



A true comfort in my lonely situation

By Moses, 38 years old, 16 years on death row

My consolation in the midst of this has been my faith in Christ. I was not a Christian when I committed my crimes... however, when I first became a Christian a year after my crimes, my new faith did move me to take responsibility for the terrible things I did.

Almost a decade after I first converted to Christianity, God led me to the Eastern Orthodox Church. After some time of reflection, I became a catechumen in the Orthodox Church and was eventually baptized by a priest who is the pastor of a local Russian Orthodox parish.

The teachings of Holy Orthodoxy have given me a deeper understanding of Christian traditions, like the Holy Trinity and the Eucharist, and to be in communion with all my brothers and sisters around the world is amazing. It is a true comfort in my lonely situation to know that I am part of the Body of Christ!

I love language, and learning new languages, and since being baptized into the Orthodox Church I've begun studying Russian. I had previously learned New Testament Greek and Spanish, but Russian has been much more difficult! I love the challenge, though, and have been reading through the Gospels in Russian to strengthen my understanding of this beautiful language.

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