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see the benefits of receiving as often as he has the opportunity, and the great sin of turning his back upon this ordinance.

He will, for instance, put him in mind that all Christians being obliged to examine themselves before they go to this sacrament; this will keep them from falling into a state of sin and security.

That if we find we grow in grace, we shall have the greatest comfort; and if we have not got ground of our corruptions, this will make us more careful.

That our faith will hereby be strengthened, when we call to remembrance what Jesus Christ hath done for us, and that His love and His power are still the same, if we strive to deserve His favour.

Lastly, that, by duly partaking of this holy ordinance, we shall come to such a state that it will be uneasy to us to offend God, and the very pleasure of our souls to obey His laws.

On the other hand, if a Christian turns his back upon this sacrament (without good cause) he transgresses an express command: *Do this in remembrance of Me*. He shuts himself out of Christ's family; he lives without hopes and without promises.

If therefore he ask how often he should receive this sacrament, he ought to have an answer in the words of an ancient writer: "Receive it as often as you can, that the old serpent, seeing the blood of the true Paschal Lamb upon your lips, may trouble to approach you."

And if to these instructions a pastor exhort the young Christian to be very careful not to separate from the Church, in unity with which he may expect the Holy Spirit and all other benefits of Christ's passion: and if he likewise require Him, at all times hereafter, before he designs to communicate, to give his pastor an account

of it (in obedience to the orders of the Church) that he may receive further advice as there shall be occasion, he will have done a work worthy of a good pastor, and will undoubtedly receive a good reward for so doing.

A person who turns his back upon the Lord's Supper does in effect say some of these things: "For this time I will not own Jesus Christ for my Saviour." "I have a sin which for the present I cannot resolve to part with." "I have an enemy whom I am not yet disposed to forgive and be in charity with." "I cannot yet prevail with myself to lead a new life." "I am not thankful for the death of Christ."

No Christian excused from this duty. Every one for whom Christ died, every one who has sins to be pardoned, has any thing to ask of God, every one who has a soul to be saved, and expects it, is bound.

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