

Comparison of Habitual & Actual Grace

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Habitual Grace: A supernatural gift, inner and permanent, that God grants us to sanctify us, to make us God-like, and to make us members of his family.

Actual Grace: A spiritual inner and temporary aid, with which God enlightens our understanding and strengthens our will to accomplish spiritual acts.

Habitual Grace Talk

1. Lays the foundation for every other talk
2. Permanent gift from God- totally free
3. It sanctifies us
 - A. Purifies Sin
 - B. Makes us pleasing to God
 - C. Makes us friends of God
 - D. Makes us saints
4. Makes us God-like
 - A. We share in the nature of God
 - B. Makes us temples of God
 - C. Makes us members of Christ (The Body of Christ)
5. Makes us members of God's family
 - A. Adopted children of God
 - B. Brothers and sisters of Christ
 - C. Heirs of Heaven

Actual Grace Talk:

1. We need it, for without it we can do nothing.
2. God grants it to us whenever necessary
 - A. to overcome temptation
 - B. to do spiritual acts
3. How does god give it to us?
 - A. enlightening our intellect and moving our will directly
 - B. External circumstances such as sermon, good example, misfortune...
4. Division
 - A. Sufficient- enough to produce a spiritual act, unless man is unresponsive
 - B. Efficacious- through the mercy of god and the cooperation of man bring about the spiritual act
5. We are responsible
 - A. We are known by the fruits we bear
 - B. Grace misspent costs Christ His blood
6. Pray and sacrifice to obtain Actual Grace for yourself