

THE LOVING BOND BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN

Intro: Last week we looked negative calling in the 7th commandment: what is forbidden for a saint. Now we look at the positive calling. What a mockery our godless society has made of marriage and infidelity, which sadly affects the church and her teaching. God and his Word alone is the basis for how we are to live holy chaste lives in marriage for God's glory and our blessing.

I. GOD'S GOOD CREATION

- A. The first wedding.

- B. The nature of marriage.

- C. Beautiful intimacy:

- D. The mystery of Christ and the his Church

II. THE CALLING IN MARRIAGE

- A. Regulating our marriages according to the standard of Christ and his Church!

- B. The glory and beauty of the wife.

- C. Husbands are to love their wives.

- D. The closeness of the marriage bond:

III. THE POSSIBILITY

- A. First, we are mindful of our great sinfulness.

- B. Looking and depending on the Lord Jesus.

- C. The hard work that must be daily exercised: