

# The Third Commandment Part II

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# Preface

## NKJV

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- ▶ Rom 16:17  
Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, **contrary to the doctrine which you learned**, and avoid them.

## ESV

- ▶ 2 Tim 3:16,17  
All Scripture is breathed out by God and **profitable for teaching**, for reproof, for correction, and **for training in righteousness**, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.
- ▶ Rom 16:17  
I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles **contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught**; avoid them.

# What is a “Catechism”?

- ▶ 1 Cor 14:19 Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to **instruct** others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.
- ▶ Gal 6:6 One who is **taught** the word must share all good things with the one who **teaches**.
- ▶ Acts 18:24,25 Now a Jew named Apollos...had been **instructed** in the way of the Lord.
- ▶ Greek **katecheo**: to teach or instruct by word of mouth
- ▶ A brief summary of the basic principles of Christianity in question-and-answer format.
- ▶ **Great resource** for personal Bible study and for the training of our children in the truths of Scripture

# Catechism Resources

<http://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/topic/confessions.html>

- ▶ Westminster Larger/Shorter Catechism
- ▶ Heidelberg Catechism
- ▶ A Baptist Catechism – John Piper
- ▶ A Puritan Catechism – C. H. Spurgeon
- ▶ The Book of Concord – M. Luther
- ▶ Belgic Confession of Faith (1561)
- ▶ Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)
- ▶ London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)

# Important Quotes

- ▶ “We understand our catechism to be a good, sound and accurate summary of the whole teaching of Scripture. As a matter of history, all heretics quote Scripture. What makes us Reformed is how we understand Scripture and this understanding is summarized in the catechism. This is, -why we have a catechism.”
- ▶ “If we thought that catechism was not biblical, we would not use it and, if anyone can show that the catechism is unbiblical, the church ought to revise it to bring it into conformity with Scripture.”
- ▶ R. Scott Clark – Westminster Seminary

# Transition...Walking by the Spirit

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## ▶ Rom 7:21-23

- So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,** but I see in my members **another law waging war against the law of my mind** and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

## ▶ Gal 5:24,25

- And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**

# Third Commandment: Part II

- ▶ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain." Ex 20:7
- ▶ What is required in the third commandment?
  - Recap from last week – VERY BRIEF
- ▶ What sins are forbidden in the third commandment?
  - List is long – lets discuss a few...shall we?
- ▶ What reasons are added to the third commandment?
  - Violating this commandment...
- ▶ Wrap it up and put on a bow

# Last Week...What is required

- ▶ “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...” Matt 6:9
- ▶ The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word and works. WSC #54
- ▶ That we use the holy name of God no otherwise than with fear and reverence; so that he may be rightly confessed and worshipped by us, and be glorified in all our words and works. Heidelberg Catechism #99

# Sins forbidden are...

- ▶ The NOT using of God's name as is required
- ▶ Sinful cursings.
- ▶ Perjury. Violating an oath.
- ▶ Violating our vows. Wedding vows ring a bell?
- ▶ Misinterpreting, misapplying, or anyway perverting the Word or any part of it. Maintaining false doctrine.
- ▶ Curious prying into God's decrees and providences.
- ▶ Making profession of faith in hypocrisy.
- ▶ Being ashamed of your faith
- ▶ Backsliding from the faith

# WSC Q.55: What is forbidden in the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment?

- ▶ “The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God makes Himself known.”
- ▶ Heidelberg: “That we, not only by cursing or perjury, but also by rash swearing, must not profane or abuse the name of God; nor by silence or connivance be partakers of these horrible sins in others”

# What reason is added to the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment?

- ▶ "...for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."
- ▶ Read Lev 24:10-16
- ▶ Read Deut 28:58-68
- ▶ Conclusion: "No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry than blaspheming His name." Heidelberg Catechism

# In the final analysis...

- ▶ “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” Rom 3:23
- ▶ For non-Christians: The Law is of use to awaken their consciences to flee from wrath and to drive them to Christ

# For the Christian:

- ▶ We have been delivered from the Law as a covenant of works
- ▶ The Law shows us how much we are bound to Christ for His fulfilling it and enduring the curse of it as our substitute
- ▶ The Law should provoke us to more thankfulness
- ▶ The Law should be the rule of our obedience
- ▶ We must trust that the Holy Spirit will work in us to will and to work for His good pleasure (Phil 2:13)

# In case I run out of time...

- ▶ Q. 95. Of what use is the moral law to all men?
- ▶ A. The moral law is of use to all men, to
  1. inform them of the holy nature and will of God,
  2. inform them of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly;
  3. to convince them of their disability to keep it,
  4. to convince them of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives;
  5. to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery,
  6. thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of His obedience