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Quiz #41 (7/19/20)

1-2. Unregenerate man's reason or natural intellect indeed has still a dim spark of what?

A.

B.

3-4. However, unregenerate man has not the least spark of what?

5-6. If a Christian experiences or feels in the heart a small spark or longing for divine grace and eternal salvation, what does he know and how should he regard it?

7. In Article II, when the prayers of the saints ask that they may be taught, enlightened and sanctified by God, it is an example of what?

8-9. Natural or carnal free will does strive against two things. What are those things?

A.

B.

10. The conversion of man is what percent God's work and what percent man's work?

Extra Credit. Dr. Martin Luther describes the heart of unregenerate man as a hard stone. In what way is it like a stone and in what way is it not like a stone?

1-2. "...man's reason or natural intellect indeed has still a dim spark of the knowledge **A.** **that there is a God**, as also **B.** **of the doctrine of the Law**, Rom. 1, 19ff, 3-4. "...in man's nature since the Fall, before regeneration, there is not the least spark of **spiritual power** remaining, nor present, by which, of himself, **he can prepare himself for God's grace**..."

5-6. "14] To all godly Christians who feel and experience in their hearts a small spark or longing for divine grace and eternal salvation this precious passage is **very comforting**: for they know that **God has kindled in their hearts** this beginning of true godliness, and that **He will further strengthen and help them** in their great weakness to persevere in true faith unto the end.

15] ... we should thank God from the heart that by His Son He has delivered us from the darkness of ignorance and the captivity of sin and death, and through Baptism and the Holy Ghost regenerated and illumined us."

7. "...by this very act declare that they cannot obtain those things which they ask of God from their own natural powers;"

8-9. **17] Secondly**, God's Word testifies that the intellect, heart, and will of the natural, unregenerate man in divine things are not only turned entirely away from God, but also turned and perverted **against God to every evil**;

18] ...men the natural or carnal free will even after regeneration **strives against God's Law, it will be much more obstinate and hostile to God's Law and will before regeneration.**

10. 100% God, 0% Man: 25] ...the Holy Scriptures ascribe conversion, faith in Christ, regeneration, renewal, and all that belongs to their efficacious beginning and completion, not to the human powers of the natural free will, neither entirely nor half, nor in any, even the least or most considerable part, **but in *soludum*, that is, entirely, solely, to the divine working and the Holy Ghost**, as also the *Apology* teaches.

Extra Credit: On the one hand "24] ...he can of himself and of his own natural powers begin, work, or concur in working in spiritual things and in his own conversion or regeneration **just as little as a stone or a block or clay**...."

On the other hand, "... **he acts even worse than a block, inasmuch as he is rebellious and hostile to God's will**, unless the Holy Ghost is efficacious in him, and kindles and works in him faith and other virtues pleasing to God, and obedience."