

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION
FOR TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

PART II

CONFIRMATION

WHAT ARE THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST?

Wisdom, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord, Understanding.

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE VARIOUS GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST:

Wisdom

Gives us a relish for the things of God and directs our whole life and all our actions to His honor and glory.

Counsel

Warns us of the deceits of the devil and of the dangers to salvation.

Fortitude

Strengthens us to do the will of God in all things.

Piety

Makes us love God as a Father and obey Him because we love Him.

Knowledge

Enables us to discover the will of God in all things.

Fear of the Lord

Fills us with a dread of sin.

Understanding

Enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.

THE PRINCIPLE EFFECTS OF CONFIRMATION

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF CONFIRMATION?

1. An increase of the sanctifying grace we received in Baptism.
2. The strengthening of our faith.
3. The seven gifts of the Holy Ghost.
4. An indelible mark imprinted on our souls.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

IS THERE ONLY ONE GOD?

Yes, there is only one God.

HOW MANY PERSONS ARE THERE IN GOD?

In God there are three Divine Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

IS THE FATHER GOD?

The Father is God, and the first Person of the Blessed Trinity.

IS THE SON GOD?

The Son is God and the second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

IS THE HOLY GHOST GOD?

The Holy Ghost is God, and the third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THE BLESSED TRINITY?

By the Blessed Trinity we mean one and the same God in three Divine Persons.

ARE THE THREE DIVINE PERSONS REALLY DISTINCT FROM ONE ANOTHER?

The Three Divine Persons are really distinct from one another.

ARE THE THREE DIVINE PERSONS PERFECTLY EQUAL TO ONE ANOTHER?

The Three Divine Persons are perfectly equal to one another, because all are one and the same God.

HOW ARE THE THREE DIVINE PERSONS, THOUGH REALLY DISTINCT FROM ONE ANOTHER, ONE AND THE SAME GOD?

The Three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God, because all have the same Divine nature.

CAN WE FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW THE THREE DIVINE PERSONS, THOUGH REALLY DISTINCT FROM ONE ANOTHER, ARE ONE AND THE SAME GOD?

We cannot understand how the Three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God, because this is a supernatural mystery.