

**The Law of God is still in effect and should be loved and used by Christians to assist them in living a life that is holy and pleasing to God!**

- I. **Description of the Law (Q. 97)**
  - A. Law in general
  - B. Threefold distinction
  
- II. **Structure of the Law (Q. 98-101)**
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- III. **Beginning of the Law (Q. 102-104)**
  - A. Knowledge of God
  - B. Faith vs unbelief
  - C. Hope vs despair
  - D. Love of God vs self
  - E. Fear of God vs man
  - F. Humility vs pride
  - G. Patience vs impatience

**Question 97:**

What is the Law of God?

**Answer:**

The Decalogue, or Ten Commandments.

**Question 98:**

How are these commandments divided?

**Answer:**

Into two tables, whereof the former, delivered in four commandments, tells us how we ought to behave ourselves towards God; the latter, delivered in six commandments, tells us what duties we owe to our neighbors.

**Question 99:**

What is the Preface to the ten Commandments?

**Answer:**

I am JEHOVAH, the Lord your God, which brought you out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**Question 100:**

What do we learn from the Preface?

**Answer:**

Three things: first, He shows to whom the right of all rule belongs, that is, to God himself, for I am (says He) Jehovah; secondly, He says, He is the God of His people, that through the promise of His bountifulness He might allure them to obey Him; and thirdly, He says, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, as if He should say, I am He who has manifested Myself to you and bestowed all those blessings upon you, therefore you are bound to show thankfulness and obedience to Me.

**Question 101:**

Do these things belong to us?

**Answer:**

They do, because they figuratively comprehend and imply all the deliverances of the Church; and further, this was a type of our wonderful deliverance achieved by Christ.

**Question 102:**

What is the first Commandment?

**Answer:**

You shalt have no other Gods before me.

**Question 103:**

What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

**Answer:**

That as dearly as I render the salvation of my own soul, so earnestly should I shun and flee all idolatry, sorcery, enchantments, superstitions, praying to saints, or any other creatures, and should rightly acknowledge the only and true God, trust in Him alone, submit and subject myself to Him with all humility and patience, look for all good things from Him alone, and lastly with the entire affection of my heart love, reverence, and worship Him, so that I am ready to renounce and forsake all creatures rather than to commit the least thing that may be against His will.

**Question 104:**

What is idolatry?

**Answer:**

It is in place of that one God, or besides that one true God who has manifested Himself in His word and works, to make or imagine, and account any other thing in which I rest my hope and confidence.