

## **Honor, Love, and Faithfulness** **Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 39**

1. HONORING PARENTS: The fifth commandment includes the obligations of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our parents.

a. The distinction between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is important for understanding the scope of the commandment.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup>“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” (Ephesians 6:1-3)

b. The Catechism identifies a \_\_\_\_\_ within the commandment, to honor “all those in authority over me.”

c. This honor is not ultimate or absolute but is limited in \_\_\_\_\_.

2. REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT: The fifth commandment is behind the biblical exhortations to honor human authorities as established by \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

3. LIVE AS PEOPLE WHO ARE FREE: The way we relate to \_\_\_\_\_ is part of our \_\_\_\_\_ as the church. That witness includes:

a. ...being good \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ...receiving \_\_\_\_\_ from previous generations.

Hear, my son, your father's instruction,  
and forsake not your mother's teaching (Proverbs 1:8)  
I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts. (Psalm 119:100)

c. ...honor those who are \_\_\_\_\_, especially our parents.

You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. (Leviticus 19:32)

d. Be confident all of this is “for the Lord's sake” and therefore \_\_\_\_\_ God.