Systematic Theology 2 (TH4)

Doctrines of the Sacraments & Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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- Apr. 4 Re-Intro to Systematic Theology; God's Providence
- Apr. 11 Doctrine of Humanity
- Apr. 18 **No Class** (Holy Week)
- Apr. 25 Doctrines of Sin & Redemption
- May 2 **No Class**
- May 9 No Class
- May 16 Doctrines of Sanctification & Glorification
- May 23 Doctrine of the Church
- May 30 Doctrines of the Sacraments & Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- June 6 Doctrine of the Future; Final Exam

The Sacraments

Sacrament: a religious action or symbol in which spiritual power is believed to be transmitted through material elements or the performance of ritual. (secular)

Sacrament: a sacred Christian rite recognized as of particular importance and spiritual significance. (reflective of Orthodox tradition)

Sacrament: Efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. (Roman Catholic)

Sacrament: an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, ordained by Christ himself. (Anglican and *commonly* Protestant)

Sacrament: a rite or ceremony instituted by Jesus and observed by the Church as a means of or a visible sign of grace.

The Sacraments

Roman Catholics, Orthodox and some Anglicans have <u>SEVEN</u> sacraments:

- Eucharist (Holy Communion)
- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Penance
- Anointing of the sick (extreme unction)
- Matrimony
- Ordination (Holy orders)

These seven sacraments are all received as a means of grace, *ex opere operato*.

The Sacraments

Protestants recognize only TWO sacraments:

- Holy Communion
- Baptism

The Protestant Reformers held that a sacrament had to be of "divine institution" – meaning that it had to be both commanded and practiced by Jesus.

Melanchthon: "rites that have the command of God, and to which is added a promise of grace."

Calvin: "an earthly sign associated with a promise from God."

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 11:1-2

Roman Catholicism teaches that believers receive SEVEN gifts of the Holy Spirit at baptism (from Isaiah 11:1-2):

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel (right judgment)
- Fortitude (courage)
- Knowledge
- Piety (reverence)
- Fear of the Lord.

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:1-6

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

From 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12:

- Wisdom
- Knowledge
- Faith
- Healing
- Miracles
- Prophesy
- Discernment (distinguishing spirits)
- Tongues
- Interpretation of tongues
- Teaching
- Helps/Service
- Encouragement
- Giving
- Leadership
- Mercy