



Part 25: Keep Yourselves from Idols

1 John 5:16-21

1. Read 1 John 5:21. What do most people think of when you mention “idol”?

a. Fill in the blanks for the spiritual definition given for idolatry. Idolatry – Putting something in the _____ of _____ by assigning it _____ importance.

b. Why is it critical to have a wider understanding of idolatry?

2. Fill in the blanks. Spiritual Principle - _____ what is _____ so you can _____ what is _____.

3. Read 1 John 5:16-17. What is the sin that leads “to death”?

a. When I see sin in someone else’s life, what have I done instead of praying for them?

b. How will you grow in praying for sin in your brother or sister’s life?

4. Read 1 John 5:18-19. What do we learn about the Devil here?

a. How should I respond to this knowledge?

b. According to 2 Corinthians 11:14 what must I remember about Satan? Why does this matter?

5. Read 1 John 5:20-21. Write down all the words that speak to having a correct view of Jesus and God in these verses.

a. Why is an accurate understanding of WHO Jesus is essential to the gospel?

b. What do we learn about the false teachers God's people encountered in 1 John 2:18 and 1 John 4:3?

c. Can false teaching about Jesus become an "idol" for someone? Explain.

d. From the sermon, what does it mean to "worship" something? How can you tell what you are worshipping?

e. What does Colossians 3:5 teach about idolatry?

6. Explain Ken Sande's "Progression of an Idol" from the sermon –

a. I Desire –

b. I Demand –

c. I Judge –

d. I Punish –

7. Why is it critical to think clearly about *idols* in your own life?

a. Name the top 3 idols that compete for God in your life.

b. How does Jesus deliver us from idolatry?
