

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning 1-30-22  
Christianity 101 – Message 24 Part 2  
Are the Commandments still relevant today?

1. Introduction:
  - a. Taking a look back:
    - 1) Why did God give the 10 Commandments?
    - 2) Can you see how using the 10 Commandments can help someone see their own sin?
  - b. Taking a look ahead:
    - 1) What relevance do the 10 Commandments have today?
    - 2) Is there such a thing as absolute truth?
    - 3) What did Jesus have to say about the Law?
      - a) Matthew 5:17-18 -
      - b) Matthew 22:35-40 –
2. There is One God. Exodus 20:1-3
  - a. The Authority: Verse 2
    - 1) “the Lord thy God” – repeated 4 times in this section to –
  - b. Is God in the rightful place?
    - 1) The very nature of this commandment is a question for the heart and mind.
    - 2) Why should God alone be worshipped?
      - a) Isaiah 45:5 –
    - 3) These “gods” in verse 3 all flow from the same source.
    - 4) Religion and “gods” are the constant tricks of satan.
  - c. Who does “no other gods” include?
    - 1) “other gods” were the gods of pagan people.
  - d. Idolatry in the life of an unbeliever and believer is accomplished through deception.
    - 1) Unbeliever:
      - a) To think there is something when there really isn’t – I Cor. 8:4
      - b) Their worship is really that of satan – I Corinthians 10:19-20
    - 2) How is that a believer could be guilty of idolatry?
      - a) Also achieved through Deception! - How would you define idolatry?
  - e. Idolatry is tied directly to worship:
    - 1) Jeffery Poor – an idol is when something or someone becomes more important to us than God.
    - 2) Ed Stetzer - *in an article called **Idolatry Is Alive Today**, gives this idolatry definition: Is it that a 12-inch tall piece of wood or bronze can do something bad to us? Or is it that we do something awful to ourselves when we place adoration and attention that should go to God in other things? When it comes to idolatry, the danger is not in an item... it is in us.*
    - 3) Tim Keller, in his book ***Counterfeit Gods***, answers what an idol is this way: An idol is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything that you seek to give you what only God can give.
    - 4) Our working definition – “An idol is someone or something that occupies the place of God in your life”. (It gives you identity, meaning, value, purpose, love, significance and security.)

a) At the root of idolatry in our life is self.

3. Today's Take Away:

a. How much did I (world) cost?

1) I Corinthians 6:19-20 and I Peter 1:18-19

2) What did God get when He \_\_\_\_\_ you?