2Thess #121

God the Holy Spirit brings into salvation.

The seven-fold ministry of God the HS at salvation is important for all growing Christians to fully understand.

This type of doctrine builds your inner strength and confidence about eternity as well as your evangelist skills.

Last lesson we touched on Common Grace and Efficacious grace which I should have listed as number one.

I had my notes slightly messed up and that has to do with my own distractions as of late…so I apologize.

I will recap and clarify at the end of this message.

Common Grace is God the HS doing the work to continually invite a spiritual dead person toward salvation - while making it understandable.

Common and Efficacious Grace work together as the ultimate tag team that brings an Unbeliever into salvation.

That makes Efficacious Grace number one…again, my apologies.

Last lesson we noted the first 4;

/ 1. Efficacious grace

 2. The sealing Ministry of God the HS

 3. Regeneration (born again)

 4. Baptism of God the Holy Spirit \

That is the correct order - I wanted to speak on Common Grace as more of introduction into the 7-fold ministry and I had crisscrossed some of my notes.

These are all from the office and power of God the Holy Spirit.

Though GOD is one, HE is also a TRIUNE God, the three beings of God – Father, Son & Spirit, each has an office or mission in relation to the angelic conflict.

Now let us continue looking at the remainder of the seven-fold ministry.

Open up in 1Corinthians chapter six RF.

Corrected…we begin on number 5;

/5. The Holy Spirit indwells every Believer at the moment of salvation. In fact, that truly means the Trinity has set up shop in your soul structure. This is something that never happened before in any other age. God the Father, nor the Son or the Spirit indwelt Old Testament saints. At the Rapture of the Church age the indwelling of the Godhead ends.\

Within the Tribulation and Millennium there will be no indwelling by any member of the Trinity.

/1Cor 3:16 Do you not know that **you are a temple of God**and *that* **the Spirit of God dwells in you**?

2Cor 6:16 Or what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For **we are the temple of the living God**; just as God said, “I WILL DWELL AMONG THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.\

The Apostle Paul is addressing loose living in this section of 1Cor 6;

1Cor 6:12 All things are permitted for me, but not all things are of benefit. All things are permitted for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

What you eat and drink and your personal life is between you and GOD.

That is not a license to sin - it simply means, all of our spiritual growth and relationship with GOD, is not to be ridiculed and subject to human judgment, certainly by the RF.

There is a doctrine of privacy we all should adhere too.

 REPEAT

/[1Co 6:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/13/s_1068013) Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, however God will do away with both of them. But **the body is not for sexual immorality**, but for the Lord, and **the Lord is for the body**.

This speaks to the Bel who uses the shield of privacy, to live a lifestyle away from the calling of God.\

No one gets away with anything!

The reality of the historic context of the writing to the congregation at Corinth, was that many were involved in the party lifestyle of the Greek culture.

A lot of debauchery in the area of drinking and sexual immortality. As well as temple worship and perversions attached to their gods (fallen angels and Nephilim).

[1Co 6:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/14/s_1068014) Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.

HE has raised us up positionally, and HE will do so in the resurrected eternal life yet to come.

[1Co 6:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/15/s_1068015) Do you not know that your bodies are parts of Christ? Shall I then take away the parts of Christ and make them parts of a prostitute? Far from it!

The Apostle Paul is using a strong reprimand here to get certain Bels back in line.

You cannot live a lifestyle opposed to the plan of GOD and not face some form of misery or discipline at some point.

Not to mention the loss of rewards and blessings.

Keep in mind in ancient Greek and Roman cultures, temple prostitution was very common.

[1Co 6:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/16/s_1068016) Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body *with her?* For He says, “THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.”

This means - in God’s perfect plan, ONE MAN and ONE WOMAN join in holy matrimony.

(Divine Establishment numbers 2 & 3)

The problem many of us have, is we fail in relationships. Not many of us do things exactly the way GOD ordained for man and woman.

If you have failed in this area – GOD can heal you over the course of time by washing yourself in the word, filled by the Spirit.

 REPEAT

It is a lifestyle change that you have to submit yourself too.

/[1Co 6:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/17/s_1068017) But the one who joins himself to **the Lord is one spirit *with Him.***

The relationship within the CA dispensation is often considered as a husband and wife – Christ is our husband. There is a unique and intimate merging, the indwelling points to this as well.\

[1Co 6:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/18/s_1068018) Flee sexual immorality. Every other sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

FLEE - tells the Believer to forcefully go in the other direction, to remove yourself immediately from this lifestyle.

Because there is an obvious break in fellowship, but also a break in moral values and spiritual strength.

It can destroy body and soul in the area of growth and mental stability.

 REPEAT

It is an action that agrees with Satan and rejects the plan of God. It opens avenues of demonic influence.

/[1Co 6:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/19/s_1068019) Or do you not know that **your body is a temple**(*naos*) ***of* the Holy Spirit** within you, whom you have from God, and *that* **you are not your own**?

Your body in the CA is now a temple or shrine, other structures designed for worship become inconsequential. Your soul has a temple or altar constructed by God the HS.\

NAH-US, meaning a sacred building, a temple or shrine for worship.

When the veil of the temple was ripped at the cross of Christ, the need for a temple of worship and ritualistic sacrifices were complete.

The cross was a definitive turning point in human history.

[1Co 6:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/20/s_1068020) For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

The doctrine of Redemption – you were bought with a price Believer!

Redeemed from a slave market of sin.

/The Holy Spirit indwells our bodies. This is the CA temple. In every cell of the body, with one exception, the cell the OSN resides. The Holy Spirit provides a temple for the indwelling of God the Father and the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.\

Now we go to number 6 on the list of the seven-fold ministry of God the HS;

/6. The filling power of the Holy Spirit. It occurs at the moment of salvation but it is experiential. From salvation forward, the filling power dictates fellowship in our temporal walk. Indwelling of the Spirit (Trinity) is not the same as the filling power. The filling power opens up the new nature, meaning not only fellowship but the Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP) for learning, guidance and growth.\

The filling power is not dependent upon emotional waves.

Most of the time there is no emotional response once a Bel names and cites a sin.

/Eph 5;18 And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, **but be filled**(*plēroō*) **with the Spirit,**

the present passive imperative of *plēroō,* meaning; to fill up a deficiency, to fully possess, or fully influence.\

PLAY-RAH-OO, to become filled up, or to be consumed by something.

The present tense, means continually or repeatedly.

The passive voice tells the Bel, you receive the action of the verb.

Imperative mood, speaks to a command.

 REPEAT

It was said of the first deacon of the church, the first who was martyred - that he was filled by God the HS;

/Act 6:8 And **Stephen, full of grace and power,** was performing great wonders and signs among the people.\

When you read in the NT to take off the old or put on the new, it is the same thing, or to walk in the Spirit.

There are terms meaning the same thing as the filling power of God the HS.

/2Cor 12:18 I urged Titus *to go,* and I sent the brother with him. Titus did not take any advantage of you, did he? Did we not conduct ourselves in the **same spirit *and walk* in the same steps**?

Rom 8:4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not **walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.\**

Notice what the Apostle Paul is teaching – all laws and commands fulfilled IN Christ, you walk in His nature.

/Act 13:52 And **the disciples** were continually **filledwith joy and with the Holy Spirit**.

Rom 15:13 **Now may the God of hope fillyou** with all **joy and peace**in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the **power of the Holy Spirit**.\

/Eph 4:24 and to **put on the new self**, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Col 3:10 and have **put on the new self**, which is being **renewed to a true knowledge** according to the image of the One who created it—\

/Phlp 1:11 having been **filledwith the fruit of righteousness** which comes **through Jesus Christ**, for the glory and praise of God.

Act 6:5 The announcement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose **Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit**, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.\

/Gal 5:16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

To walk in, to abide, to put on the new or take off the old, to have divine power or Godly knowledge, all relate to the filling power of God the HS.\

All of this 7-fold ministry of GOD the HS also point us to a uniqueness of the CA Dispensation.

The last of the seven ministries of God the HS at salvation is this;

/7. The sovereign distribution of a spiritual gift. God the Son, who was involved in the initial distribution of spiritual gifts in the beginning of the Church Age (apostles), has now turned that over to the Holy Spirit. At the moment of salvation, God the Holy Spirit gives to each one of us a spiritual gift. We learn and grow into these gifts, many times we develop one or more along the way, often leading to our final spiritual gift.\

No Believer walks into the gift of leadership, administration, evangelism or any other spiritual gift, days or weeks and even months after salvation.

There is a training and growing period.

I was an usher for my church for nearly 4 years before I was a deacon.

I was a deacon for over 2 years before I began teaching prep school.

It took several more years as a deacon, before I became a pastor-teacher.

/Eph 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given **according to the measure of Christ’s gift**.

1Cor 12:11 But one and the same **Spirit works** all these things, **distributing** to each one individually just as He wills. 12 For just as **the body is one** and yet **has many parts**, and all the parts of the body, **though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ**.\

Some Bels have the gift of financial support – meaning they go above and beyond normal giving. Others have a gift of administration or they work behind the scenes.

Music ministry, evangelism, pastor-teacher, the gift of helps and the gift of edification which is very powerful, helping others, lifting others up and being involved in outreach programs. You may end up with a unique, spiritual gift not necessarily listed in scripture.

In closing today, we will recap this short series…because last message I did not cover this first gift in the accurate order;

/1. Efficacious Grace (first)

 2. Filling power of HS

 3. Sealing ministry of HS

 4. Distribution of gifts

 5. Indwelling of the Trinity

 6. Regeneration

 7.Baptsim of the HS \

Efficacious Grace has to be listed first because it opens the salvation gateway.

All the rest follow instantaneously.

/The entrance into the 7-fold ministry is dependent upon Common Grace. The gospel consistently available and made understandable. Common Grace and Efficacious Grace work in combination, one dependent on the other. Common Grace occurs consistently in this lost and dying world. Efficacious Grace happens once, it awaits the signal of faith from a lost soul (Unbel). Then it ignites! \

/At that point of faith, Efficacious Grace supernaturally works to bring all saving ministries into action at once. Common Grace is the doorstep into the 7- fold ministry of saving grace by God the HS. The two undisputable facts in relation to salvation is that it is Christ centered, and dependent upon the work of God the Holy Spirit. Human I.Q. or effort, as well as human works nullifies the salvation opportunity. \