

The Holy Ghost, Yours, Mine (and Theirs?)

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The (Holy) Spirit and the Lutheran



The Holy Spirit works salvation by bringing Christ to sinners. He finds them in the state of condemnation and unites them with the Savior. The Christian understands the Holy Ghost as bringing them from death to life, from condemnation unto blessing. Salvation by the Holy Spirit is not worked apart from the on-going condemnation of the Law but brings salvation into the condemnation of the Law by God's bearing that condemnation with us and for us.

The Paradigm of Salvation: **Judgement and Grace at Christ's Cross (Lk. 23.39-43)**

(He will take what is mine and give it unto you).

Thief on the Left

Christ

Thief on the Right

The Crucified Savior

"If you are the Christ come down from the cross and get us down, also!"

"Do you not fear God, seeing that **He is suffering the same punishment as we And we what we deserve?"**

Anti-Nomian gospel expects God to allow us to sin and not punish our sin in Christ or in us

The true Gospel affirms that our condemnation is just and right and finds salvation in God being punished for us.

The Gospel of Natural Religion is a savior who removes God's justice

The Gospel revealed in Christ Is the Savior who fulfills God's Justice

Tells man how to save himself Through his own useless worship

Tells man how he's already saved Through the "all things" given of Christ

"Works/Programs"

"Promise/Faith"

Holy Ghost in the life of the Faithful Redeemed:

Insemination: The Seed of the Gospel (Romans 10. 17; Mt. 13.3f)

New Birth: Baptism (Tit. 3) [begins dying to sin/living to God in Christ – thief on the right].

Sanctification/growth through the Word (John 17.17; Eph. 4.8-15)

Forgiveness of sins (a life of confession/drowning the flesh) (John 20. 22-23)

Militant Confession/Supper (I Cor. 11.23-26)

Expulsion of cancers (defectors/hypocrites) when they are revealed (John 20.22-23; Mt. 18) and a personal fear of defecting from the faith of Christ, "**deliver us from evil**" "**Remember me when you come into your kingdom.**"