

FIRST CHURCH CELEBRATION WORSHIP

[10.18.20]

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17
Message: God Loves Life
Songs: *O Church Arise*
God The Uncreated One
How Great Is Our God
How Great Thou Art
Take My Life and Let It Be [#379]

Participating in Worship

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Pastor Bob Johnson

The Big 10



10.25 God Loves Marriage
11.01 Don't Steal
11.08 Don't Lie
11.15 Don't Covet

THE BIG 10

GOD LOVES LIFE

EXODUS 20:1-17 10.18.20 PASTOR BOB JOHNSON

GOD LOVES LIFE: GUARD YOUR HEART

A good person produces good out of the good stored up in his heart. An evil person produces evil out of the evil stored up in his heart, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.
Luke 6:45

GOD LOVES LIFE: BE CAREFUL HOW YOU LIVE

Envy. Hatred. Anger. Vindictiveness.

LIVING IN A WORLD THAT DOESN'T LOVE THE GOD WHO LOVES LIFE

How did we get here?

1. Putting God to death.
2. Putting babies to death.
3. A spirit of murder in our land.

Matthew 5:21-22

GOD LOVES LIFE: THE ANSWER IS LOVE

1 John 3:11-16

He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others;¹ rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge.² I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either.³ Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.⁴

¹ Gen. 9:6; Lev. 19:17-18; Matt. 5:21-22; 26:52 ² Prov. 25:21-22; Matt. 18:35; Rom. 12:19; Eph. 4:26
³ Matt. 4:7; 26:52; Rom. 13:11-14 ⁴ Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:14; Rom. 13:4

Does this commandment refer only to murder?

By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness.¹ In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.²

¹ Prov. 14:30; Rom. 1:29; 12:19; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 John 2:9-11 ² 1 John 3:15

Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves,¹ to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them,² to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.³

¹ Matt. 7:12; 22:39; Rom. 12:10 ² Matt. 5:3-12; Luke 6:36; Rom. 12:10, 18; Gal. 6:1-2; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 3:8 ³ Ex. 23:4-5; Matt. 5:44-45; Rom. 12:20-21 (Prov. 25:21-22)