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ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson Fourteen • 1John 5:21
Redeemed to Worship, Prone to Wander

One Final Warning

We're redeemed to worship the true God, but we're prone to wander to false gods—so keep yourself from IDOLS.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. 1John 5:21

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1. IDOL Worship Is an Ever Present Temptation!

"You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself any carved image." Exodus 20:3-4

What Is an Idol?

An idol is anything that takes the rightful PLACE of God in your life.

"Your god is whatever you seek, serve, love and allow to control you." ~J.I. Packer

"An idol is anything more important to you than God, anything you seek to give your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give. A counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living." ~Tim Keller

Identifying Your Idols of Worship

- What do you LOVE?

- What do you TRUST?

- What do you OBEDY?

2. GUARD Your Heart from Idol Worship!

These men have set up idols in their hearts... Ezekiel 14:3

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 1Corinthians 10:14

Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them. Psalm 115:8

Accept No Substitutes

- JESUS is the only God worthy of worshiping and worth becoming more like. Anything else is a shallow, temporary substitute.

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 1John 5:20

- The worship of idols leads to eternal DEATH; the worship of Jesus leads to eternal LIFE.

Worship the True God

Let us worship the GOD who loved us, who sent His Son to save us, who gave His Spirit to indwell us, and who one day will bring us into His eternal presence.

"Anything that squeezes God out of number one position in your life is an idol; anything that relegates Him to a lower rung on the ladder is an idol; anything that moves Him to the fringes of your life is an idol." ~Sam Gordon

COMMUNION

A Reminder that Jesus Christ Is the True God Whom We Worship

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation and identify with Christ in baptism) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!