

First Baptist Church of Clinton, Louisiana
1689 Second London Baptist Confession
Chapters 22, Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day
September 23, 2018

- Paragraph 1 – The Basic Doctrine of Christian Worship
 - General Revelation Teaches That We Must Worship
 - Special Revelation Teaches How We Must Worship
 - “Acceptable worship”
 - “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”

- 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.”

 - See Lev 10:1-3; Deut 4:2; 12:32; Josh 23:6-8; Matt 15:1-9; Col 2:20-23.

- Christian Liberty and Christian Worship overlap
 - Human intrusions into worship are intrusions on Christian liberty

 - Pastoral authoritarianism, tyranny and superstition in worship