

# Article II.

	Spiritual	Externals	
Before Fall	Free	Free	
Since the Fall	Darkness, Deaf Blind "Bound"	Free in weakness	Sinful Nature
After Conversion	Free in weakness	Free in weakness	Sinful Nature
After Resurrection	"Free" Confirmed good	"Free" Confirmed good	

**Synergists** - give credit to man's natural powers in conversion

**Enthusiast** - Holy Spirit works directly apart from Word (instrument)

Before



Bound will

- against God
- against law
- resists the Holy Spirit

CONVERSION

After



Free will

- in weakness\*
- wills what is good
- cooperates with God

\*obstinacy  
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Saving Faith - receives the merit of Christ  
in the promise of the Gospel

§62 The Gospel (In the wide sense = Word)

- A. Law - convicts of sin      terrifies consciences
- B. Gospel - offers Christ      receives consolation

A. Law → Fruit of repentance (sorrow over sin)

B. Gospel → faith (receives forgiveness from promise)



included

-Not just idle knowledge

- A. New Birth - Forgives & Justifies §63  
liberates from death §64  
receives Holy Spirit §99



- B. New Life §63  
produces new life in hearts §64  
the Holy Spirit changes hearts §99



Rome: "without a good emotion"

Strong powerful work of Holy Spirit changes hearts §99