

Announcements and Information:

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Pray with fervency and strength for the following:

- Whitefield Seminary, and other seminaries, and those studying for Church Office: That seminaries would train according to the pure doctrines of Scripture, standing in the stream of our Reformation heritage. **Pray** for the presbyteries that have men under care, that they might know their fitness not only doctrinally, but as men of honor and integrity as well. **Pray** that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into His field in the next generation.

- Officers and Members of Reformed Presbyterian Churches, & of the RPCGA **Pray** that as our President signs yet another proclamation setting aside the 4th Thursday in November as a day of giving thanks to Almighty God for His blessings to us as a nation, that this would not be celebrated as merely "turkey day" across our land, but that we might take time, as a nation, to reflect upon the kindness of God in His Son Jesus Christ, and that many would call upon His Name. **Pray** for the people of God, that we especially might have a ready profession of thankfulness upon our lips, that the Lord would work in our hearts such that we would repent of all complaint, dissatisfaction, and critical attitudes, and express true thankfulness to Him, from the heart, and as an example to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

For Rain: **Praise** for the good rains the Lord has sent, and **pray** for more rain.

CCRPC: **Pray for one another!** **Pray for your Pastor and your Elders!** Pray that the Lord would bring others to CCRPC, and that as a congregation we would invite others to Church. **Pray** for law enforcement and other emergency-response personnel as they perform their labors, that the Lord would keep them safe. **Pray** especially for those who are called out to face the unrest in our streets, that the Lord would grant an end to violence and destructive behavior, peace in our cities, and that we would repent as a nation recognizing the Lord's judgment upon us in all these and by many other signs, and that in the midst of wrath the Lord would remember mercy.

Deaconal/Mercy/Service/Giving Opportunities:

- Rev. Victor Atallah and the ministry of MERF: Prayer, Monetary gifts.
- Rev. Justin Stodghill and the ministry of CRPC San Marcos: Prayer.
- Rockie Simbajon: Prayer, Monetary Gifts for Church work in the Philippines

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CHRIST COVENANT REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



But ye are come unto mount Sion... And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant (Hebrews 12.22, 24)

**SCRIPTURE ALONE—GRACE ALONE—FAITH ALONE—BY
CHRIST ALONE—TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY
REFORMED, AND ALWAYS REFORMING**

20 November 2016

Lord's Day Morning Worship: 10:00 A
Afternoon Fellowship Meal (all are welcome) 12.30 P
Lord's Day Early Evening Worship: 2:00 P

Catechism and Memory Class shortly following evening worship.

Open Ended fellowship and Lord's Day conversation afterward. Pastor and Mrs. Ruddell's home is open after services each Lord's Day to all for refreshments, Sabbath Day conversation, and good fellowship. Theological reading class is held every Wednesday evening at the Church. All interested folks are welcome, class begins at 7:30. We also host a monthly men's prayer breakfast at the Church for our men and boys. Speak to one of our men for details. We also gather to sing the Psalms the first Lord's Day of every month at the Church, 4:45 or so.

We are pleased to have you join with us as we worship the Triune God. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to extend our warmest welcome. If you are a member in good standing of a Confessional, Reformed Church, and desire to commune with us at the Lord's Table, please contact the Pastor prior to the morning worship service.

Our Name:

Christ: Our only Surety and Mediator, Sacrifice and Substitute, Righteousness and Sanctification; the Wisdom of God, the Logos of God, triumphing as the Second Adam where the first Adam fell, God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity

Covenant: The means whereby the Triune God has brought His people into everlasting and gracious communion with Himself, unilaterally, uniting them to Christ, the only Mediator of the Covenant of Grace

Reformed: Teaching the Biblical Doctrines of God's Sovereignty, of Divine Monergism in our redemption, of His initiating and sovereign Grace and Salvation as the only hope of man to escape eternal judgment; the sufficiency of the Scriptures, and the "righteousness of God which is by the faith of Jesus Christ" alone, preached and restored to the Church at large during the Protestant Reformation

Presbyterian: Confessing and practicing the Biblical doctrines of Church government, of a broader authority than that of the local congregation, held in a plurality of elders, and those as distinctively taught in the Westminster Standards, 1647.

Church: The Visible people of God, Called out of the world as His people, under Christ's government, discipline, and instruction; administered by Elders, called as saints to serve Him together with their children regardless of age; and testifying to His invisible Church, the whole number of the elect that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ the Head.

Question #61: What is Forbidden in the Fourth Commandment?

Answer: The Fourth Commandment Forbiddeth the Omission or Careless Performance, of the Duties Required,^a and the profaning the day by idleness,^b or doing that which is in itself sinful,^c or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.^d

a. Ezek. 22:26; Amos 8:5; Mal. 1:13 b. Acts 20:7, 9 c. Ezek. 23:38. d Jer. 17:24–26; Isa. 58:13.

Thomas Vincent:

QUESTION 1: What sort of sins are forbidden in the fourth commandment? **ANSWER:** The sins forbidden in the fourth commandment are either sins of omission or sins of commission.

QUESTION 2: What sins of omission are forbidden?

ANSWER: The sins of omission forbidden in the fourth commandment are: **1.** The omission of the duties of the Sabbath themselves, such as neglecting works of necessity and mercy, when called to do them. and specially neglecting the public or private exercise of God's worship, and that either in whole or in part; when we forsake the assemblies of God's people, or omit worshipping God in our families, or praying and seeking God in secret upon this day. **2.** The omission of the careful performance of the duties of the Sabbath, when we are hypocritical, dull, dead, full of distractions, weariness, not watchful, sleepy, and attend upon ordinances without any heart and life, and the Sabbath day is the most burdensome of all other days of the week unto us. "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me" (Matt. 15:7, 8). "Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat?" (Amos 8:5). "Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it I and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand saith the Lord" (Mal. 1:13).

QUESTION 3: What sins of commission are forbidden in this fourth commandment? **ANSWER:** The sins of commission forbidden in this fourth commandment are the profaning the Sabbath day: **1.** By idleness, when we spend the day either in whole or in part idly, neither working in our callings, nor employing ourselves in the duties of God worship, but loitering away that precious time in our houses or the fields, either in vain or idle thoughts, or in vain and idle discourse, or the like. **2.** By doing that which is in itself more grossly sinful. As if, instead of going to the house of God to worship, we should go to the tavern or ale house, on the Sabbath day, and be drunk, or go to a base house or in any house to be wanton and unclean; or if, on the Sabbath day, instead of hallowing and praising God name, and praying to him, we should swear by his name in our ordinary discourse, or take his name in vain. If, instead of worshipping God with his people, we should persecute God's people for worshipping him, or rail at them, or scoff and deride them, because of the holiness which is in them.

3. By unnecessary thoughts and contrivances about worldly affairs, unnecessary words and discourses about earthly arrangements, unnecessary works in our particular callings, or by carnal pleasures and recreations, which are lawful on other days. In essence, thinking our own thoughts, speaking our own words, doing our own works, and finding our own pleasure, are forbidden. "Not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words" (Isa. 58:13).¹

Thomas Ridgley:

1. The first of these are the omission of the duties required. Sins of omission are exceedingly prejudicial; because, though they have a tendency to harden the heart and stupify the conscience, yet they are, of all others, least regarded. As to the omission of holy duties on the sabbath day, it is a slighting and casting away of a great prize, put into our hands. Hence, in such a case, it will be said, 'Wherefore is there a price put into the hands of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?'^h It may be observed also that the omission of holy duties on the sabbath is generally attended with the neglect of secret duties, and is an inlet to all manner of sins, and to a total apostacy from God.

2. The next thing forbidden in this commandment, is the careless performance of holy duties. We commit this sin when our hearts are not engaged in them, or when we content ourselves with a form of godliness, denying the power of it, and have no sense of God's all-seeing eye, or dread of spiritual judgments, being given up to barrenness and unprofitableness under the means of grace. Such a frame of spirit as this, is always attended with a declining state of religion; especially if we do not lament and strive against it. We may add, that we greatly sin when we profane the day by idleness; either by sleeping away a great part of the morning of the day as though it were a day of sloth, and not of spiritual rest, designed for religious exercises; or by drowsiness under the ordinances, as though we had no concern in them, whereby we give all about us to understand that we do, as it were, withdraw our thoughts from the work in which we pretend to be engaged. In some, indeed, this drowsiness proceeds very much from the weakness of their natural constitution. Such may be heavy and weary in duty, though they are not weary of it; and they lament it, and are far from giving way to it, though they are, sometimes, unavoidably overtaken with it. In this case, though it cannot be excused from being a sin; yet it is such, as, it is to be hoped, our Saviour will cover with the mantle of his love, or at least not charge upon them for their condemnation,

¹ Thomas Vincent, *A Family Instructional Guide*, electronic edition based on the first Banner of Truth ed., 1980. (Simpsonville, SC: Christian Classics Foundation, 1996), 152–153.

though he may reprove them for it to bring them under conviction. Thus he dealt with his disciples, when he 'came to them, and found them asleep.'¹ Though he tacitly reproveth them, yet he does not infer that they were wholly destitute of faith; but he charges their unbecoming carriage on the weakness of faith, and on their being overpowered by the infirmities of nature, when he says, 'The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

3. There are other sins forbidden in the fourth commandment, which are particularly mentioned in this Answer. But these were insisted on, in considering how the sabbath is to be sanctified; where we showed that, as we are not to do that which is in itself sinful, so we are to abstain from our worldly employments and recreations, and endeavour to guard against that vanity of thoughts which will have a tendency to alienate our affections from God, or hinder the success of ordinances.²

^h Prov. 17:16.

ⁱ Matt. 26:40, 41.

Thomas Watson:

How is this day profaned, by sitting idle at home, by selling meat, by vain discourse, by sinful visits, by walking in the fields, by using sports. The people of Israel might not gather manna on the sabbath, and may we use sports and dancings on this day? Truly it should be matter of grief to us to see so much sabbath-profanation! ...So we may weep to see the sabbath-day, which God so highly esteems, and hath so honoured and blessed, to be made a footstool, and to be trampled upon by the feet of sinners. To profane the sabbath, is a sin of an high nature; it is a wilful contempt of God; it is not only a casting God's law behind our back, but a trampling it under foot. God saith 'keep the sabbath holy,' but men will pollute it: this is to despise God, to hang out the flag of defiance, to throw down the gauntlet, and challenge God himself. Now, how can God endure to be thus saucily confronted by proud dust? God will not suffer this high impudence to go unpunished. This will draw God's curses upon the sabbath-breaker; and God's curse will blast where it comes, though the law of the land lets sabbath-breakers alone. No sooner did Christ curse the fig-tree, but it withered. To rob a man of his purse, shall be punished with death; but to rob God of his day, shall not be punished with death. But God will take the matter into his own hand; he will see after the punishing of sabbath-violation: and how doth he punish it?³

Prayer Requests-11/13/2016

If you have a request for prayer time in the second service, please make that request known to the Pastor.

- **Pray** for Taylor Williamson, Uni Allie, Maribeth Cogan, expecting.
- **Pray** for those of our number who have been ill, that the Lord would sanctify us by these difficulties.
- **Pray** for the Larsons, especially for Gabriel's recovery from surgery. **Praise** for his good progress.
- **Pray** for Mr. Rocky Simbajon, & family, and for the work in the Philippines.
- **Pray** for the Rooney family upon the passing of Katie's mother Gigi, for strength, wisdom, and patience concerning the next steps.
- **Pray** for the Ruddells and especially Mrs. Lyla Ruddell, for her health.
- **Praise** for Jason Dodson's situation, that the Lord would grant mercy and comfort. **Praise** for the good report on his latest scans.
- **Pray** for our Church in San Marcos, that the new venue will be conducive for growth.
- **Pray** for the Allie family, for the sale of their home in Grand Saline, and for Mr. Allie's current health trials.
- **Pray** for the Rooney family as they prepare to move, and for the renovation of their new home.
- **Pray** for Erica as she prepares to start her new job the 6th of next month.

² Thomas Ridgley, *A Body of Divinity*, vol. 2 (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1855), 360–361

³ Thomas Watson, *The Select Works of the Rev. Thomas Watson, Comprising His Celebrated Body of Divinity, in a Series of Lectures on the*

Shorter Catechism, and Various Sermons and Treatises (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1855), 294.