



LIVING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“A Pastoral Concern”

Sermon Date: February 19th, 2023

Reflections on Sunday’s Sermon

The New City Catechism—Lord’s Day 8

What is the Law of God Stated in the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17)

Scripture

Hebrews 5:11-14 (ESV)

¹¹ About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Understanding and Applying

1. **Context:** Based on what we have been learning, why or how have the Hebrew Christians become 'dull of hearing'?

2. **Foundation:** What are some 'basic principles' of the Christian faith (Hebrews 5:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Galatians 1:3-5)?
 - Why are these basic principles *essential*—or what happens if we take them lightly *or* get them wrong (v. 13; Galatians 3:1-6; Hebrews 6:4-6; 2 Peter 3:14-18)?

3. **Sanctification:** What is God's desire for His people and therefore, you (vv. 12-14; Romans 5:1-5, 12:2)?

4. **Implication:** How has the book of Hebrews thus far challenged areas in your life where you have grown dull or spiritually lazy regarding the Word of God or the Christian life?
 - What are some of those areas and what are some means that God has provided for you to resist dullness or laziness?

5. **Prayer:** How does this passage shape your petitions to your loving Father and your faithful High Priest?