

FROM THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM

Study Lesson Number: 24

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GRACE

God's Gifts to Adam	The Devil's Gifts to Us	Christ's Gifts to Us
Freedom from suffering and death	Suffering and sickness	The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Control of the passions	Death	Virtues
Great knowledge	Inclination to sin	Actual Grace
Grace	Ignorance	Sanctifying Graces
	Original sin	Heaven

"Where the offense has abounded, grace has abounded yet more" Romans 5/20

Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, pours down His gifts on us, gifts greater than those lost by Adam, gifts which overcome for us the evil gifts of the devil.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is GOD and the THIRD PERSON of the Blessed Trinity.

The Holy Spirit, symbolized by a dove, comes from the Father and the Son like love from the heart. He is the mutual Love of the Father and the Son.

From Whom does the Holy Spirit proceed?

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Is the Holy Spirit equal to the Father and the Son?

The Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son because HE IS GOD, just as the Father is God and the Son is God.

What does the Holy Spirit do for the salvation of mankind?

The Holy Spirit dwells in the Church as the source of its life and sanctifies souls through the gift of grace.

The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. Christ is the Head and we are the members.

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. He dwells in it to give it life. The life-blood of grace which flows through every living member of the Mystical Body of Christ comes from the Holy Spirit.

GRACE:

What is grace?

Grace is a supernatural gift of God bestowed on us through the merits of Jesus Christ for our salvation.

How many kinds of grace are there?

There are TWO kinds of grace: Sanctifying grace and actual grace.

This means that these are the two chief kinds of grace. Any gift of God can be called a grace, but these are the two most important.

What is sanctifying grace?

Sanctifying grace is that grace which confers on our souls a new life, that is, a sharing in the life of God Himself.