

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.