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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 2pm

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 55

Scriptural Text

Romans 15:8-13

Romans 15:14-33

Pastoral Prayer

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Sermon Message

Christ the Hope of all who Believe

Your Life Calling in Christ

Benediction

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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that due to instructions from the government with regards to the ongoing Corona Virus epidemic, we will be suspending our Activities and Sunday Worship Services in the Church premises with immediate effect.

Instead we will be streaming the sermons via a video conferencing facility each Sunday.

Please email admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk for more information.

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 6

Q: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A: There are three persons in the Godhead – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Comments:

The Bible tells us that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet it tells us that these three persons form only *one* God, exist and act together as one, and must be honoured and worshipped alike. This is a subject on which we know nothing except what is revealed.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:19, Deuteronomy 6:4

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

This Week

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

Next Week

“Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

2 Corinthians 12:10

LIVING BY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Introduction

Are the Ten Commandments still relevant for the life of the Christian? Obviously there is considerable discussion about this very point in Christian circles. We remember however that Christ said he did not come to abolish the law but to fulfil it (Matt 5:17), and he said that with the moral law exemplified in the Ten Commandments especially in mind (Matt. 5:21, 27). The better we understand the law the more we will love and serve our Lord Jesus.

What does the Ten Commandments teach us something of Christ? (Luke 24:27)

First, for Christians, the Ten Commandment reveals the extent of Christ's atonement for us. The Bible teaches that the Lord Jesus died for our sins (1 Cor 15:3). If we neglect God's law, we might think that we do not have many sins at all, falsely believing then that Christ's death is not really that necessary. However, when we realise the full implications of the law (Matt. 5:17-48), we don't understand more clearly what cries a deal for us on the cross (Rom. 3:20, 25). Christ died for all our sins, suffering the full penalty that our guilt deserved. Therefore, the more clearly we understand the Ten Commandments, the more grateful we will truly be to God for our deliverance through Christ's death.

Second, the more we understand God's law, the more clearly we view the full extent of Christ's perfect obedience. The Bible assures us that although the Lord Jesus was "*made under the law*" (Gal. 4:4), He "*fulfilled all righteousness*" (Matt. 3:15), and "*did no sin*" (1 Peter 2:22). As you consider the Ten Commandments in their perfection, consider Christ as the perfect Law-Keeper. He is the One who lived in perfect obedience to God's holy law. Every action of our Lord Jesus was perfect in accordance with that law: no thought our Lord Jesus had ever contradicted the law of God; every word He spoke was the perfect word of God. Such was the perfection of Christ.

Third, the law teaches us the perfect righteousness that is imputed to us (Rom. 5:18-19). If we are joined to Him by saving faith, then God regards as if we kept the whole law. Thus the law of God shows us the perfect righteousness we have in Christ. Upon our faith in the Lord Jesus, our transgressions of the law are laid upon Him - and He atones for those sins by His suffering and death. But also by faith in Him, His perfect obedience of the law is imputed to us - so perfectly that God looks upon us as cloaked in the perfection of Christ! The Heidelberg Catechism says it beautifully in answering "How art thou righteous before God?" by stating: "God without any merit of mine, but only out of mere grace, grants and imputes to me, the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ; even so, as if I had never had, nor committed any sin: yea, as if I had fully accomplished all that obedience which Christ has accomplished for me" (Q. 60).

Fourth, the law teaches the moral beauty of Christ being formed in us - the goal towards which Christians must strive in their sanctification. Paul teaches us that the Ten Commandments illuminate what love means, and are fulfilled when we truly love each other (Rom. 13:8-10). Then, just a few verses later he writes, "*But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts day thereof.*" Therefore, we put on Christ more and more when, looking to Him by faith, we obey God's law and grow more like him.

Conclusion

When you hear the Ten Commandments, think of the Lord Jesus Christ. Think of your transgressions of the law and how Christ atoned for them. That will give you a grateful heart towards Him! Think of the perfection of Christ as He lived perfectly in accordance with the Ten Commandments and imputed his righteousness to you by faith. And consider the practical holiness that Christ works in you as He dwells in your heart by the Holy Spirit. This will make you realise that Christ is your all in all.

- PM (Adapted)

PSALM 19

⁷ *The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.*

⁸ *The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

⁹ *The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever:
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*

¹⁰ *More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

¹¹ *Moreover by them is thy servant warned:
and in keeping of them there is great reward.*