Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick: Jesus the Healer

GRADE 7

CHAPTER 12 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 12****.*

Christ continues his healing ministry through his body on earth, the Church—most especially in the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

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In the parable of the lost son (Luke 15:11–32), which is also known as the parable of the forgiving father, Jesus teaches about God's desire for our conversion.

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In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sinners (called penitents) who are truly sorry for their sins and intend not to sin again can be certain of God's forgiveness. They receive the grace to turn away from sin and follow Christ more closely. This conversion is at the heart of the sacrament.

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Contrition is true sorrow for your sins. You intend not to sin again and are ready to model your life on the life of Jesus.

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Penance is an act that shows conversion of heart, often through prayer, self-denial, or a work of charity.

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Absolution is the act of receiving forgiveness for your sins. The priest, through the ministry in the Church, acts in the name of Christ to give you pardon for your sins.

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To prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we must think prayerfully about what we have said or done in light of what the Gospel asks of us.

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Through the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, God strengthens and comforts the seriously ill, grants them forgiveness, and restores their health if it is God's plan for them.

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In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest sprinkles the sick person with holy water, recalling the person's Baptism when he or she was given new life through Christ's Passion and Resurrection. The priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person and anoints the person with the oil of the sick.

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Those who unite their suffering with Jesus' suffering participate in his continuing work of redemption.

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