

Chapter 11 – What are the “Means of Grace” in the Church?

Private Means of Grace; Public Means of Grace

Key Verse: 2 Peter 3:18 – “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

Definitions: Galatians 3:1-3, Ephesians 8:8-10, Philippians 2:12-13, 2 Peter 3:18.

“means” = “that by which a result is brought about.” Blackburn, page 90

“grace” = “the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to His Church the benefits of His mediation.”

The Private Means of Grace:

1. Reading the Word of God. Hebrews 1:1-4
 - a. D_____
 - b. D_____
 - c. O_____
 - d. S_____ - _____
2. Prayer. Matthew 7:7, 11; Luke 11:5-13; Colossians 1:9-12; James 1:5-6; Matthew 6:9-13;
Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6; John 14:26; Romans 10:1.
3. Meditation. Psalm 119:15-16.

The Public Means of Grace:

1. Assembling together for worship. Hebrews 10:25; LBC chapter 22, paragraphs 2-3, 5-6.
2. The ordinances of the gospel, as part of corporate worship. LBC chapter 22, paragraphs 5.
 - a. Baptism. Acts 2:41; Acts 18:8.
 - b. The Lord’s Supper, or Communion. 1 Corinthians 11:24-26.
3. Fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.
Ephesians 2:14-16; Galatians 3:16-28; Proverbs 27:17
4. Corporate prayer. Luke 18:9-14.

“Pursuing these God-ordained means will glorify God, increase Christ’s kingdom, and bring you godliness, peace, and joy.” – Blackburn, page 100.