



## YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

### LESSON 14: THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

#### Introduction

Which is the fifth commandment God gave to His people?

We know this commandment still applies to us because its content is repeated in the New Testament. (See passages such as Matthew 5:21, Luke 18:20, and Romans 13:9.)

#### Preserving Life

- **Why does God want our life and the lives of our neighbors preserved? (Q 56)**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Gen 9:6 (250)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Is 55:6 (248)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Ps 31:15

Man's earthly life is his \_\_\_\_\_, during which he can be brought to faith in Christ and saved through the Gospel. When a man dies, or even when he becomes hardened by the sin against the Holy Ghost (Mt 12:31-32), his time of grace is over. See Lk 16:19-31; Heb 9:27. Taking a man's life is therefore the same as ending his time of grace and sending him to hell, if he is an unbeliever.

- **Who only then has the right to end a person's life or hurt someone? (Q 75)**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Dt 32:39-42 (256)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Ro 13:4 (259)

From the Augsburg Confession: "It is taught among us that ... Christians may without sin occupy civil offices, ... punish evildoers with the sword, engage in just wars, serve as soldiers," etc. Capital punishment is not contrary to God's Word. Pacifism is not required by God's Word. See Lk 3:14.

- **What then does God forbid in the Fifth Commandment? (Q 59)**

Hurting someone's body by killing:

_____	Gen 4:8, 10-11	(267)
_____	2 Samuel 11:2-17	(268)
_____	Exodus 21:29	(269)
_____	Matthew 15:19	(271)
_____	1 Samuel 31:4	
_____	Deuteronomy 32:39	(266)
_____	Ps 139:13	

Hurting someone's body without killing:

_____	Pr 23:20, 31, 33	(260)
_____	Luke 10:30	
_____	Matthew 5:22	(276)
_____	1 John 3:15	(166)
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- "We must not kill, either by hand, heart, or word, by signs or gestures, or by aiding and abetting ... Not only is murder forbidden, but also everything that may lead to murder ... We should not harm anyone by hand or by deed. We should not use our tongue to advocate or advise harming anyone. We should neither use nor sanction any means or methods whereby anyone may be harmed. Finally, our heart should harbor no hostility or malice toward anyone in a spirit of anger or hatred ... This commandment is violated not only when a person actually does evil, but also when he fails to do good to his neighbor ... If you see anyone suffer hunger and do not feed him, you have let him starve" (Luther's Large Catechism).
- Some forms of murder, such as abortion or mercy-killing (euthanasia), may be permitted by certain governments. They are still contrary to God's Law, however.

## How Should We Then Live?

What does God therefore require in the Fifth Commandment?

Ephesians 4:32 (282)

Proverbs 24:17 (283)

Write Luther's explanation to the fifth commandment:

"We show to everyone all kindness and love. And this kindness is directed especially toward our enemies. To show kindness to our friends is but an ordinary heathen virtue"

- Luther  
*Large Catechism*

What are some Bible examples of obedience to this commandment?

Luke 10:25-37 (278)

Genesis 50:15-21 (279)

John 6:1-14 (284)

1 John 4:10-11 (286)

What must we confess about ourselves after studying this commandment?

Js 2:8-11  
Ro 2:13  
Ro 3:23 (432)

Who alone has kept this commandment perfectly?

Ac 10:38  
1 Pet 2:22-23 (287)

How then can we be saved?

Jn 3:16 (47)

Is it possible for us to make a beginning of keeping this commandment?

Ps 119:32 (53)

## Review

1. What great sin does God forbid in the Fifth Commandment?
2. Who has the right to punish a murderer with death?
3. What else, besides killing a person, does God forbid by the Fifth Commandment?
4. How can you take good care of your body?
5. Can you hurt or harm your neighbor without striking a blow?
6. Is quarreling a sin against the Fifth Commandment?
7. What should we do if we have hurt or harmed our neighbor in his body?
8. What is our duty toward our neighbor?
9. In what way can we help and befriend our neighbor?

## Assignment

- Bible Reading Schedule 11 from the book of Luke (Mon-Fri)
- Memorize the Fifth Commandment with Explanation (p. 67)