

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC83 “Some Sins Are Worse Than Others”

**Pastor walks his children through** Westminster Shorter Catechism question 83—especially explaining and applying how **some sins are worse than others.**

Q83. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous? ***Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.***

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Catechism question this week is number 83. Which is our all transgressions of the law equally heinous. And the answer. Is that some sins in themselves? And by reason of several aggravations,

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And the answer is that some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, Are more heinous in the sight of god than others. Some sins in themselves are more heinous than the side of god than others. All sins, of course, are abominable to god, but there are particular sins in scripture.

That god identifies as abominations. The violations against the first four commandments, Our greater. More heinous. Then violations of the last six commandments. And in breaking any of the first four commandments. We act directly upon god himself. , not just acting upon Others in violation of god's law. And before gone so worshiping The way we wish to, or , desecrating the sabbath day, profaning the sabbath day.

Or blaspheming the name of god. Or worshiping. A different, god altogether. All those things are more heinous. Because the greatest commandment is love. The lord, your god, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, which summarizes the first four And the second. , that which is like it is still the second.

Love your neighbor as yourself. And so those are more heinous. Since like, Homosexuality. Are more heinous because it is not just a disproportion. Or wrong location or object of a natural affection? But as romans one says, It is us in. That is contrary to nature. It is an unnatural affection.

In and of itself. And so some sins in themselves. Are more heinous than the sight of god than others. , the other thing that can make a sin, more heinous than the side of god than others are these several aggravations. For instance, those who Have been covenanted unto God.

All of their sins are not just in violation of the moral law, generally, But in violation of our bond within, A sin that is committed on the sabbath day. Is more heinous for it being committed on the sabbath day. Because the day has been consecrated just as A sin in public worship.

It is more heinous than a sin committed outside. Excuse me. Is more heinous than us in committed outside the consecrated assembly and outside. That consecrated time. Then there are aggravations like sinning against more grace or more mercy. And these, of course, You can remember the lord, jesus saying, well, to you Bethsaida or woe to you corazon, or , whoa to you Capernan.

And saying that if tire or siden or sodom or Gomorrah, Had seen and heard that things. That. Those Galilean cities had seen and hurt. That they would have. Turned.

The. The more mercy, we've been shown the more grace that we have been shown the more heinous Our sin is, And there are Many other things and we could look At the larger catechism, which would help us to identify. All the different aggravations. That can make our sin. more heinous than the sight of god.

As we rotate through in matthew henry's method for prayer. And the prayer meetings. , you'll probably have noticed now. That as we rotate through the different parts of confessing sin in for one of the things that we rotate through is confessing our sin in light up. And light of how often we have resolved.

, Against that sin and like of how often we have come to god for forgiveness, for that sin and light of the mercies that have been shown us and light of the knowledge that we have of god's word and like of the experience that we have, , in growing in grace and things like that.

So, all of those are things that increase the heinousness of our sin. , which means for the believer. As you continue sending against more and more grace, and more and more knowledge, etc. , you are discovering more and more, how rich the atonement of the lord jesus was for you.

For our sins increase in their heinousness even as , they Decrease. , in quantity or Quality. As we grow in grace and puts into death, Throughout this life. , the sin that remains the sins that we continue to commit increase in heinousness , offensiveness before God. And so we should become more and more amazed at what christ has done for us.

And as , we realize that we have been forgiven even much more Those who are forgiven, much more, should love much more. , don't let this be something that you use the false logic of. Well, Then. Let the heinousness abound. So that grace may about No, the one who has shown you, that great.

As an abounds more. It ought to stir you up to more love for him. And hatred for the sin. So, that is the answer to the question are all transgressions of the law equally heinous. And the answer is some sins in themselves. And by reason of several aggravations, Are more heinous than the sight of god.

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