

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **94. What does God require in the first Commandment?**

That, on peril of my soul's salvation, I avoid and flee all idolatry,<sup>1</sup> sorcery, enchantments,<sup>2</sup> invocation of saints or of other creatures;<sup>3</sup> and that I rightly acknowledge the only true God,<sup>4</sup> trust in Him alone,<sup>5</sup> with all humility<sup>6</sup> and patience<sup>7</sup> expect all good from Him only,<sup>8</sup> and love,<sup>9</sup> fear,<sup>10</sup> and honor<sup>11</sup> Him with my whole heart; so as rather to renounce all creatures than to do the least thing against His will.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor 6:9-10, 10:5-14; 1 Jn 5:21; <sup>2</sup> Lev 19:31; Deut 18:9-12; <sup>3</sup> Mt 4:10; Rev 19:10, 22:8-9; <sup>4</sup> Jn 17:3; <sup>5</sup> Jer 17:5, 7; <sup>6</sup> 1 Pt 5:5-6; <sup>7</sup> Rom 5:3-4; 1 Cor 10:10; Php 2:14; Col 1:10-11; Heb 10:36; <sup>8</sup> Ps 104:27-30; Isa 45:6-7; Jas 1:17; <sup>9</sup> Deut 6:5 [Mt 22:37]; <sup>10</sup> Deut 6:2; Ps 111:10; Prov 1:7, 9:10; Mt 10:28; 1Pt 1:7; <sup>11</sup> Deut 6:13 [Mt 4:10], 10:20; <sup>12</sup> Mt 5:29-30, 10:37-39; Acts 5:29