Scripture: Romans 6

Singing: 400:1-3, 7 – 415:2, 4, 6 – 335 – 83

Reminder: *The Catechism is the guide to the ‘only comfort’ and that*

*includes the section on God’s law!*

* Comfort isn’t confined to *belonging the faithful Savior*
* It also includes *living for the faithful Savior*

**The Law and the Saints**

I. What is a saint? II. What is the place of Law in life of saints?

**I. What exactly is a saint?**

A. A true saint is someone *united by faith to Jesus Christ* (John 15:1-4)

B. A saint is *Jesus’ work in progress* *– unfinished till in glory!*

1. Eph. 2:10 *For we are* ***His workmanship****, created in Jesus Christ unto*

*good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk*

*in them*

2. Saints do not *feel* saintly in this earthly life (Rom. 7:14-25)

C. A saint has the highest calling:

1. to be perfect like as the Father in heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48)

a. see also Phil. 2:14-16

**Examine**: *Is God’s calling and purpose in line with your inner being?*

**II. What is the place or role of the Ten in the life of His saints?**

A. Some: *the details of the Ten are not important for the saved!*

1. Based on Biblical *misquotes*: *Rom. 13:8 – 10 – Rom 6:14 – Gal. 5:18*

B. Scripture: *the details of the Ten remain all important for the saints!*

1. If salvation is *restoration,* then to *what will sinners be restored?*

2. If *law-honoring-lives* aren’t important for the NT believer, why does

the New Testament teach so much on *holiness?*

3. If *Jesus came to fulfill the law, why would His followers replace it?*

a. the intent of Romans 13:8, 10 is to *clarify the root of our actions*

C. What is Paul teaching in Romans 6:14 & Gal. 5:18?

*“…* *for ye are not under the law but under grace”*

*“But if ye are led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law”*

1. Consider **context**: Romans 6 is the answer to *anti-nomians* (vs. 1)

2. How does Paul answer the error of anti-nomianism?

a. If you united to Christ, you share Christ’s death and life (4-6)

b. Christ is become your *new Master* (12-16)

c. Believers are *dead to sin* (vs. 2, 7, 11)

**Finally:** Consider the summary of Lord’s Day Q. 114-115

A. Jesus’ people are defined by the mark of *keeping His commandments*

B. Christian obedience is not *slavery* but *submission*

C. Obedience is not the *ground of the relationship with God* but one of the

best evidences of it

● the evidence of true saving faith is not *how much you believe or*

*what you believe*

● but the evidence is *how much it conforms us to Jesus Christ*