

# Summer Bible Study 2016 – Luther’s Small Catechism

## LESSON 2 – July 3, 2016

### PART 1 – The TEN Commandments

Luther carefully divided the Catechism into the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism for ease of teaching and understanding. Those six Chief Parts are: (Put these to memory)

#### **1. The Ten Commandments**

2. The Apostles' Creed
3. The Lord's Prayer
4. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
5. The Sacrament of Holy Communion
6. The Keys and Confession

**1<sup>st</sup> Commandment:** You shall have no other gods.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment:** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not use His Name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God’s Name in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

Curse = To wish evil upon someone or something

Swear = A false oath. “Cross my heart and hope to die, stick needle in my eye.”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment:** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

Sabbath = Rest – For Body & Soul

**4<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. (And All In Authority.)

**5<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** You shall not murder. (Homicide, Abortion, Euthanasia, Hate, Suicide)

**6<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** You shall not commit adultery. (Includes Heterosexual & Homosexual sin, sex outside of the Biblical definition of marriage between One Man and One Woman.)

**7<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** You shall not steal. (Includes Bank Robbery, Tax Fraud, etc.)

**8<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (Do not hurt your neighbor’s name.)

**9<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. (Covet = want something not yours.)

**10<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, workers, animals or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Where in the Bible do we find the 10 Commandments?

**Exodus 20: 1 - 17** - And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

## Why do we still observe the 10 Commandments since they were given in the Old Testament?

Because they are repeated throughout the New Testament.

(See Matt. 19:18-19; Rom. 13:8-10; Gal. 5:19)

## Why are there 10 and not 9 or 11?

God tells us in passages such as:

**Deut. 4:12-14** – “Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. <sup>13</sup> He declared to you his covenant, the **Ten Commandments**, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. <sup>14</sup> And the LORD directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

**Exodus 34:27-28** – “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” <sup>28</sup> Moses was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the **Ten Commandments**.” (Please Note: The Roman Catholic Church has 10, but numbers them different.)

## What are the Two tables of the Law?

**Matthew 22:37-40** - “Jesus replied: ”“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

The First Table tells us to Love \_\_\_\_\_.

The Second Table tells us to love our \_\_\_\_\_.

## On Mount Sinai, The Lord gave Moses three kinds of Laws. Those three kinds of laws are:

**CIVIL** – (Governmental Laws)

An example of a Civil Law = **Exodus 21:18-19** - <sup>18</sup>“If men quarrel and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and he does not die but is confined to bed, <sup>19</sup> the one who struck the blow will not be held responsible if the other gets up and walks around outside with his staff; however, he must pay the injured man for the loss of his time and see that he is completely healed.

## CEREMONIAL – (Church Laws)

An Example of a Ceremonial Law = **Exodus 23:14-17** - <sup>14</sup>“Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me.  
<sup>15</sup>“Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in that month you came out of Egypt.

“No one is to appear before me empty-handed.

<sup>16</sup>“Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field.

“Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

<sup>17</sup>“Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign LORD.

## MORAL – (The 10 Commandments)

The LAW **S**hows us **O**ur **S**\_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 3:20** - Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

Everyone has the Law written on their heart. What is this called? \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 2:14-15** – “Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, *do by nature* things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, <sup>15</sup> since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their *consciences* also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.”

God gave the Law to the Children of Israel in written form through Moses on what Mountain? \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exodus 19:1-2** – “In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.”

What does the Law do? \_\_\_\_\_.

**Galatians 3:24** - <sup>24</sup> So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

(Please Note: Even though The Law leads us to recognize the need for a Savior, ONLY the Gospel creates Saving Faith in our hearts.)

What is Sin? \_\_\_\_\_

**I John 3:4** – “Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.”

- αμαρτια / αμαρτανω - To Miss the Mark / To Miss The Target of God’s Word.

Where does Sin Begin? \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 7:21-22** - <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”

How Long have I been sinful? \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 51:5** - <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

## What are the 3 Purposes of the Law?

### 1. Curb:

**I Timothy 1:9-10** – <sup>9</sup> We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

**Romans 2:14** - <sup>14</sup> (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law,

2. Guide:

**Romans 12:1-2** – Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Psalm 119:105** – <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

3. Mirror:

**Romans 7:7** - <sup>7</sup> What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “Do not covet.”

**Why Do we Want to Obey The Law of God?** \_\_\_\_\_.

We obey God’s Law because we want to obey our Father in heaven as we thank Him for all the blessings He has given us and continues to give us. We especially thank God for our Salvation as we look forward to spending eternity in heaven instead of living a life with the fearful expectation of hell.

(Obedience to God’s Law does not earn our way into heaven Obedience to God is how we say thank You to God?)

**Galatians 5:4-6** - <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

**Psalm 95:2** – <sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

**Psalm 100:4** – <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**Psalm 107:21-22** – <sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. <sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

**Psalm 116:17** - <sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

The Old Adam and The New Man:

**Ephesians 4:21-24** - <sup>21</sup> Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Because of the Old Adam and the New Man we have a constant internal battle until we die.

**Romans 7:15-25** - <sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!