

Humbly and Honestly

The *essence of sin* is not so much in the *action of sinning* as it is in the *source of sinning*: **self-centeredness** and **fear-filled self-protection**. When our fears seek to *mask our inadequacies*, **pride** takes over. *Pretended self-sufficiency* eventually leads to **self-righteousness**, and *arrogance* forces its rule of *vanity* as we grow to *believe our own lies*. But *when we fall before Jesus*, **humbly and honestly**, there is nothing—*personal weakness, inadequacy, failure, sinfulness*—from which He cannot **cleanse** or **deliver** us.

Pokorne a úprimne

Podstata hriechu nie je ani tak v samotnom *skutku hriechu*, ale v *jeho zdroji*: v **sebastrednosti** a **ustráchanej sebaobrane**. Keď sa strach snaží *zamaskovať* naše *nedokonalosti*, kontrolu preberie **pýcha**. *Predstieraná sebestačnosť* nakoniec vedie k **samo-spravodlivosti** a *arrogancia* pretlačí svoju vládu *márnosti*, keďže stále viac *veríme vlastným lžiam*. Keď však *padneme pred Ježišom*, **pokorne a úprimne**, nie je nič – *osobné slabosti, nedostatočnosť, zlyhania, hriešnosť* – z čoho by nás On nemohol **očistiť**, alebo **vyslobodiť**.