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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 Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14).

What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we lead a chaste and pure life, in word and deed, and that husband and wife love and respect each other.

74 What does God require of you in the Sixth Commandment?

God requires that I live a chaste and pure life in thought, word, and deed, whether married or unmarried, and that husband and wife love and respect each other.



75 What is marriage?

Marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman who agree to enter into this relationship and promise to care for and be faithful to each other.

Matthew 19:4-6 "He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

76 Who instituted marriage?

God himself instituted marriage at Creation and has given it His blessing.

Genesis 2:18 "Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Genesis 1:27-28 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."



77 How should husband and wife care for each other?

Husband and wife should care for each other by recognizing each other as a gift from God, should stand by each other in good and evil days until death parts them.

Ephesians 5:23-25 "For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her..." 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

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