

## 22. Means of Grace

BC 25, 26, 33

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*The 2 means of grace and which is chief*

*Who can administer the means of grace*

*What the gospel is*

*The Holy Spirit works faith... and confirms it... [LD 25]*

*What is a sacrament?*

A holy, visible sign and seal that God has appointed that by the use thereof He might more fully declare and seal unto us His promises [LD 25; BC 33].

*By means of gospel preaching the kingdom of heaven... [LD 31]*

Twofold declaration/effect [I Pet. 2:6-8]; means of [particular] grace

*How many sacraments there are*

*Why baptism only once & Lord's Supper repeated*

*Christ calls ministers through an instituted church.*

[Rom. 10:15; Acts 13:2-3]

*What the Romish church claims to be the 7 sacraments:*

Baptism, confirmation, eucharist, penance, anointing of the sick, marriage, holy orders.

### Ceremonial Law Abolished

*Ceremonial laws fulfilled ==> Not to be observed [Gal. 5:2-3]*

*OT saints saved as we are.*

Law in their heart [Dt. 6:6] ==> Spirit of Christ in the prophets [I Pet. 1:11]

*Word with pictures better than without pictures [Ex. 25:8-9]*

*Why no more king, high priest, prophets as before [I Tim. 2:5]*

The Prophet/High Priest/King has come ==> All believers are prophets, priests, kings

*Intercessor/Advocate*

Always heard [John 11:42]; Compassionate [Heb. 4:15]; Perpetual [Heb. 7:25]

*Christ's heavenly kingdom*

Not of this world [John 18:35-36]

Spiritual, in our heart [Luke 17:21]

Word translated "within" elsewhere clearly does mean that [Mt. 23:26].