



Introduction To The sacraments Of the church





WHAT IS A SACRAMENT

- From the Church, Christ reaches out to us with the Sacraments to bring to us His grace and love.
- Every sacrament puts us in touch with Christ and applies to us the power of the Cross and the Resurrection.
- The Sacraments are the kiss of God where He pours out the riches of His love.
- They communicate to us the very life of God.
- Every Sacrament is a theophany, the appearance of God to us for a specific purpose and need.
- The Sacraments make us partakers of divine nature.
- The Sacraments are the ways by which we come into intimate personal contact with Jesus today.
- Through the Sacraments we go to Christ to appropriate the fullness of life that is in Him.
- A Sacrament is a divine rite instituted by Christ and/or the Apostles which through visible signs conveys to us the hidden grace of God.
- The basic requirements are: divine institution, visible sign, and the hidden power of God.

- ❖ The Holy Spirit has existed in the church from day of Pentecost: *“I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever”* John 14:16
- ❖ The Bible refers to “MYSTERIES”
 - ❖ Mysteries of knowledge that God Reveals (Secrets and Hidden Truth)
e.g. *“To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God”*
Luke 8:10
 - ❖ Mysteries of Grace and Invisible Gifts that the Holy Spirit grants (Sacraments)
e.g. *“A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery but I speak concerning Christ and the Church”* Eph 5:31-32



SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Confirmation

Confession

Eucharist

Unction of the Sick

Matrimony

Priesthood



THEN NUMBER “7”

- 7 is a number that indicates wholesome and fullness
- Proverbs 9:1
Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars.
- Revelation 4:5
And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Institution by the Lord Jesus Christ:

- By His baptism in the Jordan river and his words to Nicodemus saying “Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” John 3
- By saying to his disciples: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Mathew 28:19

Invisible Grace/Gift:

- Born again of water and Holy Spirit

Visible Rite/Substance:

- Immersing totally in and out of water three times

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Institution by the Lord Jesus Christ:

- “If anyone thirsts let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scriptures has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the spirit whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified” John 7:37-39
- Holy spirit in Acts was received by laying of hands (Acts 8:14-17). However, with increasing numbers, they made the Holy Myron

Invisible Grace/Gift:

- The Holy Spirit dwells in us

Visible Rite/Substance:

- The Holy Oil of Myron

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Institution by the Lord Jesus Christ:

- By the Lord Jesus saying “Assuredly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound on heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosened in heaven”
Matthew 18:18

Invisible Grace/Gift:

- Forgiveness of Sin

Visible Rite/Substance:

- Confession session and a priest praying the absolution prayer.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Institution by the Lord Jesus Christ:

- In the upper room in Zion, on the night of His passion (Mark 14:22-24)

Invisible Grace/Gift:

- Eat the Holy Body and drink the Holy Blood of Jesus Christ

Visible Rite/Substance:

- Bread and wine

SACRAMENT OF UNCTION OF THE SICK

Institution by the Lord Jesus Christ:

- By saying to the disciples “Whatecer city you enter..... Heal the sick who are there” Luke 10:8 and in turn “They anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them” Mark 6:13

Invisible Grace/Gift:

- Remedy for physical and psychological illness

Visible Rite/Substance:

- Anointing with oil

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Institution by the Lord Jesus Christ:

- By attending the wedding at Cana of Galilee and blessing it with the first miracle.
- By saying: "A man shall leave his father and mothe and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh" Mark 10:7-8

Invisible Grace/Gift:

- A bride and a groom unite

Visible Rite/Substance:

- A priest and series of prayers.

SACRAMENT OF PRIESTHOOD

Institution by the Lord Jesus Christ:

- After resurrection the Lord “Breathed on them and said receive the Holy Spirit” John 20:22

Invisible Grace/Gift:

- Receives the Holy Spirit and the authority to serve the Holy Sacraments

Visible Rite/Substance:

- Prayers and laying of hands by the bishop or pope

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Confession	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Communion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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