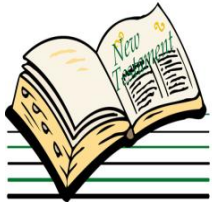


Sermon Notes



Title: "The First Commandment: Embrace and Love Only the True God"

Text: Exodus 20:3

Theme: God requires that He solely be confessed, loved, and adored because He alone is the fountain of all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself. Anything else that substitutes for God in your life is idolatry and transgresses the First Commandment to embrace and love God supremely.

I. Exposition of Exodus 20:3

II. Commentaries on the Ten Commandments

III. Ways the First Commandment Applies to Your Life

A. You have the responsibility to _____ the true God.

B. You transgress the First Commandment by _____ or _____.

C. When you are _____ regarding the truth of God's Word you violate the First Commandment.

D. You break the First Commandment when you exhibit _____ or _____ in the things of God.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What is the First Commandment (v. 3)?
2. How many of the commandments are negative (“you shall not”) and how many of the commandments are positive?
3. What is significant about the word “You” in the First Commandment (and in the others also)?
4. What do the words “before Me” indicate about God?
5. What is the positive side of the First Commandment?
6. What are other works produced by the Church that explain the Ten Commandments?
7. Why is failure to confess the true God a violation of the First Commandment? What does “confession” mean?
8. What does it mean to have an idol in your life?
9. How is atheism contrary to the First Commandment?
10. Does being stubbornly resistant to correction by God violate the First Commandment? If so, how?
11. What does it mean to be spiritually lukewarm?
12. What does “deadness in the things of God” signify?