

Series: Systematic Theology Part 4
Title: Means of Grace
Purpose: To examine the different activities within the church that God uses to bless us.
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- I. How many means of grace are available to us
 - A. All blessings are of grace - 1 Peter 5:12
 - B. Special ones that come from being within the fellowship of the church
 - C. Short list
 1. Preaching of the Word; 2. Baptism - next week; 3. Lord's supper - two weeks
 - D. Long list - blessings from being within the church body (expand in a minute)
 1. Teaching of the Word; 1a. Baptism; 1.b Lord's supper
 2. Praying for one another; 2a. Worship; 2b. Church discipline; 2c. Giving
 3. Spiritual gifts; 3a. Fellowship; 3b. Evangelism
 4. Personal ministry to individuals
 - E. Catholic list - all come only through priests and are seen as a means of salvation (also known as the sacraments)
 1. Baptism; Confirmation; Eucharist (the Lord's Supper during the mass); Penance; Extreme unction (last rites); Holy orders (ordination to the priesthood); Matrimony

- II. Specific means
 - A. Teaching of the Word
 1. Brings people to Christ
 2. Builds people up
 3. Profitable
 - B. Baptism
 - C. The Lord's Supper
 - D. Prayer
 - E. Worship
 - F. Church discipline
 - G. Giving
 - H. Spiritual gifts - 2 chapters on gifts later
 - I. Fellowship
 - J. Evangelism
 - K. Personal ministry to individuals
 - L. Is foot-washing also a means of grace - Grudem says NO

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