2Thess #120

The 7- fold ministry of God the Holy Spirit at salvation.

We will open today in 1Corinthians chapter two RF.

This quick study today into the next message, is often referred to as the saving ministry of God the HS or the seven-fold ministry of salvation from God the HS.

This is related to our current study in 2Thessalonians chapter two;

/2Thes 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brothers *and sisters* beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for **salvation through sanctification by the Spirit** and faith in the truth.\

God the HS has always been and will always exist – God the HS is just as much God as the FATHER and SON.

They have the very same essence –

Love, veracity, omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, immutability, righteousness, eternal life, sovereignty and pure justice.

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Which by the way all of the other attributes, or essences are filtered through - God’s justice system.

Many people assume that God the HS is lacking in full authority or power and they are mistaken. The TRINITY is beyond unique, they are co-equal.

ONE God - in 3 unique individuals. Also, each has individual, or operational standards or skills designed specifically for this angelic warfare.

What we will note today, will be the seven ministries of the administration of God the HS within salvation.

After salvation, God the HS has the lion’s share of the work for Bels in this lost and dying world - to help them navigate and grow into spiritual maturity. Also, in pursuing Unbels and opening the gospel up to them

One of the key teachers or theologians in my lineage put it like this;

*/“The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God and of Christ, not merely the presence of the Father or the Son. He is the spirit of the Father because HE is sent by the Father, and HE is the spirit of Christ in that HE is sent by Christ. As the Son is ever the manifestation of the Father (Jhn 1:18), so the Spirit is sent forth from both the Father and the Son. The Spirit is no less equal with the Father and the Son though HE seeks the glory of the Son.”*

 *Lewis Sperry Chafer* \

Never question the individuality of the Trinity or the fact that they are all ONE God combined.

It is difficult to wrap our minds around but - it is very clear in scripture.

The first one we should note is the gateway into the seven ministries at salvation. Efficacious grace which coincides or includes common grace;

/The Doctrine of Efficacious Grace starts out with the gospel being presented to those who are in spiritual death. This is step one - COMMON GRACE, the fact that God the HS is always actively, presenting opportunities for the gospel to be seen and heard, while making it understandable to a spiritual dead person. The Holy Spirit makes this, spiritual phenomena occur from Common Grace, into Efficacious Grace because GOD is always seeking us first (invitation) even as enemies of the Cross, HE invites us and does the work.\

This first part of the ministry before salvation which is two-fold, Common and Efficacious, shows clearly, that we do not do any work toward salvation.

/Common grace is consistently available whereas, EFFICACIOUS GRACE, is one and done. It means the spiritually dead person understands that Christ is the issue, not sin, not human works, only faith in Jesus Christ. At that point the divine call to believe becomes not only understandable, it is very apparently clear and now the free will has to accept the truth.\

Common Grace can be rejected because it is at the point of hearing or understanding.

Th Unbeliever has finally - usually after many invitations, they finally have fully listened to the gospel and they know it is truth, it is very apparent.

/Only faith in Jesus Christ can be taken by God the Holy Spirit and made effective for eternal salvation. This is called Efficacious Grace, a ministry of God the Holy Spirit that opens salvation which cannot occur if you add anything to faith. The positive volition of the spiritually dead person is a non-meritorious function. God the HS worked through Common Grace to repeatedly bring you the gospel and make it understandable. Efficacious Grace takes a mustard seed of real faith and brings you into a supernatural cleansing and union with Christ – eternally.\

Even your free will decision to believe upon Christ was woefully insufficient to carry you into heaven.

God’s grace plan ensured you would have the gospel available and made understandable.

Then God’s grace plan included an incredible saving ministry of God the HS to bring you across the heavenly threshold.

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This was all processed and satisfied through the justice system of GOD in eternity past.

Because the Unbeliever has spiritual brain death, a blinding or covering by the OSN according to 1Corinthians 2.

They do not understand what they hear.

They do not have a spiritual capacity for the mind of Christ.

/God the Holy Spirit pursues you and then makes truth understandable for you. The Holy Spirit acting as the human spirit makes the gospel crystal clear and this is what we call Common Grace. The faith of the spiritually dead person has no divine power to produce salvation. Therefore, God the Holy Spirit has to take our faith and make it effective for salvation (Efficacious Grace). At no point is FREE WILL compromised.\

Efficacious grace works on the faith of the spiritually dead person, not his will. The decision to believe has already been made and then the Holy Spirit makes that faith effective.

1Cor 2:10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

[1Co 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/11/s_1064011) For who among people knows the *thoughts* of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the *thoughts* of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God.

/[1Co 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/12/s_1064012) Now **we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God**, so that we may know the things **freely given to us by God.**

The spirit of the world involves rationalism and emotionalism. Usually, a toxic blend of both. The OSN having intercourse with the cosmic system brings forth a spirit of the world. \

Bels received a divine spirit as our way of understanding spiritual phenomenon. Rationalism and common sense related to scripture become our norms and standards – everything is secured and anchored in the mind of Christ.

/1Cor 2:12 - *so that we may know*

The verb is – *eidō,* to truly perceive or have gained real knowledge of a subject. To cherish, study or pay close attention. In the perfect, active, subjunctive. Perfect tense, it was already done and completed properly. Active voice – we are responsible. Subj. mood - a 3rd class condition, a possibility, maybe it will or maybe not.\

EYE-DOE, means an action of very strong intensity – to study or perceive something to its fullest extent.

Bels MAY KNOW (free will) the things freely given to us – we examine and grow in God’s grace plan.

If we apply the two power options to their fullest extent.

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/[1Co 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/13/s_1064013) We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those **taught by the Spirit**, **combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words.***

God the HS with the Grace Apparatus of Perception after salvation becomes our guide and teacher. \

God gives the gift of pastor-teacher.

As we get deeper into applying the two power options in our walk, the combination of the filling power of the HS and divine guidance, coupled with accurate teaching of BD – that is the combination that ensures spiritual maturity.

[/1Co 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/14/s_1064014) But **a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are **foolishness** to him; and he **cannot understand them**, because they are spiritually discerned.

This is why in God’s grace plan from eternity past, Common & Efficacious grace were given. \

For *natural minded* or in the original context – the *natural man,* we see the Greek term – *psychikos* (SUE-KEE-CUS).

This speaks to passion and desire, to human viewpoint and human emotional responses.

It is the opposite of divine wisdom.

All Unbels…even the most intellectual of Unbelievers, is a natural minded person – they have an OSN and they are indoctrinated into a system within the devil’s world, which is opposed to truth.

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[1Co 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/15/s_1064015) But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no one.

[1Co 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/16/s_1064016) For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

We have the completed canon of scripture.

The very Bible you have in front of you is the mind of Christ.

This is the meaning of - the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us!

/1. The sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit is related to common and efficacious grace. At the moment we believe we are spiritually dead. The Holy Spirit makes our faith effective and that is sealing salvation. The sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit is actually a 4-part guarantee; First it gives us eternal life, as well eternal security. It also gives you access to a portfolio designed by GOD just for you! It ensures your future in the temporal as well as eternal is now secured and spiritual blessings can now be accessed.\

Because of God’s grace plan and the impeccable person and work of TLJC, you are now sealed for all of eternity.

God the HS in HIS saving ministry sealed you forever.

/Eph 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise**,

Eph 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom **you were sealed for the day of redemption**.\

Now number two is;

/2. Regeneration– isthe ministry of the Holy Spirit at salvation in creating a human spirit which causes the Believer to become instantly trichotomous. Body, Soul & Spirit, born anew, born again not of human flesh. when biological life emerges from the womb (and simultaneously the OSN) God creates soul life and imputes it to biological life, and now you have a human being. In physical life we become dichotomous: a body, biological life, and soul life created by God imputed to it — a human being yet a spiritually dead one.\

There is the old sin nature in the biological life but it is not active in the womb because there is no breath of life into a soul structure yet. There is no volition, there is not temptation in the womb, biological life emerges at the same time as, a GOD breathed soul life is given.

When biological life emerges from the womb (and simultaneously the OSN) God creates soul life and imputes it to biological life, and now you have a human being. The same breath of life GOD breathed into Adam, is given at physical birth. REPEAT

/Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,** 6 whom He richly poured out upon us **through Jesus Christ our Savior**,

1Pet 1:23 for **you have been born again not of seed which is perishable,** but imperishable, *that is,* through the living and enduring word of God.\

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Salvation through faith alone in Christ alone is the only avenue.

At the moment we believed in Christ -- God the Holy Spirit created the human spirit. This is the second birth, this is what it means to be born again.

God the Father imputed eternal life to the human spirit.

We had soul life prior to salvation, now we have soul life and eternal life.

/Jhn 3:7 “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘**You must be born again**.’ \

Those are the words of Jesus Christ not Pastor Rick!

/3. The baptism of the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit takes each one of us at the moment of faith in Christ and enters us into union with the person of Jesus Christ. That is positional sanctification, it is irreversible, it is eternal. The baptism of the Spirit is the basis for the new spiritual species and the royal family of God. \

/The baptism of the Spirit is the only time in human history where everyone is on an equal basis. There is absolute equality because every Believer receives the same baptism of the Spirit at salvation and same grace gifts. The baptism of the Spirit distinguishes the Church Age Believer from all other dispensations. One of several CA blessings that are unique for us.\

It never occurred before and it will never occur again after the Rapture.

/Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, **one baptism,**

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that **all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus**have been baptized into His death?\

After the foundation of the church of Jesus Christ, the only baptism emphasized is the baptism of God the Holy Spirit.

/1Cor 12:13 For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and **we were all made to drink of one Spirit**.\

It is the baptism of the HS that matters in the Church age dispensation and in the Christian way of life.

/Act 11:16 “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

 (Act 1:5) \