

Sunday Morning 1-27-19 Pastor Elshout

Pre-service Psalter 14:1, 4 (standing)
Silent Congregational Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 384: 1, 4, 5
Reading the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24
Response to the Law: Psalter 428:2
Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:33-50
Congregational Prayer
Psalter 188: All (offering)
Text: Matthew 12:43-45

A Counterfeit Conversion

1. *The nature of such a conversion*
2. *The fruits of such a conversion*
3. *The outcome of such a conversion*

Prayer

Psalter 385: All (offering)

Doxology: Psalter 315

Benediction

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1*. How can we tell from verse 43 that Christ is talking about *individuals* whose conversion may prove to be not real?
- 2*. Give examples from the Bible of people whose conversion proved to be not be real.
3. Why is it significant that the unclean spirit left the man *voluntarily*? Why is that a mark of a counterfeit conversion?
4. Why is true conversion always followed by spiritual warfare?
5. Christ mentions several marks of a counterfeit conversion in verse 44. What are they?
6. How does a true believer perceive his heart (or house) to be, and why?
7. Why is it so serious when Satan returns to an empty house (or heart)?
8. How will Satan treat true believer

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Pre-service Psalter 16:1, 4 (standing)

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 40:1, 4-6

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3; 2 Peter 1:16-21

Belgic Confession: ques. 6-7

Congregational Prayer

Psalter 68: All (offering)

Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (B. Conf., Art. 3)

Theme: The Written Word of God

1. The nature of this Word

2. The inscripturation of this Word

3. The blessed purpose of this Word

Prayer

Psalter 408: All (offering)

Doxology: Psalter 316

Benediction

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. Why does Article 3 emphasize that we have received the Word of God *not* by the will of man?
2. What can we learn about the heart of God from the fact that He gives us His Word?
- 3*. Why do we, as fallen sinners, need the written Word of God to know the Living Word God, the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 4*. Why does God communicate with us by way of words—either spoken words and/or written words?
5. What significant resemblance is there between the Living Word of God (Christ) and the written Word of God?
6. What does it mean when we say that the inspiration of the Scriptures was *organic* rather than *mechanical*?
7. What does it mean when we say that the inspiration of the Scriptures was both *verbal* and *plenary*?
8. What wonderful words of Article 3 reveal the purpose for which God has given us His written Word?

