SUNDAY MORNING

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Votum and Salutation Psalter 87 Reading of the Law of God Psalter 336:2 Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26 Prayer Psalter 90:1-3, 6, 7 Sermon Text: : James 2:17 Lord's Day 32

Why Are Good Works Necessary?

To praise God with our entire life
To promote personal assurance of faith
To prompt others to flee to Christ

Psalter 175 (standing) Sermon Conclusion Closing Prayer Psalter 2 Doxology of Praise (pg. 415) Benediction

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- 1. Why do we need to hear all three sections of our Heidelberg Catechism misery, deliverance, and gratitude—preached strongly and fully?
- 2. Why is the opening question of Lord's Day 32 (Q. 86) in itself such an important question and a crucial doctrine to maintain?
- 3. Why does our instructor begin his profound answer to Question 86 with *Christ*?
- 4. When Christ renews us after His image, what actually happens?
- 5. What is the first reason good works are essential for Christians? Why is this the primary reason for doing good works?
- 6. What does it mean to praise God?
- 7. Explain the relationship between good works and assurance of faith. How do good works strengthen assurance? How does assurance strengthen good works?
- 8. How can God use the godly lifestyle of an individual Christian which is marinated in good works to win others to Christ?
- 9. How do the godly who do good works expose the wickedness of those who live ungrateful and unconverted lives?
- 10. Concluding question to be answered when you get home between God and you in the privacy of your bedroom: What kind of life am I living—a life of good works with gratitude, or a selfish life without genuine gratitude?