

YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON II: THE THIRD COMMANDMENT - PART 2

Review

What did the third commandment mean for Old Testament believers? What does the third commandment mean for *New Testament* believers?

Disobeying the Third Commandment

The third commandment is disobeyed when we:

John 8:47 (185)

James 1:22-24 (190)

Hebrews 10:25 (194)

Despise

To regard with contempt or scorn; To dislike intensely

- "This commandment is violated not only by those who grossly misuse and desecrate the holy day, like those who in their greed or frivolity neglect to hear God's Word or lie around in taverns dead drunk like swine, but also by that multitude of others who listen to God's Word as they would to any other entertainment, who only from force of habit go to hear preaching and then depart again with as little knowledge of the Word at the end of the year as at the beginning . . . We permit ourselves to be preached to and admonished, but we listen without serious concern. Remember, then, that you must be concerned not only about hearing the Word but also about learning it and retaining it . . . Those conceited fellows should be chastised who, after hearing a sermon or two, become sick and tired of it and feel that they know it all and need no more instruction" (Luther's *Large Catechism*).

Obedying the Third Commandment

How does God want us to think of His word and use it?

Isaiah 66:2

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (11)

James 1:21

Luke 2:19

Acts 17:11

Psalm 26:8 (198)

Luke 11:28 (196)

- "When we seriously ponder the Word, hear it, and put it to use, such is its power that it never departs without fruit" (Luther's *Large Catechism*).

The third commandment is also kept when we show respect and honor to God's word:

- By taking care of those who preach the word (1 Timothy 5:17-18)
- By preaching and teaching His word to all nations (Mark 16:15)

The third commandment is also kept by worshiping God in church:

- We have regular church services so that people have the opportunity to continue hearing God's word, learning it, and praising Him.
- To help us in our worship, we follow an orderly arrangement of Sundays and other church festivals throughout the year.

The Christian Church Year

What colors traditionally go with each season of the church year?

What are the parts of the familiar worship service?

Our Failure, Christ's Fulfillment

From the third commandment we learn that we _____ .

How have we disobeyed this commandment?

How did Jesus, our Savior, *keep* this commandment?

Luke 2:41-52

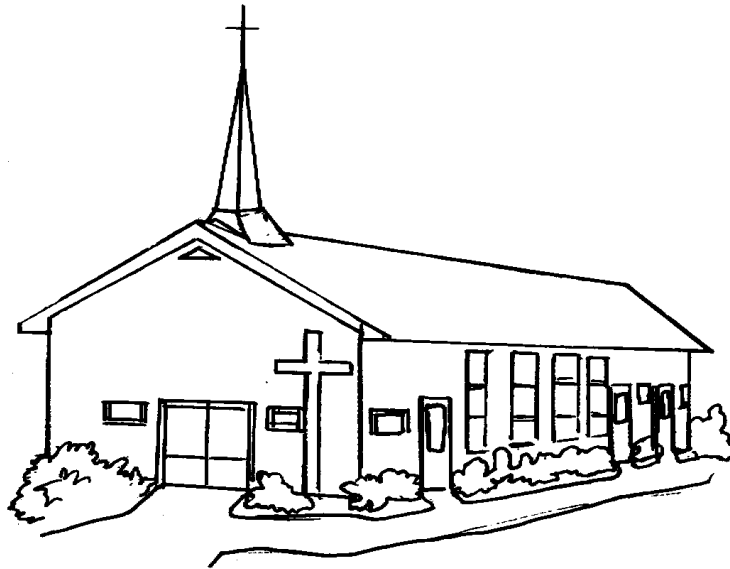
Luke 4:16-30 (200)

John 17:8 (201)

How can we then be saved?

Review

1. What does God command in the third commandment?
2. What is the Sabbath day?
3. What day of the week did God set apart for the people of the Old Testament?
4. How did they keep the Sabbath holy?
5. Of what was the outward peace of that day to remind them?
6. Why do we no longer observe the seventh day, as did the children of Israel before Christ?
7. What day do we commonly mean when we speak of the Sabbath?
8. Did God in the New Testament command us to keep any certain day holy?
9. Why, then, is one day in the week generally observed in a religious way?
10. Why did the New Testament Christians choose Sunday as a worship day, or Sabbath?
11. What does God forbid by the third commandment?
12. How do we misuse God's word?
13. How do we remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy?
14. How else may we show our love for God's word?



Assignment

- Bible Reading Schedule 8 from the book of Luke (Mon-Fri)
- Memorize the Third Commandment with Explanation (p. 56)