

Give Grace to Those Who Hear Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 43

1. THE HEART OF THE LAW: Love _____ and love your _____.
 - a. We hear God's law in the context of the _____, as God's good gift orienting us wisely to life with the grain of reality (Deuteronomy 5:6, Psalm 1).
 - b. The specific _____ of the ninth commandment is important: "you shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor." Consider the example of Rahab and the spies (Joshua 2:4-6; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25).
 - c. The heart of the ninth commandment: love your neighbor _____.

2. LOVE THE TRUTH: the Catechism identifies many _____ that are summed up in the ninth commandment.
 - a. Never give false testimony against _____ (Deuteronomy 5:20).

A false witness will not go unpunished,
 and he who breathes out lies will not escape. (Proverbs 19:4)
 - b. Do not _____, slander, or join in condemning anyone rashly (Psalm 15).

The one who states his case first seems right,
 until the other comes and examines him. (Proverbs 18:17)
 - c. Love, speak, and acknowledge the truth, all in a way that _____ your neighbor's honor and reputation (Ephesians 4:25).

3. GIVE GRACE: As God restores his _____ in us (Ephesians 4:23-24), he restores us to a life of loving the truth (Ephesians 4:25-32).
 - a. Jesus as the Word made flesh makes known the Creator who is _____ (John 14:6).
 - b. Jesus gives us a life in which our words are _____ to give grace to those who hear.

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear (Ephesians 4:29).
 - c. Our words are a means that _____ to help each other persevere along the path to the new creation.