

# Lesson 3 – Baptism and Confirmation - The Effects of The Soul

## Baptism Does Something – Purifies, Justifies, and Sanctifies

- **Purifies Us** – from all sins
- **Justifies Us** – God Infuses within us:
  - Faith – to believe in him
  - Hope – to hope in him, and
  - Charity – to love him.
- **Sanctifies Us** – Making us “perfect, holy, and Christ-like.” - To be “set apart”

### **Through Baptism, we;**

- Die to Christ and are reborn in Christ, Returned to Original Holiness and brought to share in the Divine Life of the Most Holy Trinitarian God
- Infused of “Godly” **virtues** (or habits) namely, **faith, hope, and charity**. By this, we are thus enabled to believe in Him, hope in Him, and love Him.

### **Every Baptized Christian is anointed, and configured to Christ as, Priest, Prophet, and King**

**“As Christ was anointed Priest... so you may live always as a member of his body. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit Comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses...”**

**“Take courage; I have conquered the world!” “As Christ was anointed... King, so may you live always as a member of his body.”**

**A Priest**, is someone who prays for others, who intercedes, who offer sacrifices

**A Prophet**, is someone who speaks for God

**A King**, is someone who leads others to God

### **The 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- **Wisdom**-to recognize/see God’s will in the circumstances of our life.
- **Understanding** – to understand that God works through all situations.
- **Counsel** – Ability to share your knowledge of God.
- **Fortitude** – Staying on track- seeing the goal of eternal life.
- **Knowledge** – gives us insight into His will for us.
- **Piety** – Disposition to worship & prayer with sense of reverence to the presence of God.
- **Fear of the Lord** – It is to stand in awe of God.

### **Weekly Reading and Reflection Assignment;**

Read Chapter 16, Confirmation: Consecrated for Mission

What do you see as your Mission in Life? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Outline and Talk Notes

### 1. The Breath of God

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" - John 20: 21-22

### 2. Through Baptism, we are;

- a. Returned to Original Holiness
- b. Reborn in Christ
- c. Brought to share in the Divine Life of God

### 3. Confirmation

- a. The completion of Baptism
- b. We confirm and affirm the decision of our Baptism
- c. It is not an ending, it is a beginning