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HOME TALK Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism

Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Second Table of the Law

55 What is the Second Table of the Law and what does it teach?

The Second Table of the Law consists of the last seven commandments. These commandments teach that I am to love my neighbor as myself.

56 When do you love yourself in the right way?

1. I love myself rightly when I realize that God loves me and that I am created in His image.

Psalm 139:13-14a "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."



Psalm 8:3-9 "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower



ful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him

dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

2. I love myself rightly when I care for the salvation of my immortal soul and for my physical well-being.

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 16:26 "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

57 Who is your neighbor?

Everyone is my neighbor (Luke 10:25-37).

58 When do you love your neighbor in the

right way?

I love my neighbor in the right way when I do what Jesus tells me to do when He said, "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..." (Matthew 7:12)

Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

James 1:27 "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

