

Intro:

Tonight/next 7 weeks, learn how to study 10 Commandments to live/love better. READ WLC Q&A 99:1

Main Point of Text: God's sound and sure Law revives and reforms His people.

Sermon Point: *Revive and reform in perfection.*

Move 1: Stand on the faith of your fathers to pursue perfection until the resurrection.

Westminster Assembly's work on Decalogue painstakingly precious: appointed 11 subcommittees; one for each commandment, one for laying down general rules (99-102). Each answer was reviewed and debated. (John Bower, *The Larger Catechism: A Critical Text and Introduction*). Redeeming time: Philip. 3:8-16.

Move 2: Seek to conform your whole image to Christ.

LC: "bindeth everyone to full conformity in the whole man unto the righteousness thereof, and unto entire obedience for ever": Freed from penalty, not precept (J.G. Vos). Precept: rule/guide/standard of living.

- *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.* (James 2:10)
- *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.* (1 John 3:4)

Move 3: Seek to polish up your shine for Christ.

LC: "so as to require the utmost perfection of every duty, and to forbid the least degree of every sin." READ Matthew 5:21-22. Remember, you must let love move you, commanded in Lev. 19:18.

Move 4: Use the Law to check your reflection.

LC: "1. That the law is perfect". It reflects God's perfect character. Christ's perfect love. Psalm 19:7:

- Poetic Parallelism, synonymous and synthetic.
 - Law/Testimony of the LORD is something: perfect/sure.
 - Law/Testimony of the LORD does something to you: converts/makes wise.
- Law, Torah: "instruction". Testimony: "warnings/reminders/urgings".
- Perfect: "complete/sound". Sure: confirming/faithful/nourishing.
- Converting: word sometimes used for "repent", often return, sometimes restore (Ps. 23:3).
- Simple one: "young, naive, easily deceived".

Conclusion:

Revive and reform in perfection.