CHRIST-SATURATED CONTENTMENT

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, May 29, 2022; Exodus 20:17; Richie Pendred

Sermon Theme – God's people are not to covet but to be content in the Lord. The Lord Jesus submitted to the will of God by willingly and joyfully becoming poor so that we might become rich. Now, Christians can slay covetousness and find lasting contentment in Christ!

I. Commandment Given – Read Exodus 20:17

A. What observations do you make about Exodus 20:17? How does the tenth commandment differ from the other nine?

B. What is coveting? What are some of the outward displays of a covetous heart?

C. What are you most likely to covet: stuff, relationships, or circumstances? In what ways do the unlawful desires of our hearts display our unbelief in God's goodness, provision, and power?

II. Commandment Fulfilled – Read Genesis 3:1-7 and John 12:27-28

A. Read Genesis 3:1-7. In what ways does Eve display a coveting heart? What is the root cause of her unlawful desire?

B. In 1 Samuel 8, the elders crave a king like the nations. What is the problem with the nation's desire for a king to rule over the people?

C. Read John 12:27-28 and 2 Corinthians 8:9. How would you summarize the way that Jesus fulfills the tenth commandment in His life and death?

D. How is God's active obedience to the will of the Father significant to our fight against covetousness in our hearts? How does the sinless poverty of Christ for our sake radically transform our desires?

III. Commandment Applied – Read Philippians 4:10-13

A. Read Philippians 4:10-13. According to Paul, what is the secret of facing plenty and hunger? How is Paul able to do all things through Christ?

B. Read Psalm 84:11. How is the reality that God withholds no good thing an encouragement to you? How do the promises of God empower us to fight by faith against covetousness?

C. How must we put to death covetousness in our hearts and pursue contentment? What does contentment in Christ look like? What is the chief desire of your heart?