

Exodus 20:14
No Adultery

Heidelberg Catechism
Lord's Day 41

A law for sinners and saints ...

I. Created Order

- A. From the Beginning
- B. For all Mankind
- C. Grossly Violated

II. Covenant Command

- A. Clear Command
- B. Comprehensive Chastity
- C. Exclusive Commitment

III. Condition of the Heart

- A. Toward God
- B. Toward Man
- C. In Christ's Community

... grace for the likes of us.

Children, Listen ...

In Genesis 1:27 we read "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

1. Who created people?
2. What do we learn about how people are different from animals from this verse?
3. Did God create us to be anything other than men and women (or boys and girls)?
4. What do you know about how God feels about marriage?

108. Q. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That all unchastity is cursed by God.

We must therefore detest it from the heart

and live chaste and disciplined lives, both within and outside of holy marriage.

109. Q. Does God in this commandment forbid nothing more than adultery and similar shameful sins?

A. Since we, body, and soul, are temples of the Holy Spirit, it is God's will that we keep ourselves pure and holy.

Therefore, He forbids all unchaste acts, gestures, words, thoughts, desires, and whatever may entice us to unchastity.