

Spiritual Formation

*according to Aristotle's Causal Paradigm**

First / Instrumental Cause

The
Father
/ the
Word of God

Material Cause

The
**Sin-Corrupted
Believer**

Formal Cause

The
Son
— the Earthly Life
of Jesus of Nazareth

Final Cause

The
**Glory of God
through Our Love**

The Sanctifying Work
of the
Holy Spirit

* A Key Approach to Dogmatics used by the Post-Reformation Dogmaticians for Establishing Theological Loci