

## Consciousness, Conversion, and Grace

Session Three – a

Can I Have this Dance?  
Being Grasped by Religious Love

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## Religious Experience

- “Wired for God” due to Constitutive Spiritual Function
- When God Moves: the Importance of the Feeling Psyche
- The Distinction of Religious Experience: Awe and Wonder
- The Change of the Awareness Horizon
- The Accommodation of God to our Humanness (Grace)
- The Longing born of Religious Love (Hope) for Mystery
- The Knowing born of Religious Love (Faith)
- The Acting born of Religious Love (Charity)
- The Rising from the Dead Relationship

## The Grace of the Holy Spirit in Human Consciousness

- I *Know* I am Different because I *feel* Different
- Spirit images: Fire, Water, Oil, Wind (Breath), Blood, Wine
- The Permeation of the Soul (Psyche + Spirit) Functions
- The Psyche: *Longing* born of Religious Love (Hope) for Relationship with the Unknown Mystery of God (Father)
- The Cognitive (intellectual) Functions: *Knowing* born of Religious Love (Faith) from the Word (Son)
- The Will (volitional) Function: *Acting* born of Religious Love (Charity) from the Holy Spirit
- My Consciousness is Different: I am *religiously in-love*

## A New Creation: The Big Seven

- The Newness is real: My restored *Relationship with God* is a Rising from the Dead
- God comes bearing Gifts
- The Transformed Human by **Theological Virtue** (Powers)
- The Transformed Life-force (psychic energy) by **Hope**
- The Transformed Intelligence by **Faith**
- The Transformed Will by **Charity**
- Charity as the *Form* of **Cardinal Moral Virtue**
- **Prudence**: Love’s Discretion
- **Justice**: Love’s Fairness
- **Fortitude**: Love’s Courage
- **Temperance**: Love’s Moderation

## The Sign of All the Virtues at Work

- Gratitude
- Courtesy
- Humor