

Would we have hope? (Saint Nicholas Velimirovich)

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Had the Lord not suffered and died for our sins, who of us would know that sin is

such a deadly poison? Had he not risen, who among us would have discovered what a terrible thing sin is or would have any hope? In that case, repentance would have been of no benefit, and forgiveness impossible. Repentance is linked to the Passion and forgiveness to the Resurrection, through God's grace. With repentance, the old self (of sin), dies and is taken to the grave. With forgiveness, the new self is born into a new life.