Lord's Day 33 – Isaiah 55  
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Introduction

I. Conversion is a fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith and the gospel.

II. The figure used in Isaiah 55 and many other passages is the figure of a bush or tree.

The Radically Transformed Heart and Life

I. A Life-Long Struggle

A. We learn about ourselves and why there is a constant spiritual struggle in our lives. It is because as covenant children of God we have an old man and a new man.

1. The old man is our old nature, as it is identified in Rom. 6, Eph. 4, and Col. 3:5-9.

2. The old man does not dominate because we also have the new man in Christ Jesus.

3. As Christians, we have an old man and a new man.

B. Conversion is the life-long work of God by which He radically transforms our hearts and lives.

II. An Amazing Transformation

A. The Catechism says that conversion includes the mortification of the old man. Three elements:

1. 

2. 

3. 

B. The positive activity is the quickening of the new man. Three elements:

1. 

2. 

3. 

III. A Changed Life

A. When God works true conversion in us, we don't stay the same. We become fruit-bearing trees.

B. Such a changed life arises out of the gospel.