

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 3-13-22
Christianity 102 – Message 24 Part 6
Are the Commandments still relevant today?

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

1) We covered two commandments in our last study.

a) **“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;...”**

b) **“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.”**

b. Taking a look ahead:

2. The Fourth Commandment: Exodus 20:8-11

a. God communicated His purpose through His Words:

1) Words reflect knowledge, purpose, desires, needs, goals, vision, mission and instructions.

2) One Hebrew word used to communicate “sabbath” and “rest” is - **“sabat”**

a) Ceasing or coming to the end of an activity.

3) Other words God used to communicate this truth:

a) **“nuah”** – settled down, absence of movement. Implication – security, inner ease.

b) **“saqat”** – finding tranquility. Implication – absence of external pressures and inner anxiety.

b. Truth concerning the sabbath rest:

1) Rooted in creation. Genesis 2:3, then God began a new work of redemption.

2) God is making a covenant with Israel –

3) God commanded “rest” on the seventh day. Exodus 20:7-11

a) Purpose – “know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you”

b) **“know”** – ascertain by seeing/knowledge gained by the senses.

c) **“God”** – self existent one. Jehovah.

d) **“sanctifies”** to cause to make clean.

4) This time of rest, of being still before God was to meditate and think.

5) When people speak of the sabbath, they often speak of it as a day set aside for worship.

a) Was that it’s purpose?

c. Is there a parallel or application for us today?

1) In the Old and New Testaments, **“entering into rest”** speaks of salvation. Hebrews 4:1

a) Greek – **“katapausis”** – rest, state of rest.

2) That **“entering into rest”** is what happens when you by faith believe what God has said.

d. The **“rest”** that believers have today, is in Jesus Christ.

1) We as believers have been placed at salvation, “In Christ”.

a) The **“In Christ”** truth speaks of our new identity as Christians. Our New Position.

b) We have a new position as believers who are in Christ!

e. Some Positional Truth for the believer:

1) Forgiveness: canceling of the debt, choosing to not remember it against you.

a) What do you understand here?

b) Romans 8:1 –

c) Colossians 2:13 -

d) I John 1:7 –

e) Ephesians 1:7 -

2) Justified – The believer is viewed in Christ as righteous and is treated as such by God.

- a) I Corinthians 1:30-31 Amplified-
- b) Galatians 2:16 –
- 3) Assurance: Assurance of justification results when we realize what our Father has done and said. It is never based on feelings.
 - a) Understanding your position reveals that our assurance is in Jesus.
 - b) Isaiah 32:17 –
 - c) Romans 8:16 – Amplified
 - d) II Timothy 1:12 –
- 4) Reconciled: We have been brought into right relationship, to be in harmony with God.
 - a) Romans 5:10 –
 - b) II Corinthians 5:18 –
- 5) Accepted: We are fully accepted by God because we are in Christ.
- 3. Today's Take Away:
 - a. That "sabbath" command was specific to Israel as a sign between God and Israel. The purpose of that "sabbath rest" was for them to know that God is one who can make them clean. As they came to understand and believed that would absolutely give way to worship.
 - b. That "rest" in Him, that God spoke of then is also today offered to anyone who will not harden their hearts but will humble themselves before God, acknowledge their sin and confess faith in Jesus Christ. In that very moment you are changed