

Justification & Sanctification

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The Large Catechism

“For neither you nor I could ever know anything of Christ, or believe on him, and obtain him for our Lord, unless it were offered to us and granted to our hearts by the Holy Ghost through the preaching of the Gospel...

“That this treasure, therefore, might not lie buried, but be appropriated and enjoyed, God has caused the Word to go forth and be proclaimed, in which he gives the Holy Ghost to bring this treasure home and appropriate it to us. Therefore sanctifying is nothing else than bringing us to Christ to receive this good, to which we could not attain of ourselves.”

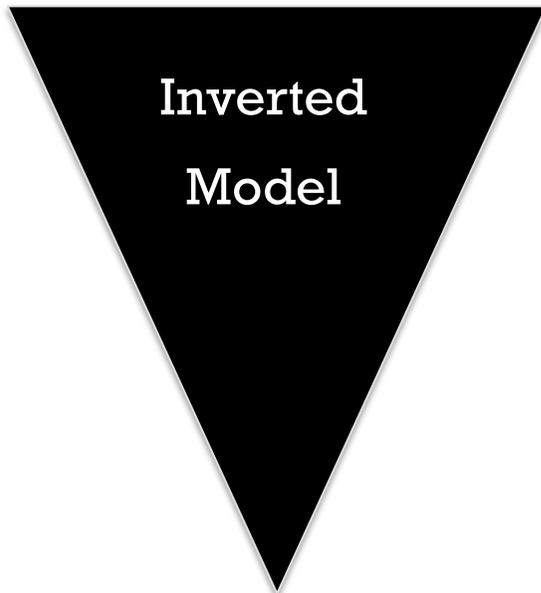
--Martin Luther, Large Catechism Article III, 38-39



“Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered to the end that we shall daily obtain there nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and signs [*sacraments*], to comfort and encourage our consciences as long as we live here. Thus, although we have sins, the [grace of the] Holy Ghost does not allow them to injure us, because we are in the Christian Church, where there is nothing but [continuous, uninterrupted] forgiveness of sin, both in that God forgives us, and in that we forgive, bear with, and help each other.”

--Martin Luther, Large Catechism, Article III, 55

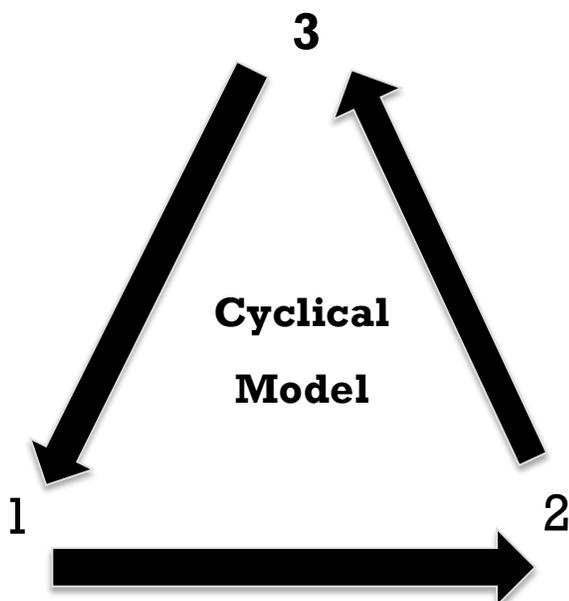
Sanctification



Justification

Models of Sanctification

- **Inverted Model**
 - Confuses justification with sanctification
 - Assurance of salvation derived from Good works
- **Inclined Plane Model**
 - The Gospel is primarily for unbelievers
 - Sanctification achieved through sin avoidance
- **Cyclical Model**
 - Assurance of salvation from constant preaching & application of the Gospel
 - Christian life a matter of vocation



The Cyclical Model of Sanctification

1. Preaching of the Law
 - a. Instruction
 - b. Accusation
2. Repentance
 - a. Contrition
 - b. Faith
3. Preaching of the Gospel
 - a. Absolution
 - b. Sacraments