

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC41 The Sum of the Moral Law

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 41: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?  
**The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.**

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All right, So the shorter catechism this week is we're in is the moral law, merely comprehended and The short easy almost snarky answer would be the Bible but more specifically We learn from the Lord Jesus. A couple of places where we're in the moral law. Summarily comprehended. He gives it to us in two, great commandments to which he adds a third that comes upon the heels of that union with Christ in the age of the church.

So, the two great commandments. Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. And then the third he says a new commandment, I give you which is pretty amazing that the Lord Jesus who said that no jot or tittle would be removed from the law.

And the law is perfect and unbreakable etc. That he said a new commandment. I give you that you love one another. As I have loved you that there is a branch of morality that that is actually added in the age of the church. So we're in as the moral law summarily comprehended.

We might say the two great commandments The Lord Jesus of course does affirm the same thing as our catechism answer answers. Our catechism answer is the moral laws. Summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments when he talks to the rich young ruler. You remember the rich and ruler comes, and he asks him what he may do to inherit eternal life?

And Jesus says, keep the commandments and he says, which ones and Jesus starts with the supposedly easier ones, you shall not murder, he's not commit adultery. So not steal. You should not bear false witness, which you, of course, recognize as six seven eight. Nine from the Ten Commandments and this poor fellow things that he has done this.

He has kept these from his youth. He hadn't started to do them. However, The reason we know that he hadn't started to do them is because that's the second great commandment And Jesus tells him okay? Well, I guess the only thing left is the first great. Commandment sell everything you have.

Give it to the poor. You will have treasure in heaven and come follow me. And the question is, does the treasure that he hasn't heaven? God Himself and the following of Jesus on earth, having Jesus on earth. Who is God himself, right? What Asap learned? When he went to worship whom have I in heaven but you there's nothing else.

I desire on earth beside you, Sadly for the rich young ruler, he desired everything else on earth besides him and he wasn't willing to give it up. Be careful when you think about passages like this I've heard this passage used to make giving to the poor the the height of all goodness and that's an important aspect of keeping the eighth.

Commandment thou shalt not steal the opposite of which is generosity and generosity to the poor, something that is particularly imaging of God in the likeness of God. That's fine. That's not the point. That Jesus is making The point that Jesus is making. Is that if you haven't begun to love God, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

You certainly haven't begun to love your neighbor as yourself in the way that's commanded because neighbor love comes from the selflessness of someone who realizes that everything exists from God and through God. And for God, all things are from him and through him into him to him, be the glory forever.

Amen. And so if our love of neighbor are keeping of five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten or six, seven, eight, nine, ten. However, we are going to count that are confession, catechisms are catechisms to five. Six, seven, eight, nine, ten. If our love of neighbor is not coming from love of God.

Then it isn't even actually love of neighbor. It is a self-righteousness trusting and self for the vindication of self unto the praise of self which is the opposite of righteousness. That's more like Satan than it is like God. So the Lord, Jesus basically tells him keep the second table of the law and even more important or foundational for keeping the second table of the law is keeping, the first table of the law.

So we have on the authority of the teaching of our Lord, that the moral laws, summarily comprehended in the 10 commandments and yes, all 10, not the nine commandments, not the last six commandments. All 10 commitments.