

THE EDIFICATION COMPLEX OF SOUL

Request: Could you explain the Edification Complex of the Soul so that someone new to the bible study could understand?

This doctrinal concept was introduced by Bob Thieme from the Greek word (*epoikodomeo*) used in Jude 20 - “But you, beloved, *building yourselves up on your most holy faith*; praying in the Holy Spirit.”

Epoikodomeo is a triple compound Greek word (epi means upon; oikos means structure or complex; domeo means to build or edify). In Jude 20, epoikodomeo is a present participle and refers to the principle of the continuous process of building the complex of the soul in spiritual growth through the inhale and exhale of the word of God (2 Tim.3: 15/ theopneustos/ God-breathed).

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the Edification Complex of the Soul (ESC).
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1. The material for the building or edifying the believer’s soul is the word of God (Jude 20; Rom.10:17).

“And now I commend (paratithemi/ p.m.ind) you to God and to the *word (to logos) of His grace (tes charis)*, which is able to build you up (oikodomeo/ a.a.infin) and to give you (didomi/ a.a.infin) the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32)

Note 2 things that the word of God is able to do for you.

“But grow (auxano/ p.a.impv 2pl) in grace and knowledge (gnosis) of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Pet.3:18)

Note that spiritual growth (developing the ECS) is the responsibility of each believer priest (commanded) (Col.2:6-7).

2. Every Christian begins the CWL with a baby ECS (2 Tim.2:19; 1 Pet.1:23).

“Like newborn babes (brephos), long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow (auxano/ a.p.subj) in respect to salvation.” (1 Pet.2:2; Isa.28:9)

“For everyone who partakes only of milk (gala) is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe (nepios). But solid food (he stereos trophe) is for the mature (teleios), who have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” (Heb.5:13-14)

- Material for baby ECS is milk (salvation doctrines) of the word of God.
- Material for adult ECS is meat (CWL doctrines) of the word of God.

3. The cycling of the word of God through faith is necessary for edification of the soul complex.

FAITH CYCLE (clockwise)

Hearing
(Rom.10:17)

Completing
(James 2:22; Rom.4:21)

Believing
(Heb.4:2)

Applying
(2 Cor.5: 7; Heb.4:12)

4. The spiritual mature (adult) ECS has reached the spiritual growth status of the “*measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*” (Eph.4:13-15/ super grace status)

This is 1 of 7 characteristics of the mature ECS. Here are the other six characteristics.

- You possess the mind of Christ (1 Cor.2:16).
- Christ formed in you (Gal.4:19).
- Christ is at home in your heart (Eph.3:17-19).
- Christ is exalted in your body in life and death (Phil.1:20).
- You prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent and above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation as God’s light (Phil.2:15).
- You are involved in new man transformation (Rom.12:2).

As the ECS develops, old prejudices and cosmos diabolicus beliefs will emerge to be put off in order to put on new man thinking (Eph.4:22-24).

5. Reversionism tears down the spiritual growth development of the ECS (read Heb.5:11-14; 1 Cor.13:11).

Reversionism put you back under cosmos diabolicus influence of the soul (Rom.12:2 / conformity).

- Increasing absenteeism because of details of life (Heb.10:25) – *effect hearing part of cycle.*
- Learning but not able to come to knowledge of truth (2 Tim.3:7-8) – *effects believing part.*
- Knowledge of word but insensitivity to needs and feeling of other believers (1 Cor.8:1,9,12-13) – *effects application part.*
- Testing God’s faithfulness (Heb.3:8-12) – *effects the completing part of the faith cycle.*

“Keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.” (2 Tim.1:19)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths (CD).” (2 Tim.4:3-4)