**TRUE WITNESSES**

**(05/22/2022; Exodus 20:16; Jeff Bartholomay; Christ Proclamation Church)**

**Sermon Theme: The ninth commandment is about much more than not bearing false witness. As Christians, we are called to represent one another truthfully and honorably. This can only be done through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who loved the truth and honored his own good name!**

**I. COMMANDMENT DEFINED – (Exodus 20:16)**

A. In the Israelite’s Justice System

 1. Perjury Prohibited – (Exodus 23:1)

 2. Two Witnesses Required – (Deuteronomy 19:15)

B. In Community Life

  1. False Testimony Prohibited – (Leviticus 19:16)

 2. Protects Neighbors Good Name – (Proverbs 22:1)

**II. COMMANDMENT FULFILLED – (1 Peter 2:22-24)**

A. Failed by God’s People

 1. Ahab’s Sin – (1 Kings 21:1-29)

 2. Israelites’ Sin – (Isaiah 59:1-3,13)

B. Fulfilled in Christ

 1. In His Life – (Matthew 10:33)

 2. In His Death – (1 Peter 2:22-24)

**III. COMMANDMENT APPLIED – (Application)**

A. Diagnose Our Hearts – (Matthew 12:34)

1. Build One Another Up – (Ephesians 4:29)
2. Testify to the Truth – (1 Peter 3:15)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done;

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power,

And the glory forever.

Amen.