Lord's Day 44 Name: _____

The Tenth Commandment is a different kind of commandment. This is very clear from the first answer of this Lord's Day. It does not control a new area of our relationships in life, but it has something to say about all the other commandments. This commandment makes clear that the keeping of the Law is not only an outward matter, but emphatically is a matter of the heart. Thus, it forbids covetousness and demands contentment.

A. The idea of the Tenth Commandment.

1. Any thought or inclination contrary to God's will is _____.

2. Sin arises, first of all, in the _____.

   a. This is true of all sin. Whether sin becomes outward and public or not, it has its source in the heart, and is committed in the heart.

   b. Quote a verse from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:21-32) to prove this. "_____

   _____"

3. Another aspect of the first answer is that the Law is perfect and God demands perfection of us. Fill in the blanks to show this perfect demand. "That even the _____ inclination or thought contrary to _____ of God's commandments _____ arise in our hearts; but that _____ we hate _____ sin with _____ heart, and delight in _____ righteousness."

4. What can we do to prevent evil thoughts from arising in our hearts? (See Question and Answer 127 for one answer.) Also think of another.

   a. _____

   b. _____

5. In Question 114 it is asked whether those converted to God can perfectly keep God's commandments.

   a. What does this imply about the *un*converted? _____

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   Quote Romans 8:7 to show this clearly. "_____

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   _____"

   b. Do the converted keep the Law perfectly? _____. Can you mention persons from the Bible that make this clear? _____

c. Yet, the converted do, with a sincere resolve (determination), _____

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_____.

B. The preaching of the Ten Commandments.

1. God wills that His commandments be preached in the church.

a. In what way will God have them preached? _____

b. This indicates that the commandments are either changeable or unchangeable. Which is true? _____

c. Briefly mention what is meant by "situation ethics" or the "new morality."

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2. What, according to the Catechism, is the purpose of preaching the Law?

a. First, _____

_____, and thus become the more _____

_____;

b. Likewise, _____

_____, that we may become more and more _____, till we arrive

_____

_____.

3. The pastor preaches on the Ten Commandments every year or two as he leads the congregation through the Catechism. How else are we reminded of the importance of the Law? _____