

FIRST CHURCH CELEBRATION WORSHIP

[09.20.20]

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17
Message: Worship the Right God the Right Way
Songs: *May Jesus Christ Be Praised [#87]*
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Praise Adonai
In Christ Alone
Before the Throne of God
The Heart of Worship

Participating in Worship

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The Big 10



09.27 Name Above All Names
10.04 Keeping the Sabbath Day Wholly
10.11 Honor Your Father & Mother
10.18 God Loves Life
10.25 God Loves Marriage
11.01 Don't Steal
11.08 Don't Lie
11.15 Don't Covet

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THE COMMANDMENT

The Rule. The Reason. The Warning. The Promise.

WHY IS THIS COMMANDMENT IMPORTANT TODAY?

- God is invisible. God is free. We are not to seek to 'contain' Him.
- God is jealous.
- Christianity is WORD centered.
- God has made a way to Himself ---- through Jesus!
- Why do we need images? We are image-bearers!

HOW DO WE KEEP THE COMMANDMENT TODAY?

- Be on guard! 1st commandment says: "Don't have."
2nd commandment says: "Don't make."
- What do you want when it comes to worship?
What does the Bible say?
- Look to **Jesus**. He is the fulfillment of the 2nd Commandment.

THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US. WE OBSERVED HIS GLORY, THE GLORY AS THE ONE AND ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. -John 1:14

What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

That we in no way make any image of God¹ nor worship him in any other way than has been commanded in God's Word.²

¹ Deut. 4:15-19; Isa. 40:18-25; Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:22-23 ² Lev. 10:1-7; 1 Sam. 15:22-23; John 4:23-24

May we then not make any image at all?

God cannot and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one's intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.¹

¹ Ex. 34:13-14, 17; 2 Kings 18:4-5

But may not images be permitted in churches in place of books for the unlearned?

No, we should not try to be wiser than God. God wants the Christian community instructed by the living preaching of his Word¹—not by idols that cannot even talk.²

¹ Rom. 10:14-15, 17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19 ² Jer. 10:8; Hab. 2:18-20