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Quiz #43 (8/2/20)

1. Before conversion what is man's way of acting (modus agenda) concerning divine things?

2. After conversion what is man's way of acting (modus agenda) concerning divine things?

3. How long after man is converted does that man begin to cooperate with God?

4. If God would withdraw His gracious hand from the believer, how long would man persevere in the obedience to God?

5. What does the believer have, that the unbeliever does not have?

6. Explain: To what extent is the new birth complete in the regenerate man?

7. What becomes of a believer who allows sin to rule in him?

8. When God converts a man, what does He do to man's will?

- 9-10. How many efficient causes of salvation are there? List them.

Extra Credit. Dr. Luther says that man is purely passive with respect to salvation. Yet, in what sense and situation is man active in doing good?

1. 61] And for this reason it cannot be correctly said that man before his conversion has a *modus agendi*, or a way, namely, of working something good and salutary in divine things. For inasmuch as man before his conversion is *dead in sins*, Eph. 2, 5, there can be in him no power to work anything good in divine things, and hence, too, he has no *modus agendi*, or way of working in divine things.

2. 63] But when man has been converted, and is thus enlightened, and his will is renewed, it is then that man wills what is good (so far as he is regenerate or a new man),

3. 65] From this, then, it follows that as soon as the Holy Ghost, as has been said, through the Word and holy Sacraments, has begun in us this His work of regeneration and renewal, it is certain that through the power of the Holy Ghost we can and should cooperate, although still in great weakness. But this [that we cooperate] does not occur from our carnal natural powers, but from the new powers and gifts which the Holy Ghost has begun in us in conversion...

4. 66] ... the converted man does good to such an extent and so long as God by His Holy Spirit rules, guides, and leads him, and that as soon as God would withdraw His gracious hand from him, he could not for a moment persevere in obedience to God.

5. 67] ... and thus are truly regenerate, they have now *arbitrium liberatum* (a liberated will), that is, as Christ says, *they have been made free again*, John 8, 36; whence they are able not only to hear the Word, but also to assent to it and accept it, although in great weakness

6. 68] For since we receive in this life only the first-fruits of the Spirit, and the new birth is not complete, but only begun in us, the combat and struggle of the flesh against the spirit remains even in the elect and truly regenerate men;

7. 69] But when the baptized have acted against their conscience, allowed sin to rule in them, and thus have grieved and lost the Holy Ghost in them, they need not be rebaptized, but must be converted again, as has been sufficiently said before.

8. 70] For this is certainly true that in genuine conversion a change, new emotion [renewal], and movement in the intellect, will, and heart must take place, ... yet God the Lord draws the man whom He wishes [decreed] to convert, and draws him in such a way that his darkened understanding is turned into an enlightened one and his perverse will into an obedient one. And this [just this] is what the Scriptures call *creating a new heart*, Ps. 51, 10.

9-10. According to Paragraph 70 you could say, "one," that is God. Or in paragraph 90, you could cite Two Causes: A. the Word of God, B. the Holy Ghost

Extra Credit. 88] But how God in conversion changes stubborn and unwilling men through the drawing of the Holy Ghost, and that after such conversion, in the daily exercise of repentance, the regenerate will of man is not idle, but also cooperates in all the works of the Holy Ghost which He does through us, has already been sufficiently explained above.