

The Means of Grace Within the Church
Chapter 48

Ex opera operato “by the work performed”—Ludwig Ott says “The formula ‘ex operato’ asserts, negatively, that the sacramental grace is not conferred by reason of the subjective activity of the recipient, and positively, that the sacramental grace is caused by the validly operating sacramental sign (130).”

Murray writes “the efficacy does not reside in the elements, nor in the actions, nor in the character of the person administering them, but only in the blessing of Christ and the working of the Spirit in those who possess the grace...” (CW 2/367)

Berkhof says, “They are instruments, not of common but of, special grace, the grace that removes sin and renews the sinner in conformity with the image of God.”

1. Preaching and Teaching the Word

a. Conversion

1 Peter 1:23

James 1:18

b. Sanctification

1 Peter 2:1-2

John 17:17

1 Timothy 4:11-16

Acts 12:24

Acts 13:49

Acts 6:3-7

1 Timothy 3:2

2 Timothy 3:15-4:2

2. P _____

2 Thessalonians 3:1

1 Timothy 2:1-8

3. Church D _____

Matthew 18:15-20

4. G _____

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

5. F _____ (One Another's)

Acts 2:42-47

Hebrews 10:24-25

Galatians 6:1-2

6. Spiritual G _____

1 Peter 4:10-11

7. B _____

Colossians 2:11-13

8. The Lord's S _____

1 Corinthians 10:16-21

1 Corinthians 11:29-30