

Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

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BEWARE OF MODERN DAY IDOLATRY

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:37

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 20:3-5

Weekly Services

Sunday Service Times: Sunday: 10am - 12:30pm

Prayer service: Friday: 7pm - 8:30pm

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Christ's Prayer For Man

I am in them and you are in me. May they experience
such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent
me and that you love them as much as you love me.

John 17:23

Let's Keep In Touch!

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An idol is anything that replaces the one true God in our lives. It can be anything that appeals to our heart more than God does, and anything that takes significant amount of our time leaving us with little or no time to spend with him. While the scriptures condemn idolatry in strong terms (Jer. 25:6; Ex.20:5), many Christians engage in idol worshipping today without knowing it.

OUTLINES:

1. Forms of Modern Day Idolatry
2. Consequences Of Modern Day Idolatry

FORMS OF MODERN DAY IDOLATRY

Unlike the past, where idol worship is bowing down to statues and objects typical of pagans in many cultures, modern day idol worship rather, is expressed through various insatiable pursuits and cravings of man, driven by his sinful nature. This shifts all attention from God to man leaving God out of the equation (Isa.42:8). It is also expressed by portraying and painting God contrary to sound and total biblical precepts but revealing Him to suit personal values and ideologies (2Tim.4:3).

Quite often, modern day idolatry takes the form of self-worship expressed through aggressive pursuit and realisation of goals and dreams in which God is excluded. This may also include 'materialism' - a great or excessive regard for worldly possessions (1Cor.7:31 Col.3:5); 'pride and ego' - which often takes the form of obsession with careers, business or job in order to raise social status (Eccl.2:21-23; Prov.8:13);



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'idolising fellow humans' - reverencing renounced individuals above God e.g. music stars/actors, footballers, ministers of God , politicians, spouse, etc.; 'naturalism and the power of science' - this clings to the illusion that man is the lord of his world due to scientific and technological breakthroughs, gluing oneself to hand held electronic tablets /ipads and mobile phones (2Pet.3:10-13); 'self-indulgence' - through excessive purchase of latest fashion/clothes, jewellery, perfume, alcohol, drugs, excessive watching of television, excessive and abnormal use of the social media (Facebook, twitter, WhatsApp, Instagram, snapchat etc), clubbing/partying, pornography, gambling among other things (1Cor.10:31).

CONSEQUENCES OF MODERN DAY IDOLATRY

Modern day idolatry will incur divine curses upon the perpetrators (Dan.4:30-33). It starts with a deviation from the laws and teachings of the Lord (2Tim.4:10). Generational departure from the one true God (Hos.4:17) leads to eternal separation from God (1Sam.2:29-36) are other consequences to watch for.

CONCLUSION

The worship of 'self', is the basis of all modern idolatry. God warns against it (Ex.20:3). It is a lifelong battle in Christian life that must be resisted (Eph.6:11; 2Tim.2:3)

What's On

Our **weekly** service will be taking place this Friday at 7pm-8:30pm. This will be a time of prayer and Fellowship in the presence of God.

Stay connected in fellowship by joining one of the weekly **House Fellowship** groups. It is a wonderful time of fun, bonding and growing in God's word together. Kindly speak to Sister Remy for further details,