

SERVING THE ONE TRUE GOD ALONE

Intro: The key to understanding the place of the law in our lives is remembering the introduction.

The law is the Word of God for the church today. This morning we consider the first commandment, which is the heart of the law.

The negative, "no other gods..." implies the positive: "Love me as the one true God, and love me alone!"

I. THE EXCLUSIVE GOD

A. The first command is based upon the principle that the Triune God alone is God.

B. We know this God as he has revealed himself to us.

C. Since he alone is God, he alone must be served.

II. THE EXCLUSIVE DEMAND

A. Negatively, the first command forbids all idolatry.

B. Positively, the calling is to "trust in him alone."

C. What this trust involves:

III. THE EXCLUSIVE POSSIBILITY

A. When we see all this, we see what idolaters we all are!

B. In Christ alone we stand before this law.

C. The privilege and joy of serving God alone, compared to the slavery to the idol.