

## Consciousness, Conversion, and Grace

Session Five

### Becoming Real: The Beautiful Human Being

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## Evidence of the Holy Spirit: Gifts

- What are *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*?
- Scriptural Source: Isaiah 11: 1-3
- Names: *Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Courage, Piety, and Fear of the Lord*
- Custom fitted for the human soul: three for the intelligence, two for the will, two for the psyche - one for the spontaneous emotions, one for the considered emotions
- Carried “...on eagles’ wings.”
- Spirit Symbols and Signs

## Evidence of the Holy Spirit: Fruits

- Scripture Source: Galatians 5:22-26
- Names: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity
- “For your neighbors...” The outflow from the virtues and gifts; the results of God’s work in you; the evidence of *theosis* taking place
- How to recognize a “delicious” person: gratitude, humor, and courtesy
- The Beatitudes: The *fragrance* or *tone* of the Spirit’s work in a human personality; the *sound* of the person’s spirituality

## Evidence of the Holy Spirit: Charisms

- Scriptural Source: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, and 27-31
- Names: wisdom in speaking, ability to teach, lived faith, healing, miracle-power, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues, administration
- Charisms are gifts *fitted to our individual personalities, to be used for the common good, which we cannot use to sin*
- Neglected if *clericalism* prevails in a church community
- Fostered with a true sense of the three modes of *priesthood*:
  - Christ Jesus as primary priest
  - The baptized as a priestly people
  - The ministerial priest who signs the first and orchestrates the second

## Forgiveness: Myself, Others, and God

- Scriptural Source: Matthew 18:21-22
- Unlimited? Is Jesus kidding?
- The heart of the gospel
- The feelings are the last to come around: the potato
- The allegory of the garden and the gate

## The Heart of Prayer and Going Home to My Soul

- What Prayer is
- Prayer using my imagination: guided imagery
- Prayer using my intelligence: written dialogue
- The Prayer of “Clunck”
- Going Home to my Soul

## Points for Discussion

- Distinguish a “virtue” from a “gift”, from a “fruit”, from a “beatitude.”
- Where and how is the Divine active in our lives?
- Describe the “beautiful” human being, and give specific examples from folks you know or have read about.

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