

Q. What do you think of those who conceal a mortal sin in confession ?

A. They commit a most grievous sin by *telling a lie to the Holy Ghost*—and instead of obtaining pardon, they incur much more the wrath of God. Acts. v.

Q. Can our sins be forgiven in confession if we be not sorry for them, and resolved to amend our lives ?

A. No ; without sorrow for sin, and a purpose of amendment, the absolution of the Priest is void, and of no effect.

Q. What must persons do, who did not carefully examine their consciences ; or who had not sincere sorrow for their sins ; or who wilfully concealed a mortal sin in confession ?

A. They must truly repent of all such bad and sacrilegious confessions, and make them over again.

Q. What is the surest sign that our confessions were good, and that we had sincere sorrow for our sins ?

A. *The amendment of our lives.*

Q. What should we do after confession ?

A. We should return God thanks and diligently perform the penance enjoined by the confessor.

Q. What is Satisfaction ?

A. Satisfaction is the faithful performance of the penance enjoined by the Priest in the Sacrament of Penance.

Q. What do you mean by the penance enjoined by the Priest.

A. The prayers and other good works which he enjoins on penitents, in satisfaction for their sins.

Q. Are we more strictly bound to perform the penance enjoined by our confessor than other prayers or good works ?