

First Things First

The Anatomy of Idolatry

Exodus 20:1-5

Sermon Notes

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The first Word is Grace

"I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the House of bondage." Exodus 20:2

GRACE: "I am for you... you are mine."

"We love because he first loved us" 1 John 4:19

"He who is forgiven much, loves much." Luke 7:47

Word 2 – No other gods

1. We make idols of the Gifts of God.

"For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer."

2. We make idols of the Things of God.

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is they that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life." John 5:39-40

3. We put the right name on the wrong god.

"They said, 'Here is your God, oh Israel, who brought you up from the Land of Egypt.' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, 'Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD [YHWH].'" Exodus 32:4-5

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers!'" Matthew 7:21-23

Remember the first and the last word is Grace

Philippians 3:7-16



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