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Jesus noticed a tax collector, Levi by name, sitting by the customs house, and said to him, 'Follow me.' And leaving everything he got up and followed him. In his honour Levi held a great reception in his house, and with them at table was a large gathering of tax collectors and others. The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples and said, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' Jesus said to them in reply, 'It is not those who are well who need the doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the virtuous, but sinners to repentance.' (Luke 5, 27-32)

Jesus came to save the sinners who are aware they are sinners and who wish to be freed of their miserable state. Perverts, instead, are those who like to sin and do not want to stop or they are those who feel "on a par with God" and therefore do not intend to acknowledge their sins. Do you consider yourself a sinner or do you feel satisfied with yourself as you are? Eternal life depends on this. It is better you think about it while you still have time.