

Freedom: The Unexpected Logic of Blood-Bought Liberty

The Gift of Truth

Exodus 20:16 and John 1:1–18
Pages 61 and 886 in Church Bible
The Lord's Day Morning
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Meditation

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

–Exodus 20:16

Q 112: What is required in the ninth commandment? I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard. Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil's own works, under penalty of God's heavy wrath. In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth, speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbor's honor and reputation.

–The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

Three Christmas Truths

1. Mary is a _____, not an _____ (Mt.1:19).
2. Herod wants to _____ Jesus, not _____ him (Mt. 2:8).
3. Jesus was a seven pound _____, not another _____ (Jn. 1:14).

The Incarnation and the 9th Commandment

1. Only Jesus lived _____ to God, others, and himself.
2. It is _____ if Jesus is only full of truth because we are guilty of _____.
3. It is _____ if Jesus is full of truth *and* grace because his gift is _____.