

WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Announcements

- **Every Sunday, 12:00 PM: Family Dinner.** Everyone is invited. Consider as you invite people, you can bring them to experience fellowship with us.
- **Sunday Evening Service:** An interactive Bible Study with Q and A.

Idolatry, Isaiah 2:18-21

Idolatry is...

- Old Testament: A “physical representation of a deity, usually used as an object of worship.” (Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary) See Exodus 20:4-5, 32.
- When images were made of God, it reduced who he truly was. When idols representing foreign deities were worshiped, it was spiritual adultery.
- New Testament: The same as the Old Testament, but expanded to include anything that would replace God as our object of faith and worship. See Acts 15; 17:16; Colossians 3:5; Galatians 5:20; 1 Peter 4:3; Romans 14-15; Ephesians 5:4-5; 1 Corinthians 5:10-11, 6:9, 10:7; Revelation 21:8, 15.

Idolatry is a declension from truth

- See Romans 1:18-25; James 1:16-17.

Idolatry deceives

- See - 1 Corinthians 6:9, 8:4, 10:18-22; Ephesians 5:5-6; Revelation 12:9; 2 Kings 17:15; Romans 1:20; Revelation 21:8.

Idolatry is alive and well today

- It might be idolatry if it ...
 - Is sinful or provides temptation to sin.
 - Causes a distorted (unbiblical) view of God.
 - It takes time, money, and attention away from God.
 - If becomes a source of trust, hope, or joy beyond that which comes from God.
- Some common modern idols: Sexual immorality; False conceptions of God; Identity; Career; Physical Appearance/Fitness; Entertainment; Family/Children; Sports; Fame/Influence; Hobbies; Gossip.

Idolatry ends in destruction

- See Isaiah 2:20-21, 19:1, 31:6-7, 44:9-20, 46:1-7; Romans 1:18-32; Revelation 21:8.

Encouragements: How do we deal with our idolatry?

- Pray for God to reveal idolatry in our lives.
- Counsel with a Christian brother or sister about the things we suspect may be idolatry.
- Pray for deliverance from the idolatry.
- Seek from the Lord the benefits sought in our idolatry.

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