

First Baptist Church of Clinton, Louisiana
1689 Second London Baptist Confession
Chapters 22, Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day
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- 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