

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 2-27-22
Christianity 102 – Message 24 Part 5
Are the Commandments still relevant today?

1. Introduction:
 - a. Taking a look back:
 - 1) We know that idol can be someone or something that occupies the place of God in your life.
 - 2) Idolatry is about deception.
 - 3) Exodus 20:5-6 – Fathers can influence their children to either hate or love God.
 - b. Taking a look ahead:
 - 1) Are these commandments still relevant?
 - 2) The next two commandments still speak to our honor and walk with God.
2. This command and its consequence: Exodus 20:7
 - a. This command is personal to you!
 - 1) “Thou” - “Name of God” - “Thy (your) God”
 - 2) “Vain” – emptiness of speech, worthless behavior
 - b. The consequence is specific:
 - 1) “the Lord WILL NOT hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain”
 - a) Do not mistake patience and longsuffering for approval.
 - c. Taking His name in vain with your words:
 - 1) Using God’s name in profanity and as a curse is taking His name in vain.
 - 2) Why is His Name so important? What is in a name?
 - a) Psalm 8:1
 - 3) Why is it that we do not use one another’s name vainly?
 - 4) What is the extent?
 - d. Taking His name in vain with your life:
 - 1) Matthew 15:8-9 –
 - a) Jesus pointed out that what came from their mouth didn’t match their life.
 - 2) Interesting history of the name we are known by – Christians. Acts 11:19-26
 - a) The culture around the church applied this label based on their observation.
 - 3) The honor is not in calling yourself a Christian but having the evidence of Christ in your life so that all recognize you are a follower of Christ.
 - a) Matthew 12:36
 - b) Colossians 3:17 –
3. The fourth commandment: Exodus 20:8-11
 - a. The Sabbath:
 - 1) “sabbath” and “rest” – mean to cease.
 - 2) We saw in Exodus 16 this “rest” / “sabbath” became a part of Israel’s life.
 - b. Clarity on the sabbath from God:
 - 1) Exodus 31:12-18 – this was specific for Him and Israel.
 - a) This is why this commandment is not repeated in the N.T.
 - b) In the four Gospel the sabbath is mentioned about 50 times.
 - c) Once Jesus cried out, “It is finished” the law was completely fulfilled.
 - 2) What about Paul and the other Apostles?
 - a) Acts 15 – the Apostles did not address this command.
 - b) Observing the sabbath was an opportunity to share the Gospel.
 - c. What about us?

- 1) Remember Exodus 31:13 –
- 2) “know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you” – God may be trying to teach them.
- 3) For believers today, we worship on the first day of the week:
 - a) Jesus rose from the grave on the first day.
 - b) Appeared to His disciples on the first day.
 - c) Pentecost happened on the first day.
 - d) Feast of Firstfruits – I Cor. 15:20
- d. Sabbath recap:
 - 1) The sabbath was a rest for the Jews, today our rest is in –
 - 2) What was so important for them to learn about rest?
 - 3) Hebrews 4:1-3 –
 - 4) Mark 2:27-28 –
4. Today’s Take Away:
 - a. Have you taken the Lord’s name in vain either with your words or your life?
 - b. Did you know that God was grieved with the unbelief of the Jews on the wilderness? Do you know why? Hebrews 3:17-19