

Questions

1. What are truths we know about idolatry that make it such a pervasive area of temptation and sin?
2. Idolatry is rooted in familiar ground for all of us. It starts with the thought that I need this, or I want this and continues with wondering what I need to do to get it. Is there an inordinate desire for something other than God that continues to tempt you?
3. Read Exodus 32:1. How did the people's action represent an abandonment of faith in the Lord? Are you tempted to doubt God's care for you or to not be concerned about His judgment of sin?
4. Can you identify someone or something that God has brought into your life that you have treated with contempt? What should you do to turn from that attitude?
5. Idolatry is always a matter of worship. What was receiving worship at the idol feasts in Corinth? Look back to how you answered question 2. What is receiving worship in the case of your idolatry?
6. How are we given hope in 1 Corinthians 10:13? How can you apply that help this week?

For further reading on a believer's battle with idolatry:
Gospel Treason by Brad Bigney (2012)
Idols of the Heart by Elyse Fitzpatrick (2016)

1 Corinthians

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Flee Idolatry

1 Corinthians 10:1-22

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First Corinthians 10:1-22 focuses on the pervasive temptation and sin of idolatry. It shows us four marks of a path to idolatry, unveils an important spiritual truth about idolatry, and gives believers a two-pronged statement of hope for victory over idolatry.

The Practice at the Heart of Chapter 10: Idol Feasts
They were common.

But Christians understood that:

An idol is just an image; it is not a real god.

Food is food; the meat did not become unclean.

So, why can't a Christian take part in an idol feast?

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to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.*

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Four Marks of a Path to Idolatry

Desire

Flee Idolatry

The nature of intimate fellowship with Jesus and His body in communion helps us to see the spiritual dimension of idolatry. It is an act of treasuring something more than God, with praise ultimately going to the demons who seek to incite us to rebel against God.

Doubt

A two-pronged message of hope for people tempted toward idolatry (10:13):

God's faithfulness

Detest

Our empowered capacity to flee

Deceive