

# THE CATECHETICAL CHURCH



## *The Ten Commandments*

1. In this commandment, God protects his gifts of sex and marriage. Using Genesis 2:24 as a guide, define marriage.

*The marriage union is established when a man and a woman freely choose to leave father and mother and enter a lifelong union with each other as husband and wife. In this union husband and wife express their love through God-pleasing sexual relations.*

2. In addition to enjoying God-pleasing sexual union, what are the other two blessings that God gives to those who are married?

*God also blesses husbands and wives with loving companionship and with children.*

3. Which sins against the Sixth Commandment does God condemn in the following verses?

*“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9,10).*

*“But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28).*

*“The LORD, the God of Israel, says that he hates divorce” (Malachi 2:16).*

*God condemns any misuse of his gifts of sex and marriage, including adultery, engaging in sexual relations outside of marriage, homosexuality, impure thoughts and words, and wrongfully seeking a divorce.*

4. What are the only scriptural grounds for divorce?

*Sexual unfaithfulness and malicious desertion.*

5. In Ephesians 5:21-25, the apostle Paul outlines the roles of husbands and wives: “[Submit] to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...” What is the God-appointed role of wives? of husbands? How will fulfilling one’s role affect a marriage?

*Paul shares advice for a strong and successful marriage. In this marriage the wife will be submissive to her husband (as the church willingly submits to Christ), and the husband will love his wife with the same selfless, self-sacrificing love with which Christ loves the church. As husbands and wives fulfill their roles, the marriage will be blessed.*

6. Hebrews 7:26 says: “For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.” According to this verse, how did Jesus save us from our sins against the Sixth Commandment?

*Jesus kept this commandment perfectly in our place—he was pure. As our high priest, Jesus then sacrificed his pure and holy life on the cross of Calvary as the payment for our sins against this commandment.*