

IN OUR LAST STUDY WE SAW THAT IT IS ONE THING TO THINK YOU KNOW THE TRUTH AND QUITE ANOTHER THING TO KNOW YOU KNOW THE TRUTH

V18 WE KNOW THAT THE ONE WHO IS BORN OF GOD DOES NOT CONTINUE IN SIN JESUS KEEPING HIM FROM THE EVIL ONE

V19 WE KNOW THAT WE ARE OF GOD AND THE WHOLE WORLD LIES IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE THEY CONTINUE IN WHAT IS FALSE BLIND TO THE LIGHT OF TRUTH CONTINUING IN BONDAGE TO SIN THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DEAD

V20 WE KNOW HIM WHO IS TRUE WE HAVE THE REAL THING WE KNOW THAT OUR REAL LIFE IS IN THE TRUE ONE AND IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST THIS IS THE REAL GOD AND THIS IS REAL ETERNAL LIFE

JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUE LIGHT JOHN 1:9 THE TRUE BREAD JOHN 6:32 THE TRUE VINE JOHN 15:1 AND THE TRUTH ITSELF IN JOHN 14:6 JESUS IS THE ORIGINAL EVERYTHING ELSE IS A COPY

BELIEVERS LIVE IN REALITY WE WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH UNBELIEVERS LIVE IN PRETENSE THEY WORSHIP IN IGNORANCE BEING DECEIVED BY WHAT IS FALSE

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT WE KNOW THE TRUE FROM THE FALSE BUT UNBELIEVERS DO NOT HAVE THIS UNDERSTANDING WE DO NOT SIMPLY CHOOSE BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD WE CHOOSE BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE

V21 AN IDOL REPRESENTS WHAT IS FALSE AND EMPTY AND A PERSON WHO LIVES FOR IDOLS WILL HIMSELF BECOME FALSE AND EMPTY

IDOLS ARE MORE THAN THOSE MADE OF CONCRETE WOOD AND METAL COL 3:5 SAYS CONSIDER THE MEMBERS OF YOUR EARTHLY BODY AS DEAD TO IMMORALITY IMPURITY PASSION EVIL DESIRE AND GREED WHICH AMOUNTS TO IDOLATRY

MATT 4:10 JESUS IN HIS TEMPTATION TOLD SATAN TO GO FOR IT IS WRITTEN YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY THE THING WE SERVE IS THE THING WE WORSHIP WHEN THINGS TAKE GOD'S PLACE IN OUR LIVES WE ARE GUILTY OF IDOLATRY

THIS MEANS WE ARE LIVING FOR THE UNREAL INSTEAD OF THE REAL TO A MAN OR WOMAN OF THE WORLD THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS UNREAL AND THE WORLDLY LIFE IS REAL A MAN OR WOMAN OF THE WORLD LIVES BY WHAT THEY SEE AND FEEL NOT BY WHAT GOD SAYS IN HIS WORD

AN IDOL IS A TEMPORARY THING JESUS CHRIST IS ETERNAL GOD 2 COR 4:18 THE THINGS THAT ARE SEEN ARE TEMPORAL BUT THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL

HEB 11:1 FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN NOAH HAD NEVER SEEN A FLOOD YET BY FAITH HE SAW IT COMING AND DID WHAT GOD TOLD HIM TO DO ABRAHAM SAW A HEAVENLY CITY BY FAITH AND WAS WILLING TO FORSAKE HIS EARTHLY HOME TO OBEY GOD

THEY WERE IN CONTACT WITH REALITY THEY WERE NOT DECEIVED THE WORLD WAS DECEIVED THEY WERE IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE THE WORLD BOAST OF ITS ENLIGHTENMENT BUT CHRISTIANS WALK IN THE REAL LIGHT BECAUSE GOD IS LIGHT LOVE AND TRUTH AND THESE TOGETHER MAKE A LIFE THAT IS REAL

SOME SAY IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT A MAN OR WOMAN BELIEVES AS LONG AS THEY ARE SINCERE DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF YOU SINCERELY BELIEVE IF YOU TOOK MEDICINE BUT IT WAS POISON INSTEAD YOU WILL STILL BE POISONED NO MATTER HOW SINCERE YOU ARE

1THESS 1:9 THEY TURN FROM IDOLS TO SERVE A LIVING AND TRUE GOD WHAT JOHN HAS BEEN SAYING IN HIS EPISTLE WATCH OUT FOR THE IMITATIONS AND THE ARTIFICIAL AND BE REAL JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUE GOD