

What are the ordinary outward means by which the Holy Spirit communicates the benefits of redemption to us?

In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth... (NASB; James 1:18a).

So then, those who had received his word were baptized; ... They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer (NASB; Acts 2:41a, 42).

The ordinary outward means by which the Holy Spirit communicates the benefits of redemption to us are God's Word (read, memorized, preached, and taught), Baptism, the Lord's Table, prayer, and the fellowship of spiritually-minded believers.

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