

The Essentials of Christian Idolatry

#1: Those Who Love False Gods Abandon the Love of God

Jonah 2:8

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Those who dearly love and depend on lying and worthless idols reject and miss out on experiencing the love of God (Jonah 2:8).

Primary Point: If you seek the love, security, and significance you need from anything or anyone other than your real Dad, you will increase the pain in your life.

Beware of depending on false gods

God created you to need perfect and pure love. Anything less than perfect love will not satisfy you and will disappoint you.

A god is whoever or whatever you depend on to meet your needs.

Sin is simply and always an attempt to satisfy your God-given needs in a bad and destructive way. (Ps 16:4; Ps 37:4)

The many kinds of false gods

(Matt 6:21, 24; Job 31:24)

How do you know if Money or something else is an idol? You feel fear, hurt, anger, or insignificance when your idol is threatened or removed. (1 Tim 6:6-10; 1 Tim 6:17; Luke 16:15)

The danger of false gods

(Ps 4:2; Gal 4:8-9; Jer 2:11-13; Ezek 6:9)

It is your love and dependence on idols that make your trials and difficulties much harder than they need to be.

Application: Begin praying about recognizing & removing idols from your life.

L.I.F.E. Group discussion ?'s

- 1) What was especially meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) What are different kinds of idols in the world?
- 3) What do you think of the definition of sin above?
- 4) How can you tell if you have an idol in your life?
- 5) How do idols hurt us?