

Second Wrap up 10 Commandments of Luther's Explanation of Small Catechism

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In the bulletin we referenced this question:

How carefully does God want us to keep His commandment?

God wants us to keep His commandments perfectly in thoughts, desires, words, and deeds!

Look at Leviticus 19:3: Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.

And James 2:10 whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

BUT WAIT...ouch then the question begs

What prevents us from keeping God's commandments perfectly?

Our sinful nature makes it impossible!

Look at Psalm 14:3 All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Ecclesiastics 7:20 there is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags

And of course:

1John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

So: Can anyone, then, be saved by the Law?

NO! He condemns everyone!!!

Galatians 3:10-11 look it up

SO THEN! What is the PURPOSE OF THE LAW?

First: the Law helps to control violent outbursts of sin and keeps order in the world. Look at 1Timothy 1:9 and Romans 2: 14-15.

Second: The Law accuses us and shows us our sin (a mirror)

Romans 3:20 through the law we become conscious of sin

Romans 7:7 I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet."

Third: the Law teaches us Christians what we should and should not do to lead a God-pleasing life (a guide).

The power to live according to the Law comes from the Gospel.

Scripture confirms this: Psalm 119:9, Psalm 119:105 and 1John 4:9,11.

OKAY

NOW! WHAT IS SIN?

Sin is every thought, desire, word and deed which is contrary to God's Law.

Scripture: 1 John 3:4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness

Martin Luther goes further: other names for sin are:

Disobedience: Romans 5:19

Debts: Matthew 6:12

Wickedness, rebellion Exodus 34:7 and Romans 6:13

Fault: Matthew 18:15

Trespass: Romans 5:17

Wrong: Colossians 3:25

So...now that we know what sin is...Who brought sin into the world?

1John 3: He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning!

Romans 5:12 Sin entered the world through one man

For the narrative on this: Check out Genesis 3:1-7 the fall of humanity.

How many kinds of sin are there?

Two: Original and actual

1) What is original sin?

Psalm 51:5 I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. (We inherited this from Adam through our parents)

Other scripture to look at: John 3:6, Romans 5:12 and Ephesians 4:22.

What has original sin done to human nature?

Has brought guilt and condemnation to all people!!!

Scripture: Romans 5:19, Ephesians 2:3,

Here's a biggie: So sin has done what else...Sin has left everyone without true fear and love of God, that is, spiritually blind, dead, and enemies of God:

Scripture: Genesis 8:21, 1 Corinthians 2:14, Ephesians 2:1, Romans 8:7

SO we commit all kinds of "actual sins"...

Matthew 7:17 every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. Galatians 5:19 the acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like.

2) What is actual sin?

It is every act against a commandment of God in thoughts, desires, words or deeds!

Matthew 15:19, James 1:15 and James 4:17

OKAY!!!

NOW, Where alone does God offer the forgiveness of sins?

God offers the forgiveness of sins only in the Gospel, the good news that we are freed from the guilt, the punishment, and the power of sin and are saved eternally because of Christ's keeping the Law and His suffering death for us!

John 3:16, Romans 10:4, Galatians 3:13, Col. 1:13-14

So do we get it?

The law teaches us what we are to do and not do

The Gospel teaches us what God has done and still does for our salvation

The law shows us our sin and wrath of God

The Gospel shows us our Savior and the grace of God

The law must be proclaimed to all people

The Gospel must be proclaimed to sinners who are troubled in their minds because of their sins.

Jesus Messiah, (he knew no sin) He humbled himself! He carried the cross! Love so amazing!

Name above all names!

Blessed Redeemer!

Immanuel!

Rescue for sinners!

Ransom from heaven!

Jesus Messiah!

Lord of All!

All our hope is in HIM!

All the Glory to you GOD!

The Light of the WORLD!

Thank you Chris Tomlin for your song, putting words and music to the beautiful God we so adore!

