I ever fall into mortal sin.
- I should do my best to increase good habits daily, by practising all the virtues.
- I should be deeply devoted to Our Lady, since this is a guarantee of salvation.
- I should never forget Our Lord's words: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul?"