The Basics of Lutheran Teaching - Class #6

The Sixth Commandment.

49. Which Is the Sixth Commandment?
Thou shalt not commit adultery.

50. What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we may lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed, and each love and honor his spouse.

51. What is marriage?
The lifelong union of man and wife unto one flesh, instituted by God and entered into by rightful betrothal.

Genesis 1:27-28, 31 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." …31Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

B. H. **The institution of matrimony.** Genesis 2:18-24 And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." [19]Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that *was* its name. [20]So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. [21]And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. [22]Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. [23]And Adam said: "This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

[24]Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

52. What Is forbidden in the Sixth Commandment? Everything whereby the divine ordinance of matrimony is broken, violated, or desecrated, be it in or out of wedlock, by deed, word, or desire.

88) Eph. 5, 3. 4. But fornication, and uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

89) Eph. 5, 12. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

90) Matt. 19,6. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

91) Matt. 19, 9. Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery.

Mark 10:6-9 But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 7'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8'and the two

shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9"Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

92) 2 Pet. 2, 14. Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin,

93) Matt. 5, 27. 28. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

94) Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

1 Corinthians 7:15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.

B. H. 2 Sam. 11. David. - Matt. 14. Herod.

See 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and Romans 1:24-27 below regarding Homosexuality

53. What is enjoined upon all men in this Commandment? To lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed.

95) Rom. 13, 13. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

96) Eph. 4, 29. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

97) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
(See "Marriage is a Figure of Christ and the Church" p.5)

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age…

B. H. Gen. 39. Joseph. especially, Genesis 39:9 "There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

54. What does this require? That we quench the evil desires with God's Word and prayer, industry and temperance, and that we flee and avoid all opportunity for unchasteness.

98) Ps. 51,10. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

99) 1 Cor. 6, 18. Flee fornication.

100) 1 Tim. 5, 22. Keep thyself pure.

101) 2 Tim. 2, 22. Flee youthful lusts.

102) Proverbs 23:31-33 Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; 32At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. 33Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things.

103) Prov. 1, 10. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

55. What is enjoined upon married people especially? That each should love and honor his spouse, the husband his wife as his helpmeet, and the wife her husband as her head.

1 Corinthians 7:4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 5:21-33 …submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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Husbands

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Wives

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

1 Peter 3:5-6 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Parents

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Children

Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

God's Institution of the Gift of Marriage

The life-long union of a man and a woman in the closest fellowship of body and life.

Matthew 19:4-6, "And Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' {*Gen 1:27*} and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? *{Gen 2:24-25}* So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore **what God has joined together**, let not man separate."

Matthew 19:9, "And I say to you, whoever **divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality**, and marries another, **commits adultery**; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

1 Corinthians 7:39, "A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but **if her husband dies**, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord."

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1. For the Procreation of Children **(and their upbringing)**

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2. For Help and Comfort **(in doing God's Will)**

Genesis 2:20-25, "So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found **a helper comparable to him.** 21And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22Then the rib which the Lord had taken from man He made into a woman, **and He brought her to the man.** 23And Adam said: **"This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh;** She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Proverbs 31:30, "Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But **a woman who fears the Lord**, she shall be praised.

3. For the Avoidance of Fornication **(after the Fall)**

1 Corinthians 7:2-5, "Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

Hebrews 13:4, "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

Marriage is a figure of Christ and the Church

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1 Corinthians 6:15-20, "Do you not know that **your bodies are members of Christ?** Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 16Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." 17But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. **18Flee sexual immorality.** Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**"

What Do You Look For In A Spouse?

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Proverbs 31:10-31, especially Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 6:20-35, especially Proverbs 6:24 To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress. 25Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids. 26For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life. 27Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?

Avoid All Temptations to Sexual Sin

Titus 2:11-12, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age…."

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should **abstain from sexual immorality**; 4that each of you should know how to **possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor**, **5not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;** 6that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. 7For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit."

Impure Thoughts

Matthew 5:27-30, "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28But I say to you that **whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.** 29"If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30"And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—**meditate on these things**."

Impure Words

Ephesians 5:3-4, "But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; **4neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting,** which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Homosexuality

Romans 1:24-32, "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. **For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.** 28And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them."

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

Gender Confusion

Matthew 19:4-6, "And Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them **male and female**,' {*Gen 1:27*}

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