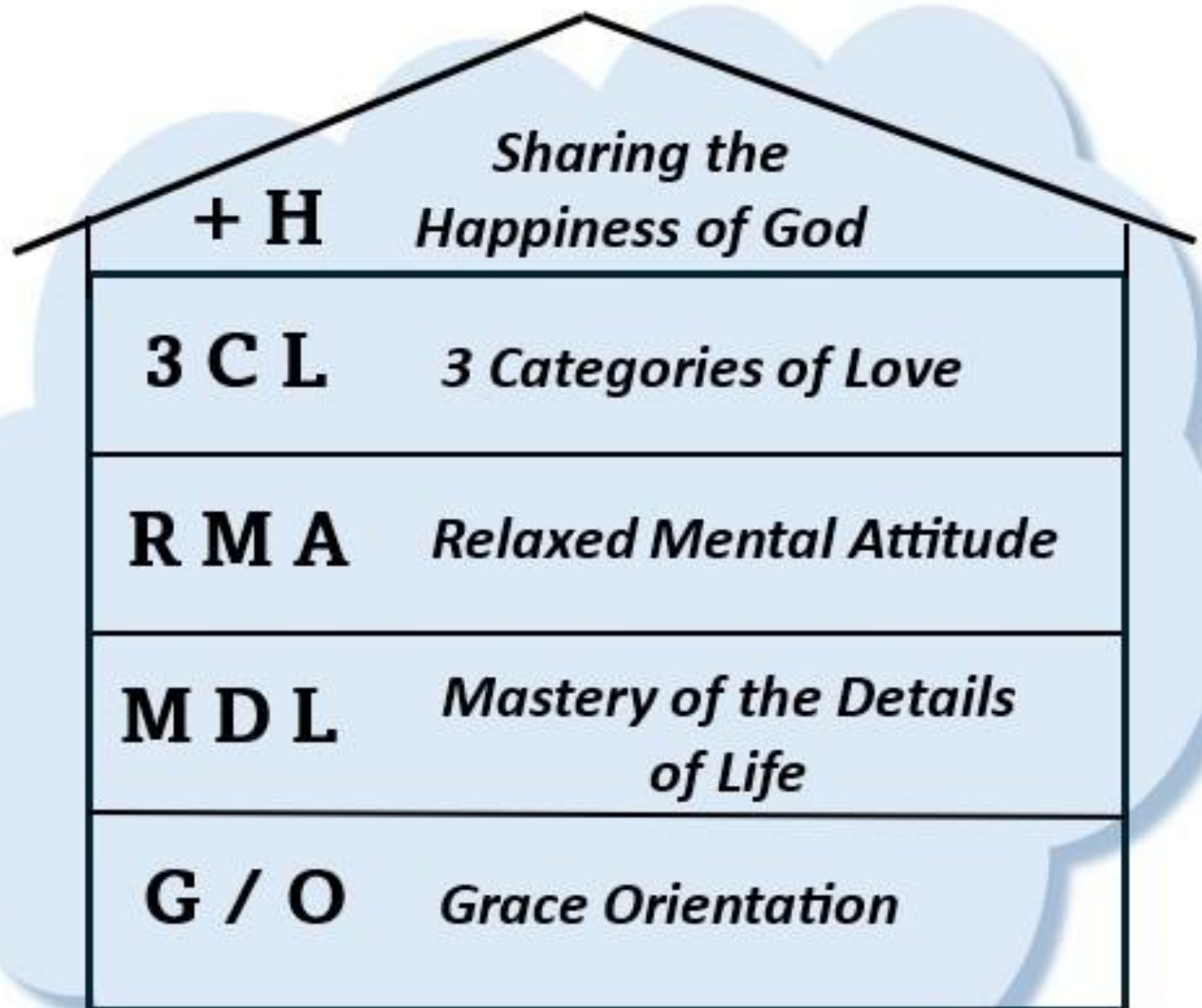


EDIFICATION COMPLEX OF THE SOUL



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THE EDIFICATION COMPLEX OF THE SOUL

A. Definition and Description:

- 1 The Edification Complex of the Soul (ECS) is found in the epistles of the New Testament for the attainment of Spiritual Maturity.
- 2 The consistent intake of Bible Doctrine (B.D.) under one's right pastor-teacher is the only way to construct an (ECS).
- 3 The English Definition of “edification” - an act of edifying, the state of being edified; uplifting, moral improvement or guidance
- 4 The Greek word for “edification” is “oikodome”, οἰκοδομή; which means ① process of building, building up, construction. ② of spiritual strengthening (οἰκοδομέω) 3) edifying, edification, building up.

Romans 15:2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

Romans 14:19 Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another.

- 5 The mature believer possesses a completed (ECS).

B. The Importance of the Pastor's Authority in the (ECS).

1 The authority of the pastor in edification is found in a number of passages.

a. **2 Corinthians 10:8** *For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed –*

- (1) The Corinthians wavered so much that Paul really had to get tough with them by asserting his authority on them.
- (2) The Corinthians were reacting to Paul's authority and were doing many things detrimental to their spiritual life.
- (3) God gives pastors the spiritual gift of communicating His Word and also the authority to lead and admonish his congregation. The pastor establishes his authority through the consistent communication of Bible doctrine.
- (4) Paul makes it very clear that the construction of the Edification Complex depends upon accepting the authority of their pastor- teacher.

Hebrews 13:7 *Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.*

Hebrews 13:17 *Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let*

them (pastors) do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

(5) People never grow up without authority.

- b. **2 Corinthians 13:10** ***“For this reason, I am writing these things while absent, in order that when I am present, I may not use severity in compatibility with the authority which God has given to me for the purpose of your edification, and not for the purpose of destroying you.”***

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- (1) No one can learn any subject without accepting the authority of the one who teaches.
- (2) Therefore, the importance of understanding that edification comes only in one way, and that is through the accurate teaching of the pastor in communicating Bible doctrine to his flock.
- (3) It is impossible for any man with the gift of pastor-teacher to communicate Bible doctrine unless his authority is accepted. Good manners and respect for teaching the Bible must be enforced.
- (4) Notice that Paul thought it would be better to talk about authority in a non-face-to-face situation so that he would not have to chew them out face-to-face when he arrived.

c. **1 Thes 5:12** ***“But we request of you, brethren, that you respect those pastor-teachers who work hard among you [studying and teaching], who have command over you in the Lord and give you instruction.”***

(1) The road to the Edification Complex is paved with hundreds or thousands of sermons regarding the plan of God.

2) Whether these sermons are of any benefit to you depends upon whether you learn and grow from your pastor's sermons or you aren't really interested and you go to church for other reasons.

2. The Threefold Purpose of the pastor is found in - ***Ephesians 4:11-12 And He (the Lord) gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12) for ¹ the equipping of the saints, ² for the work of ministry, ³ for the edifying of the body of Christ,***

1 For the purpose of equipping the saints refers to God's grace policy for pastors to study and teach so their flock will be able to execute God's plan. .

2 For the production of the work of ministry. All Church Age believers should be in full time Christian service to our Lord.

- 3 For the edification (of building up) the body of Christ, by prayer, encouragement, by helping others by exercising their spiritual gift.
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Now we will start with the steps of the
Edification Complex of the Soul.

The first step we will cover is

GRACE ORIENTATION

The first thing we will address is the word, “**ORIENTATION**”.

English Definition - an introduction, as to guide one in adjusting to new surroundings, employment, activity, or the like:

In the plan of God, Operation Grace, was provided for man before man was created. Therefore, man cannot earn and cannot deserve God’s grace. Under grace, God does the work and man is only the beneficiary. Under Super Grace, God does the pursuing and man receives the blessings.

Unbelievers are not orientated to the grace of God.

A. Grace is all that God is free to do for man on the basis of the cross. God is free to express His love through grace and He does this without jeopardizing His essence.

1. Grace depends upon the essence of God; therefore, grace depends on who and what God is. Grace is what

God can do for man and still be consistent with His own character.

2. The believer must realize the difference between grace and legalism. Legalism is man's ability and works, intruding upon the plan of God. Man's works cannot coexist with God's works. Such an implied coexistence is blasphemy. **Grace excludes human works!**

(Legalism vs Grace) CBC Website, Home Page, Visuals

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3. Every believer has tasted the grace of God at least once, at the moment of salvation. Every believer receives around 40 irrevocable assets from God that are impossible to lose.

Romans 11:29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

4. This grace package of salvation cannot be cancelled or destroyed either by God Himself, by angels, or by mankind.
5. There is an occupational hazard for believers, it is disorientation to grace in the field of *Reversionism. Under these conditions, in Galatians 5:4, Reversionism is called "falling from grace," and in Hebrews 12:15 it is called "coming short of grace." So reversionism is a great danger after one has erected an (ECS).

*Reversionism is an act of reversing or turning in the opposite way. In Reversionism, there is a reversal of your priorities, your attitudes, your affections, and your values.

(**8 Stages of Reversionism**) CBC Website, Home Page, Visuals

6. The divine attitude in grace: God is constantly waiting to pour out His grace to every believer in **Phase Two**.

(**Sanctification Phases 1, 2, & 3**) CBC Website, Home Page, Visuals

Isaiah 30:18 *Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.*

Romans 3:23-24 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24) being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;*

Romans 4:4-5 *Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5) But to him who does not work but believes on Him (J.C), who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,*

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9) not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

Hebrews 2:9 *But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*

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7 Some Axioms (universal accepted rule) **concerning grace:**

- a) God is perfect; His plan is perfect.
- b) A perfect plan can only originate and function from a perfect God.
- c) If man can do anything meritorious in the plan of God it is no longer perfect.
- d) A plan is no stronger than its weakest link. For this reason grace excludes all human merit, all human ability. Grace also excludes any form of human good.
- e) Legalism and human good is always the enemy of grace.

f) Therefore, works of human righteousness have no place in the plan of God. (Isaiah 64:6)

g) All human good is associated with the greatest mental attitude sin of pride.

8 There are four areas of Arrogance which reject God's grace. This explains Satan's Arrogance, human Arrogance, why Arrogance is the worst and most devastating of mental attitude sins.

- a) The Arrogance of the believer who rejects the doctrine of eternal security. To say that you can commit a sin that is greater than the plan of God is blasphemous. **Hebrews 12:28**.
- b) The Arrogance of the believer who succumbs to pressure and adversity. He thinks his pressure and suffering is greater than the grace provision of God. **2 Corinthians 12:8-10**.
- c) The Arrogance of pseudo spirituality, the believer who thinks his human systems of spirituality are greater than the ministry of God the Holy Spirit. They believe that their sins are more refined than our sins, therefore when he compares himself with us, he thinks he is more spiritual than we are.
- d) The Arrogance of the believer in emotional revolt of the soul who assumes that his feelings and his

emotions and his experiences are more important than Bible doctrine — **2 Corinthians 6:11-12.**

ECS – LESSON 5 (7-13-25)

B. SIX TYPES OF GRACE:

1. COMMON GRACE

- a. All humans are born spiritually dead and physically alive. That means that they cannot understand spiritual phenomena, including the gospel. (Rom. 5:17-20)

Corinthians 2:14 “But the soulish man [unbeliever] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness.

- b. Unbelievers cannot comprehend the Gospel, but the Holy Spirit makes it understandable to them.
- c. We are born totally separated from God and we are helpless to establish a relationship with Him, so He makes contact with us. The work of salvation is the work of God on behalf of each one of us.
- d. When an unbeliever hears the gospel given accurately, God the Holy Spirit acts as a human spirit to enable the spiritually dead unbeliever to comprehend the Gospel.
- e. As long as you're alive, the Holy Spirit will “strive” with you to believe the truth. In other words, you

have the chance to believe in Christ as long as you're alive. But if you die without believing in Christ, you will go to go to the Lake of Fire forever.

- f. So the striving and convincing work of the Holy Spirit is an important part of Common Grace. (John 16:7-10)
- g. No matter how smart you are, as an unbeliever you cannot handle absolute truth. Human I.Q. is not an issue in understanding the Gospel, for we are all born spiritually dead. God overcomes the lowest and highest I.Q. by the grace ministry of the Holy Spirit. None of us could have ever responded to the Gospel without the ministry of the Holy Spirit in Common Grace.
- h. Since the Holy Spirit makes the gospel clear and lucid to unbelievers, including His effort to persuade and strive with them to accept the truth. This is not coercion, they use their own volition to either accept or reject the gospel.
- i. Most people think that the gospel is difficult to understand, but it isn't. Those who put their faith



alone in Christ alone are immediately saved, but those who put their faith in their own good works rather than Christ's sacrifice for them on the cross; will spend eternity in hell, separated from God forever.

- j. It is very important that when we give the gospel, we give it accurately so that the Holy Spirit can enable unbelievers to understand it and to possibly persuade them to accept it.
- k. The Holy Spirit cannot work with an inaccurate gospel. Here are a few ways not to give the gospel:
 - 1. Invite Jesus into your heart
 - 2. Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart (Rev. 3:20)
 - 3. Come to Jesus
 - 4. Give your life to Christ
 - 5. Are you ready to follow Jesus?
- l. There is only one thing that the gospel requires of us to do and that is to believe or trust or have faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and He paid for all our sins and the sins of the world on the cross. Adding anything to this is not biblical.
Examples:
 - 1. Be baptized
 - 2. Repent of your sins
 - 3. Call upon the Lord
 - 4. Turn from your sins

5. Seek forgiveness
6. Publicly confess Jesus as Lord
7. Persevere in doing good works to the end

2. **EFFICACIOUS GRACE**

- a. Where there is positive response to the gospel, the Holy Spirit takes the faith of the spiritually dead person and makes it effective for salvation through the doctrine of Efficacious Grace.
- b. Note that the Efficacious Grace of God the Holy Spirit only makes faith effective for salvation; He does not make any system of human works effective for salvation.
- c. The works of the spiritually dead person are dead works. Dead works depend upon the power and ability of the spiritually dead person, who is characterized by total depravity (*being morally corrupt*), total separation, and total helplessness.
- d. It is important to recognize that those who believe that they can make it into heaven by the works that they produce, will definitely spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. This does not mean that God doesn't want us to do good works, He does, but only after we are saved, never before, in order to be saved.

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Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9) not as a result of works, that no one should boast. 10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- e. None of us would have eternal life were it not for the fact that the Father sent His Son, and the Son went to the cross and was judged for our sins. These facts are commonly understood. What is not well understood is the tremendous grace ministry of the H.S. in Common Grace and His effort to persuade unbelievers to believe the gospel.
- f. The good works of a spiritually dead person have no place in the Gospel. This means that both hearing the Gospel and believing in Jesus Christ are totally non-meritorious; there is absolutely no merit on our part to be saved, which is totally compatible with God's plan of grace for the Gospel.
- g. Efficacious Grace is the work of the Holy Spirit in making faith in Jesus Christ effective for eternal salvation.

3. LOGISTICAL GRACE

1. Definition and Description of Logistical Grace.

- a. Logistics is a military word which refers to the military science of supply, provision, and planning of troop movement.
- b. Logistics is a technical military term for sustaining troops in every form of military activity and maneuver, i.e., in the barracks, in the field, in the battle, before the battle, and after the battle.
- c. From this military nomenclature, comes the doctrine of Logistical Grace that depends on God, not on us. This means that we should not get nervous or be afraid of not having everything we need. Every believer is alive today because of logistical grace.
- d. Logistical grace is divine planning, divine support, divine provision, and divine blessing for the execution of God's plan for the Royal Family for the fulfillment of God's will, purpose, and plan for our life.
- e. Logistical grace includes three factors of divine provision.
 1. Life support is provided for every Church Age believer. This explains how and why we are alive every moment. The only reason we are alive is because God provides logistical grace until He takes us home. We do not earn or deserve it;

there's no work we can accomplish to keep ourselves alive.

2. Blessing is provided for every Church Age believer, both winners and losers. God sends life support and blessing to the indwelling righteousness of God in both winners and losers. This emphasizes grace. You are alive only because of the grace of God, not because of anything we do.
3. God's Logistical Grace provides every Church Age believer everything that is needed, including your right pastor-teacher. If you persist in positive volition, you will find doctrine and your pastor-teacher who is prepared.

1 Peter 5:2-3 ...shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3) nor yet as lording it over **those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.**

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- f. **2 Cor 9:8** defines logistical grace for us.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all

sufficiency in everything (Log. Grace), ***you may have an abundance for every good deed;***

g. The basis for logistical grace includes imputed righteousness at salvation, plus providing life support and blessing, for the perception of God's special plan for each believer. Every believer has equal privilege and equal opportunity to execute God's plan and glorify God.

h. ***Deut. 33:27 "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms*** (including His logistical grace).

i. David gives the testimony of old age to logistical grace.

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now I am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his descendants begging bread (logistical grace),

j. Check out The testimony of the Apostle Paul.

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your needs (logistical grace support) ***according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.***

k. The testimony from our Lord is addressed to the apostle Paul.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace (logistical grace) ***is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly,***

therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

- l. Grace depends on God's faithfulness, not ours!
As long as you live, logistical grace will pursue you.
- m. God sustains the life of every believer on earth. No believer can depart from life apart from God's will. Therefore, all the forces of hell cannot remove one believer apart from God's permission. (**Psalm 48:14**)
- n. Sometimes people are afraid that they won't have enough funds to pay their bills. In that case, what is the first thing we should do? Talk to God about it! Fear, worry, anxiety, and apprehension is rejection or ignorance of God's logistical grace provision. Yet God continues to support even those who worry.

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- o. Grace gives you the ability to live one day at a time, not handicapped by the past and not distracted by the future.

- p. God also provides all that it takes to support life, such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation, environment, time, a job, etc. are provided by God. Read: (Matt. 6:25-34)

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4. **SUPER GRACE**

1. Definition of Grace

- a. Grace is all that God is free to do for man on the basis of the Cross.
- b. Therefore, the work of Christ on the cross, propitiated (satisfied) God, which frees Him to bless man under His plan of grace.
- c. Grace is God's freedom to express His love through grace to mankind without compromising of His essence.
- d. Under the principle of grace, God provides a series of blessings for man, totally apart from man's merit, ability, planning, thinking, or energy.
- e. Under the policy of grace, God gives and man receives. God does all the work and provides for all our needs, while man does all the receiving and benefitting.



2. Definition of Supergrace

- a. Supergrace and Ultra-Supergrace are associated with spiritual maturity.

1) Ultra-Supergrace is for those whom God places under maximum testing and pressure. The blessings of supergrace are intensified and protected by God even under the most intense pressure, persecution, and attack from Satan, **2 Tim 2:10, 3:8-12.**

b. The nomenclature comes from **James 4:6**, ***“greater grace.”***

James 4:6 ***But He gives a greater (super) grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to (makes war against) the proud (the arrogant), but gives grace to the humble."***

c. Both (supergrace & ultra-super grace) are described as pursuing grace, **Eph 1:6**

Ephesians 1:6 ***to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.***

d. The blessings of each are beyond human imagination.

Ephesians 3:20 ***Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,***

e. In **1 Tim 1:14** both are described as “abundant grace.”

1 Timothy 1:14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

- f. Ultra-Supergrace is the highest adult stage of the spiritual life in the royal family of God.
- g. The mature status attained by the believer who is grace oriented to the maximum, who appropriates and utilizes all of God's grace provisions for life on earth. In the advanced stage, the believer experiences the "*greater grace*" of James 4:6.
- h. When a believer consistently grows in Bible doctrine, he eventually breaks through the maturity barrier and reaches supergrace status. By then, doctrine has built tremendous capacity in his soul, to the point where God can now entrust him with a surplus of grace blessings (*Isa. 30:18, Rom. 5:17*).
- i. Upon the supergrace believer, God pours out spiritual blessings of contentment and confidence for all circumstances, wisdom to evaluate and adapt to events of life, and concentration on Christ above all else.
- j. Accompanying material blessings take the form of wealth, professional achievement, or social and romantic relationships. These blessings are

uniquely designed for each individual and given
by God in His perfect timing.

surpassing grace.