

## **Sermon Series: The Good, The Goad, The Guide: Ten Commandments**

**Sermon Text:** Exodus 20:3 Exclusive Relationship

**Our Covenant Lord calls us into an exclusive relationship for an inclusive mission.**

### **1) The scandal of exclusivity.**

- a) Polytheism & Henotheism
- b) Syncretism
- c) Pluralism
- d) Trinitarian Monotheism
  - i) One Being, Three Persons
  - ii) Personal Being
  - iii) God is absolute
  - iv) In Christ alone
- e) **Application:**
  - i) Cast down every idol.
  - ii) Take captive every thought to obey Christ.
  - iii) Prepare to be condemned for “intolerance.”

### **2) The beauty of exclusivity.**

- a) God’s covenant is the reality behind the marriage covenant (Eph. 5:31-32; 1 Cor. 6:13b-17).
  - i) God’s “jealousy”
  - ii) Religious Adultery
  - iii) Adultery leads to death (Prov. 7:23; 27).
  - iv) Faithfulness leads to flourishing
- b) **Application:**
  - i) “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.”—Piper
  - ii) Sanctification is growth in the enjoyment of that exclusive relationship with God.
  - iii) Our unfaithfulness can only be redeemed by Christ.

### **3) The goal of exclusivity.**

- a) Our Covenant Lord calls us into an exclusive relationship for the inclusion of the nations in His holy city (Rev. 21:2, 9, 24).
- b) **Application:**
  - i) Pluralism and inclusivism are not means to true inclusion.
  - ii) Under the headship of Christ, the Church’s spouse, we enjoy holy diversity in loving unity.

**Doxology:** Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness. Psalm 115:1