The Faith Once Delivered

An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions

Part XII The Augsburg Confession: Article 23

Article 23: Of the Marriage of Priests –

a. Within western Christendom, what has been the historic practice (or practices) regarding the marriage of clergy?

- b. What rationale is offered/presented in support of the marriage of clergy?
 - i. Scripture Passages (What does each passage teach?)—
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 7:2, 2-8, 32-35

2. Matthew 19:10-12

	ii. Testimony from the ancient and medieval church –1.
	2.
j	iii. The reformers/confessors suggest that forced (or enforced) celibacy "has never produced any good results, but has brought on many great and evil vices and much iniquity" (AC XXIII). Consider examples, both of long ago and of recent years, that prove this assertion true.
de	it fair to call the forced celibacy of persons a doctrine of evils? What does the following Scripture passage indicate: 1 mothy 4:3?
	an vows (e.g., monastic vows of life-long celibacy) annul the ommandment of God?
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