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2. Common Grace vs. Saving Grace

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5. Law vs. Grace

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Our Salvation

A Systematic Study of Soteriology

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A. English Usage

1) Praying ("I'll say grace before we eat")



2) An Address to a Duke/Duchess ("Dinner is ready Your Grace")





6 MONTHS

9 MONTHS

3) A Time Allowed for Payment
("You have a 3 month grace period")

4) A Description of Elegance ("They danced with grace")

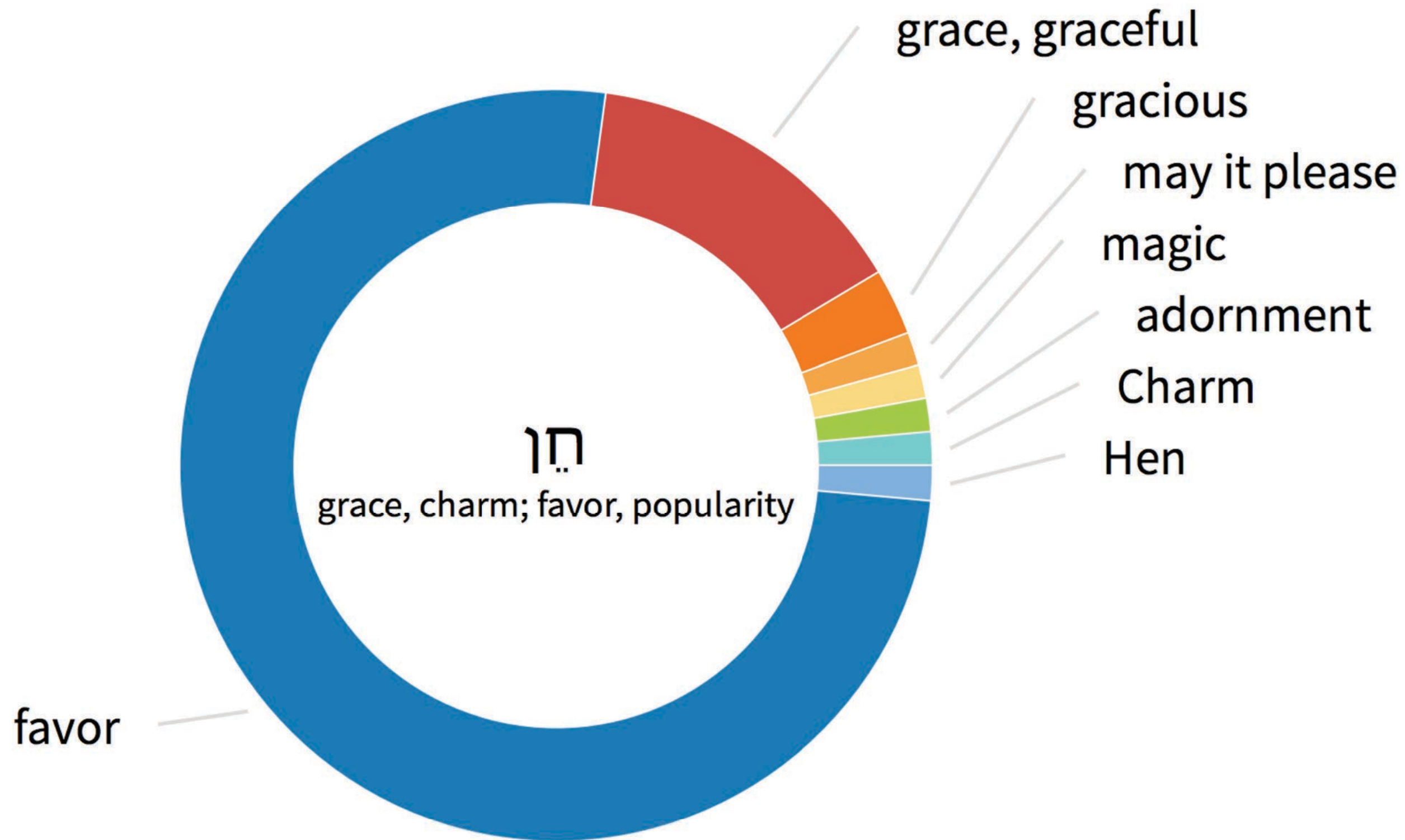


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B. Biblical Usage

1) Favor; Approval; Liking

Esther 2:17 the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she won **grace** [*hen*] and favor [*hesed*] in his sight more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen



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Acts 2:47 praising God and having **favor** [*charis*] with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great **grace** [*charis*] was upon them all.

grace (outworking)

thanks

present \Leftrightarrow grace

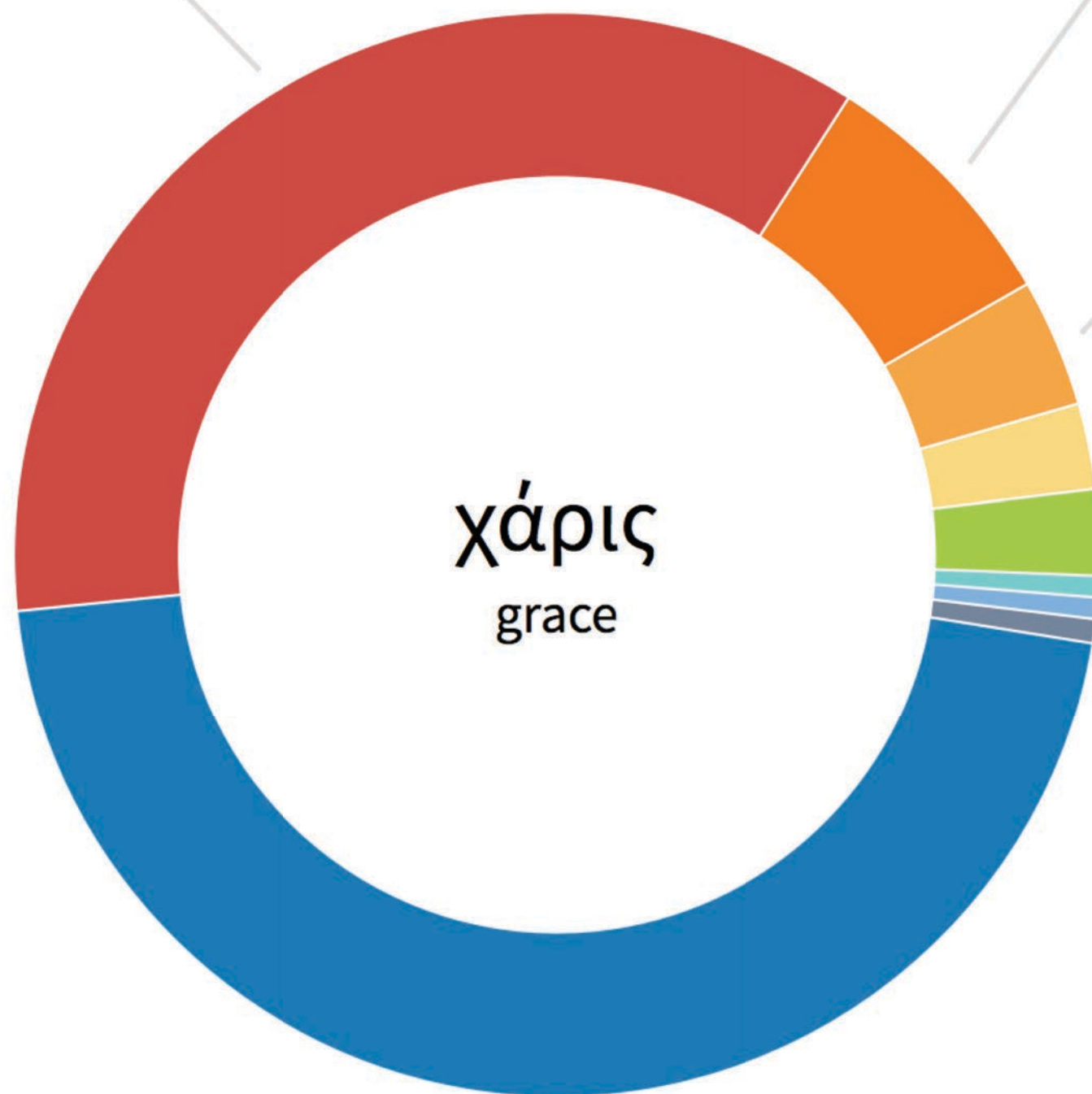
credit \Leftrightarrow grace

grace (system)

charm appeal

honor \Leftrightarrow grace

to thank



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B. Biblical Usage

2) Unearned & Complete Acceptance

Ephesians 2:5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by **grace** [*charis*] you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his **grace** [*charis*] in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by **grace** [*charis*] you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 and are justified by his **grace** [*charis*] as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Romans 11:5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by **grace** [*charis*]. **6** But if it is by **grace** [*charis*], it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise **grace** [*charis*] would no longer be **grace** [*charis*].

2 Timothy 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and **grace** [*charis*], which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began

2. Common Grace vs. Saving Grace

A. A Definition of Common Grace

Psalms 145:9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

...**15** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. **16** You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

“The undeserved good that God variously grants to all people.”

2. Common Grace vs. Saving Grace

B. The Wages of Sin

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Better
~~THAN~~
~~DESERVE~~

2. Common Grace vs. Saving Grace

C. God is the Gracious Source of Good

James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. **17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

2. Common Grace vs. Saving Grace

D. God Graciously Give & Sustains Life

Acts 17:25 since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth... he is actually not far from each one of us, **28** for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

1 Timothy 4:10

God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

2. Common Grace vs. Saving Grace

E. God's Gracious Provisions

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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F. For Many, God Restrains Evil Actions

Psalms 81:12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

Romans 1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

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G. For Most, God Restrains Evil Societies

2 Thessalonians 2:6

And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

Romans 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, **4** for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

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H. God's Grace in Cultural Christianity

Matthew 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

Hebrews 6:4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, **5** and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6** and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

2. Common Grace vs. Saving Grace

I. Common Grace Points to Saving Grace

Romans 2:2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.

3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

3. Preventive vs. Efficacious Grace

A. Preventive Grace

- 1) i.e., “Pre-Regenerate” Grace
- 2) Grace that Makes People Neutral to God
 - Removal of Adam’s Guilt
- 3) Making a Response to Christ Possible

John 6:44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...

Acts 16:14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

3. Prevenient vs. Efficacious Grace

A. Prevenient Grace

- 1) i.e., “Pre-Regenerate” Grace**
- 2) Grace that Makes People Neutral to God**
 - Removal of Adam’s Guilt**
- 3) Making a Response to Christ Possible**
- 4) It May or May Not Result in Conversion**

3. Prevenient vs. Efficacious Grace

B. Efficacious Grace

1) Grace “Effective” in Bringing Conversion

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **7** It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

3. Prevenient vs. Efficacious Grace

B. Efficacious Grace

2) Provides an “Irresistible” Drawing to Christ

John 6:44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

3. Prevenient vs. Efficacious Grace

B. Efficacious Grace

3) Provides an “Effectual” Calling

Romans 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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B. Efficacious Grace

4) Provides Salvific Life to Dead Sinners

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ... **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

4. Means of Grace vs. Sacramentalism

A. God Needs No Human Means of Saving Grace

Acts 9:3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. **4** And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" **5** And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6** But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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B. God Chooses to Use Means of Saving Grace

Romans 10:13 For “everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord

14 How then will they call

they have not believed?

to believe in him of whom

heard? And how are they

someone preaching? **15** And

to preach unless they are sent

written, “How beautiful are the

those who preach the good news

2 Timothy 3:15 and how from
childhood you have been acquainted
with the sacred writings, which are
able to make you wise for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 1:23 since you have been
born again, not of perishable seed
but of imperishable, through the
living and abiding word of God

4. Means of Grace vs. Sacramentalism

C. God Does NOT Save Through Sacraments

1) “Sacraments” =

Sacred (holy) rituals depositing grace
dispensed by the divinely instituted Church

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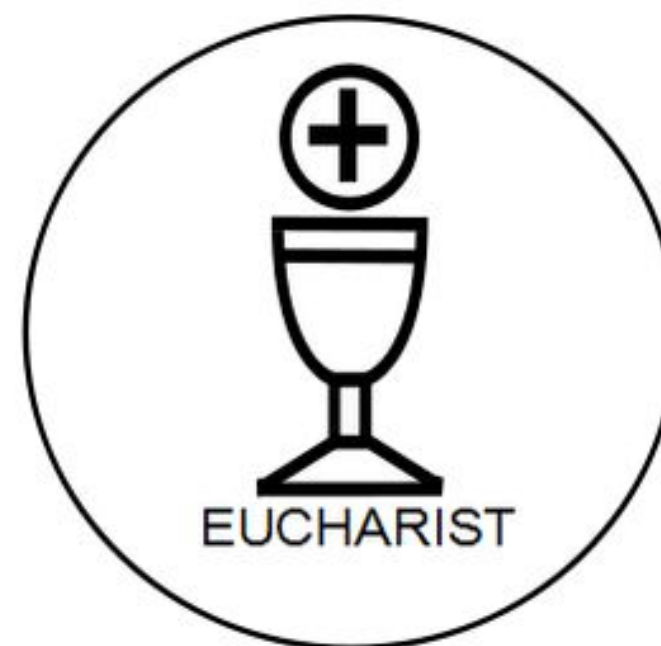
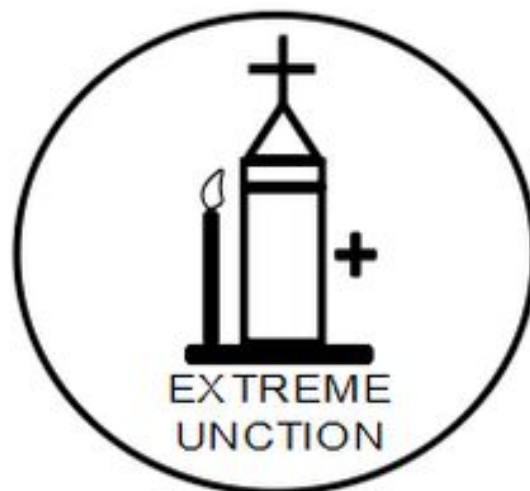
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2) Roman Catholic Claims:

Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)

CCC § 1084

Christ now acts through the sacraments he instituted to communicate his grace



Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)

CCC § 95 *“It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture, and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.”*



Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)

§1250 *“The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism.*

The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth.”



Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)

CCC § 1392 *What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ, a flesh “given life and giving life through the Holy Spirit,” preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion*



Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)

CCC § 1393 *Holy Communion separates us from sin. The body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is “given up for us,” and the blood we drink “shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins.”*

For this reason the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins



4. Means of Grace vs. Sacramentalism

D. Some Non-Catholics Speak of Means of Grace

1) I.e.: Means of “Sanctifying” Grace

2) E.g.: Preaching, Lord’s Supper,
Baptism, Prayer

- A means to stir up one’s faith

3) Not “*Ex Opere Operato*”

- “the benefit is by the very fact of the action being performed”
- Biblically, Is there power in the ceremony itself?

Jeremiah 9:25 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will punish all those who are circumcised merely in the flesh— **26** Edom, the sons of Ammon, all who dwell in the desert, corners of their hair, for they are uncircumcised, and the Israelites are uncircumcised

Jeremiah 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD; remove the foreskin of your hearts, O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds.”

5. Law vs. Grace

A. A OT / NT Distinction

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15** (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ”) **16** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

5. Law vs. Grace

B. The Law's Three Major Divisions

- 1) Moral / Ethical**
- 2) Civil / Criminal**
- 3) Ritual / Ceremonial**

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C. The Law is Good

Romans 7:12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

- 1) **Moral** = Reflects God's Character Directly
 - Conduct = **1 Peter 1** (ethical behavior)
- 2) **Civil** = Reflects God's Character Indirectly
 - Penalties = **Revelation 20** (greater judgment)
- 3) **Ceremonial** = Reflects God's Character Indirectly
 - Dietary = **2 Corinthians 6** (social distinctions)

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D. The Law Reveals Our Need for Grace

Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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E. The Law's Demand for Death is Broken

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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F. Wrong Use of Law = Rejection of Grace

1 Timothy 1:8

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully

Galatians 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Galatians 5:4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

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G. Three Proper Uses of the Law

1) A Personal Mirror of Sin

- ***Pedagogical*** to Lead us to Christ

2) A Societal Restraint of Sin

- ***Political*** to Guide Our Governors

3) A Rule of Life

- ***Didactic*** to Instruct Christlikeness



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