

# Ministries of the Holy Spirit At Salvation (Part II)

Basic Doctrine: Salvation  
Technical Term: Soteriology



# The Seven Ministries of the Holy Spirit at Salvation

1. The Unbeliever Receives Efficacious Grace
2. The Unbeliever is Regenerated
3. The Believer is Sealed by the Holy Spirit
4. The Believer is Baptized by the Holy Spirit
5. The Believer is Indwelt by the Holy Spirit
6. The Believer Receives Spiritual Gifts from the Holy Spirit
7. The Believer is Filled by the Holy Spirit

[based upon Thieme's teaching Ephesians 1984 series lesson 57]



# Doctrine of Common Grace

## I. Need for Common Grace

A. Man is Born Spiritually Dead (No human spirit)

B. Man is Not Able to Understand Spiritual Phenomenon

**1 Corinthians 2:14 (Thieme Translation) But the soulish man (not the natural man) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God for to him it is foolishness. Furthermore, he is not able to acquire knowledge.**

# Doctrine of Common Grace 2

## II. First Mention of Common Grace

The spirit is convincing, clarifying, the Spirit is making lucid gospel information.

**Genesis 6:3 (Thieme Translation) Then the Lord said, My Spirit shall not convince inside mankind forever (this is the Spirit's function in common grace). For in his going astray (reference to man's total depravity and a manifestation of spiritual death) he is also flesh (spiritual death at birth). Nevertheless, his days shall be 120 years. (This means there would be 120 more years before the ante-diluvian civilization came to a close with the flood.)**

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## III. Mechanics of Common Grace

Common grace is the work of the Holy Spirit in making the gospel understandable in evangelism. Three areas of the evangelistic message are emphasized in John 16:8-11

# John 16:8

**Verse 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;**

The Holy Spirit will convince the world  
(kosmos – world of unbelievers)



# John 16:9

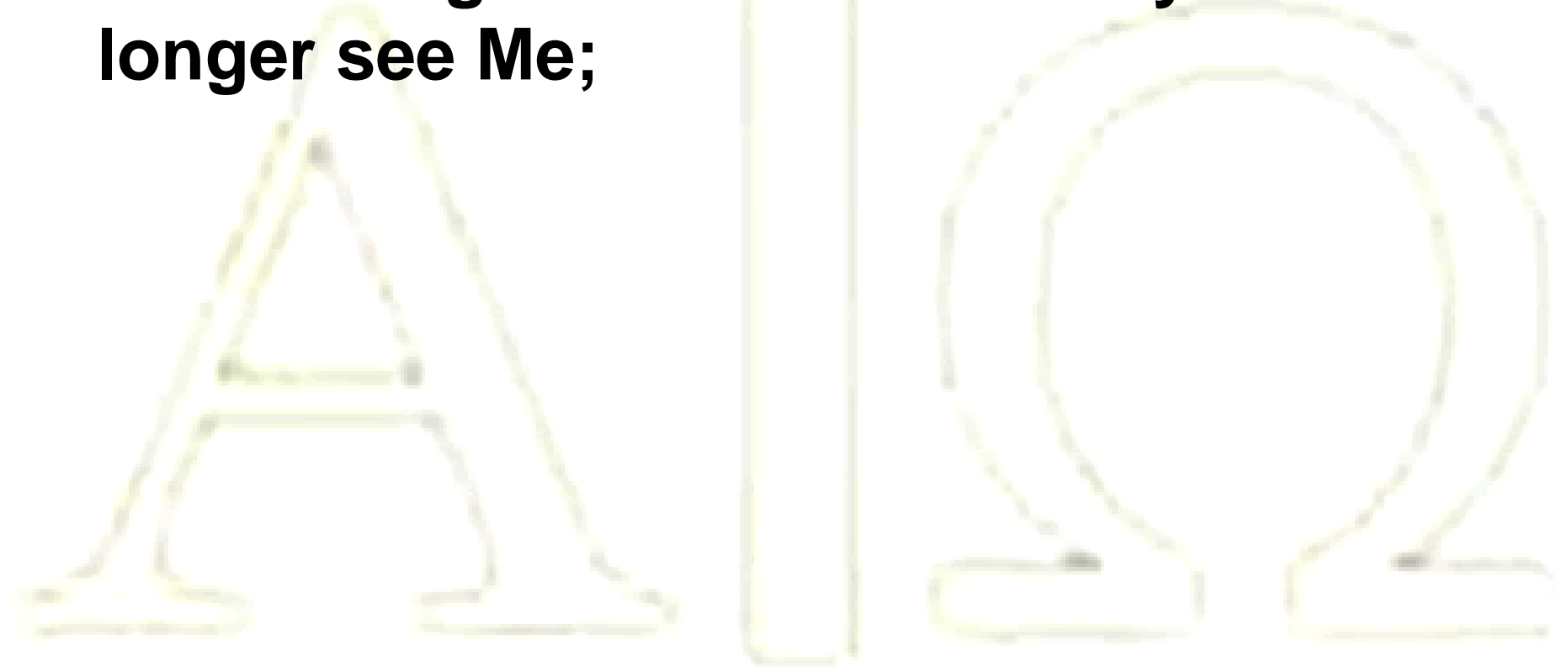
**Verse 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;**

Concerning sin: Sin is not the issue in the gospel presentation

Rejection of Jesus Christ as Savior is the problem

# John 16:10

**Verse 10 and concerning righteousness,  
because I go to the Father and you no  
longer see Me;**







# John 16:11

**Verse 11 and concerning judgment,  
because the ruler of this world has been  
judged.**





# Doctrine of Common Grace 4

## IV. Principle of Common Grace

Common Grace is the theological nomenclature for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in evangelism or the presentation of the gospel message. The gospel message is presented in some cases it is recalled. But because of the spiritual death of mankind and the total depravity mankind.

The dichotomous

# Ryrie: Efficacious Grace

“Efficacious Grace is the work of the Holy Spirit which effectively moves men to believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour.”

Ryrie, C. C., *The Holy Spirit*, Chicago: Moody Press, 1971, p61

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“Efficacious grace is the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to the believer in Christ, or the work of the Holy Spirit which enables the believer to have an effective faith in Christ as Savior. It is the Holy Spirit picking up a person’s positive signals of faith in Christ and carrying them to the point of salvation.”

From <http://www.gracenotes.info>

# Question: How?

- How Does the Holy Spirit make the unbeliever's faith effective?
- Is there some kind of illustration that would help me understand this?
- R. B. Thieme Jr. has a more complete explanation.



# Thieme: Efficacious Grace - 1

“The first ministry of God the Holy Spirit in salvation is what we call efficacious grace. It is God the Holy Spirit who communicates the gospel when the gospel is presented. The gospel is presented to the unbeliever. The unbeliever is dichotomous. He has a body and a soul. He does not have a human spirit.



## Thieme: Efficacious Grace - 2

“Therefore, he cannot understand spiritual phenomena. The gospel is spiritual phenomena. Therefore, God the Holy Spirit takes the gospel message, however it is presented, verbally from an evangelist, witnessing, on the page of a tract, however it is presented, just a word, a verse, whatever it happens to be, and the Holy Spirit acts as a human spirit so that the gospel is understood by the unbeliever who is called the psuchikos or the soulish man in 1 Cor 2:14.

# Thieme: Efficacious Grace - 3

“The soulish man cannot understand the things of the Spirit of God because they are foolishness unto him neither can he know them because they are discerned by the human spirit. But the unbeliever does not have a human spirit. Therefore, God the Holy Spirit acts as the human spirit and the gospel becomes spiritual phenomena understood.”

[based upon Thieme's teaching Ephesians 1984 series lesson 57]





# Thieme: Efficacious Grace -

## 4

Efficacious grace is the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ or the work of the Holy Spirit in moving man to effective faith in Christ as his personal savior. Efficacious grace is the Holy Spirit picking up positive volition at the point of gospel hearing and carrying faith in Christ to the point of salvation. That means that efficacious grace is related to the divine call to salvation which results in the certainty of salvation through faith in Christ. It is generally called or used by the word “call” in the New Testament

[based upon Thieme’s teaching Ephesians 1984 series lesson 137]

# Ryrie – Efficacious Grace

- “The biblical support of the doctrine is based on the use of the word “call.” In only a very few instances does the word convey a general invitation to elect and non elect alike (cf. Matt. 22:14 and probably Matt. 9:13). The vast majority of occurrences concern the effectual call which leads to salvation. From such verses as Romans 1:1; 8:28; I Timothy 6:12; II Peter 1:3, 10 it is clear that the calling is not merely a general invitation but that mysterious yet effectual work of God through the Holy Spirit which brings man to saving faith in Jesus Christ. To those who are not called in this effectual sense, the gospel remains foolishness ( I Cor 1:21-25)
- Ryrie, C. C., The Holy Spirit, pp 61-62

# Scripture (Called)

- Matt 9:13; Rom 1:6; rom 8:28; rom 8:30; rom 9:24. The word “call” in all of these passages refers to efficacious grace and indicates a special ministry of the Holy Spirit at the point of faith in Christ.
- Rom 11:29 it is irrevocable; 1Cor 1:2; 1cor 1:9; 1cor 1:26; gal 1:14
- The divine call which results in salvation is the technical and theological doctrine of efficacious grace
- Matt 22:14 No efficacious grace for those who choose to not believe
- Called to be saints Rom 1:7
- Called to eternal life 1 Tim 6:12
- Called out of darkness into His marvelous light 1 Pet 2:9
- Whom he called, them he also justified Rom 8:30
- [based upon Thieme’s teaching Ephesians 1984 series lesson 137]

# Summary: Efficacious Grace

- Efficacious Grace is the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, acting as a human spirit to make the gospel (spiritual information) real and to carry faith in Christ to the point of salvation.
- Scriptures: As reflected in Scripture through the use of the word “call” Matt 9:13; Rom 1:6,7; Rom 8:28; 8:30; 9:24; 11:29; I Cor 1:2; 1:9; 1:26; Gal 1:14; I Tim 6:12; 1 Pet 2:9
- Implication: At the point of belief, the believer then receives the 34+ blessings which cannot be undone confirming eternal security.

# What is Regeneration?

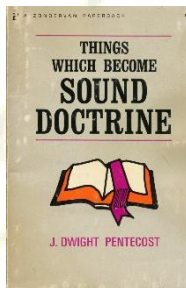
Regenerate – from Latin regeneratus  
[Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary,  
Tenth Edition]

1. formed or created again
2. spiritually reborn or converted
3. restored to a better, higher, or more worthy state

# Regenerate Theologically - 1

“And while we may be confused over the English word regenerate, there can be little confusion over “born again,” or “born a second time,” or “the new birth.” One who is born into this world spiritually dead must be born a second time of a new Father, into a new family, if he is to have eternal life and is to become the child of God.”

[ Pentecost, J. Dwight, Things Which Become Sound Doctrine, Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1971, pp30-31]



# Regenerate Theologically -2

“In the second place, as our Lord said to Nicodemus, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” (John 3:5-6). Here a very well known truth concerning the new birth is presented. One must be born of the Spirit. God the Father is the Author, but the Holy Spirit is the active agent of regeneration.”

Pentecost, J. Dwight, Things Which Become Sound Doctrine, Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House. 1971, pp 32-33

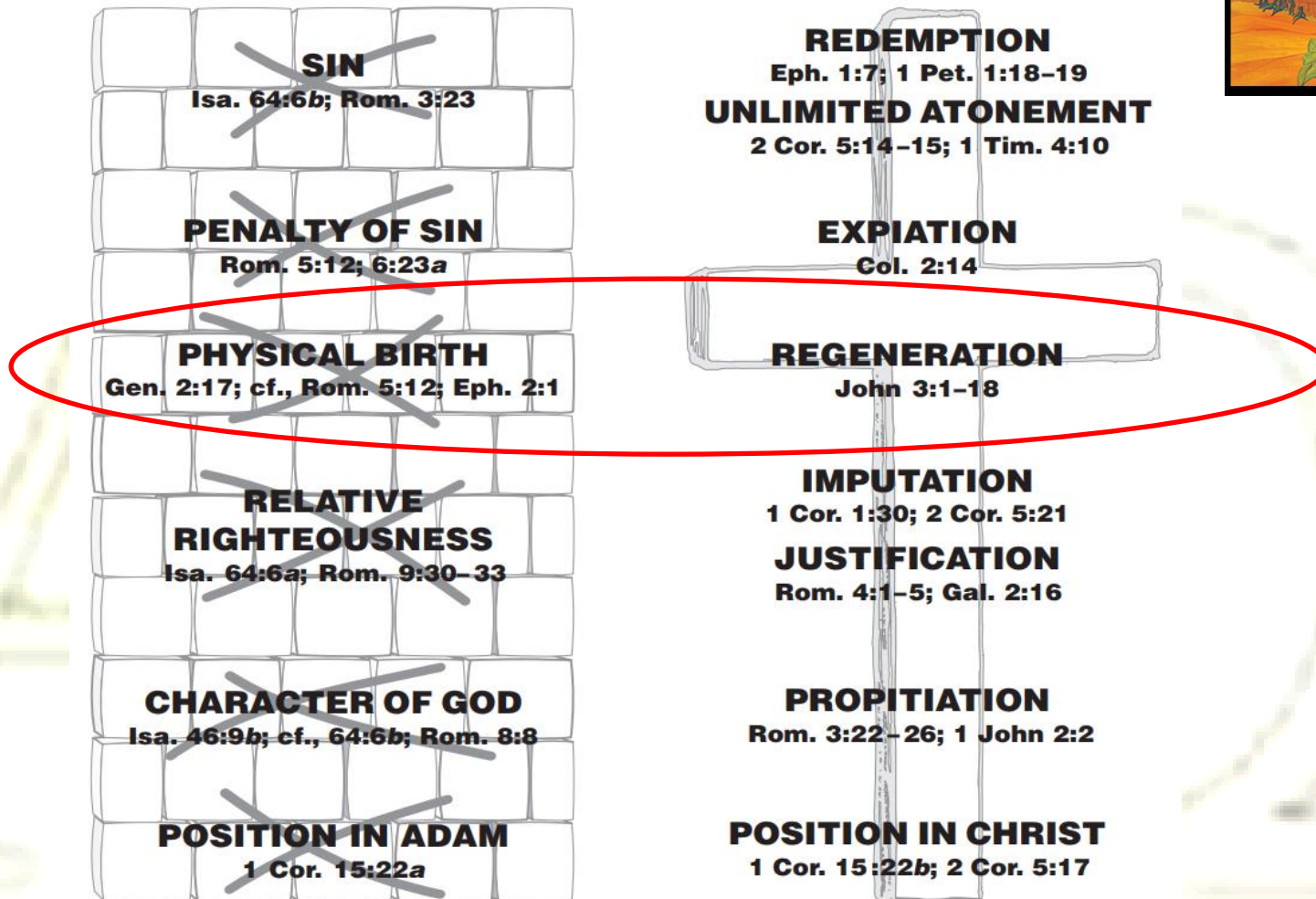
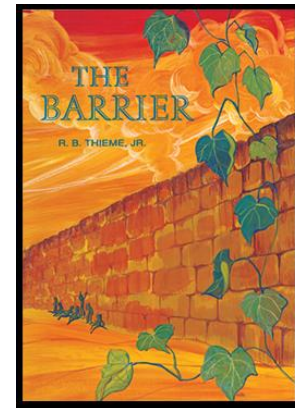
# Regeneration

“We are born-again as children of God and entered into God's family at the moment of salvation. God the Holy Spirit is the agent of this new birth”

[[http://www.egracebiblechurch.org/seven\\_salvation\\_ministries\\_of\\_hs.htm](http://www.egracebiblechurch.org/seven_salvation_ministries_of_hs.htm)]



# “The Barrier”



<http://rbthieme.org/PDF/Illustrations.pdf>

Basic Doctrine – The “34” Blessings at Salvation

# Thieme on Regeneration

- “Regeneration is God the Holy Spirit creating a human spirit for the imputation of eternal life”
- God the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit. Now we are Trichotomous and are ready for the imputation of eternal life to the human spirit.

Thieme, Ephesians series, lessons 57 & 137

# Regeneration

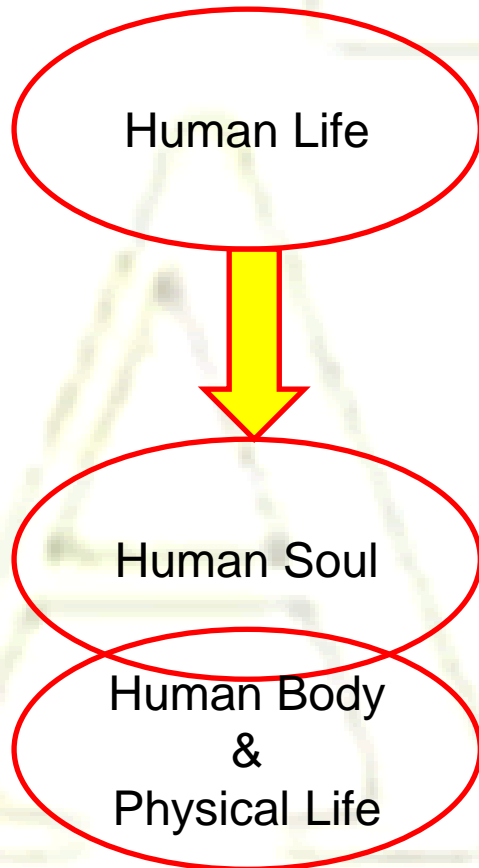
- “Regeneration is God the Holy Spirit creating a human spirit for the imputation of eternal life” Thieme, Ephesians, lesson 137
- Ministry of God the HS to provide a human spirit making a person “trichotomous”

# “Born Again”

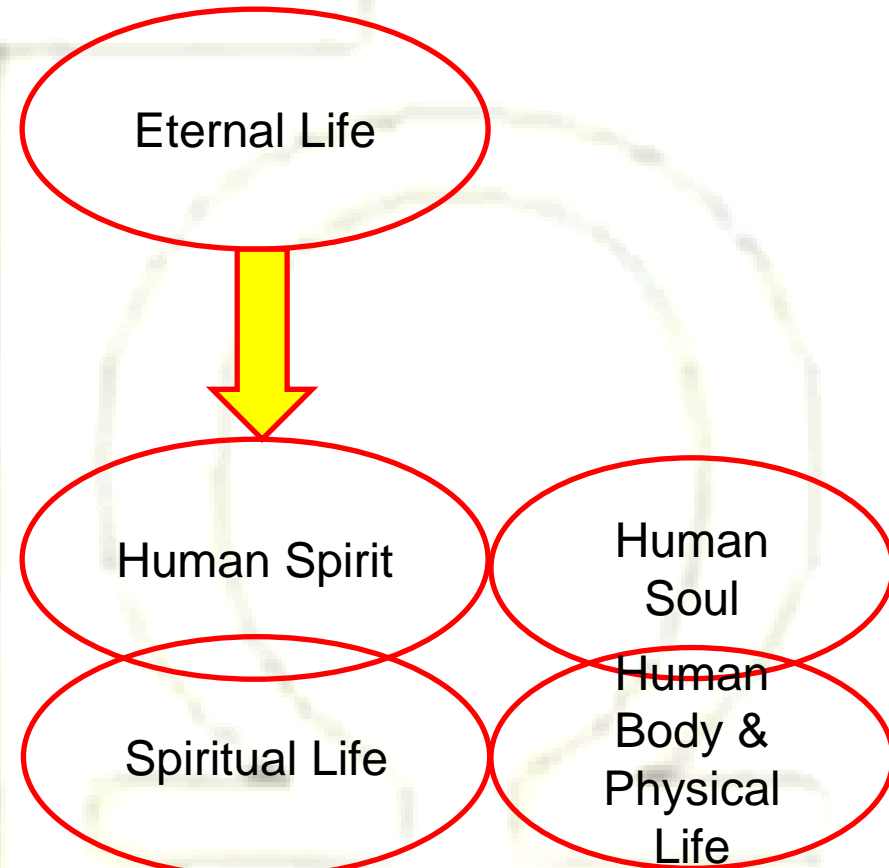
- In physical birth, a baby is born with a human body. God imputes human life to this body.
- In spiritual birth, God creates a human spirit. God imputes spiritual, eternal life.

# Born “Again”

## Physical Birth



## Spiritual Birth





# Human Spirit/Spiritual Life

- The moment God the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit, God the Father imputes eternal life to that human spirit.
- Remember that any kind of life must have a place to reside. The human soul is where human physical life resides, imputed at our physical birth. The human spirit is where eternal life resides, imputed at our spiritual birth.
- So regeneration means the creation of a human spirit for the imputation of eternal life. The soul is the residence of human life; the human spirit is the residence of eternal life.

Warren Doud, *The Holy Spirit's Salvation Ministries*

# Summary: Regeneration

- Regeneration is the new birth: “born again” or “born from above.”  
In human birth, we obtain a human body with human physical life.  
This spiritual birth is the reception of a human spirit that makes a believer a spiritual being with spiritual life able to comprehend spiritual phenomena.
- Scripture: John 3:3-6; Titus 3:5
- Implication: We are born into the divine royal family.