

First Baptist Church of Clinton, Louisiana
 1689 Second London Baptist Confession
 Chapters 21&22 , Christian Liberty and Christian Worship
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- Paragraph 3. Cautions Against Abuses of Christian Liberty
 - The great danger in Christian liberty is sinning under pretense of Christian liberty.
 - But pretense is a perversion of Christian liberty and the gospel. Rom 6:1-2
 - Pretense of Christian liberty results in destruction.
 - The destruction of themselves.
 - The destruction of the goal of Christian liberty.
 - The true goal of Christian liberty is threefold.
 - First, to be delivered out of the hands of all enemies.
 - Second, to serve the Lord without fear.
 - Third, to live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.
 - See Gal 5:13; 2 Pet 2:18-21

CHAPTER 22 – OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AND THE SABBATH DAY

- Paragraph 1 – The Basic Doctrine of Christian Worship
 - General Revelation Teaches That We Must Worship
 - “The light of nature” - Rom 1:18-23; Jer 10:6-10
 - General revelation is not enough to teach you how to worship God after the fall and in light of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
 - Special Revelation Teaches How We Must Worship
 - “Acceptable worship” - Deut 12:29-32; Heb 9:1, 16-17
 - “Institute”

- “Limited by His own revealed will”

- Unacceptable Worship
 - “The imagination and devices of men”
 - “The suggestions of Satan”
 - First, Satan's role in the fall.
 - Second, Satan's activity in the world today.
 - “Any visible representations” See Exodus 20:4-6
 - Violations among Roman Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox
 - Violations in Evangelical Churches

 - “Any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures”
 - See Lev 10:1-3; Deut 4:2; Josh 23:6-8; Matt 15:1-9; Col 2:20-23.

 - The Reformed Regulative Principle of Worship vs. the Anglican or Normative Principle of Worship.
 - Regulative Principle: “Whatever is not commanded in worshipped is forbidden.”
 - Normative/Anglican Principle: “Whatever is not forbidden is permitted.”

 - Christian Liberty and Christian Worship overlap

- Human intrusions into worship are intrusions on Christian liberty.
- Pastoral authoritarianism, tyranny and superstition in worship