

## **BEWARE OF IDOLS**

<sup>4</sup>You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. <sup>5</sup>You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. Exodus 20:4 - 5

### **I. DON'T IDOLIZE ANYTHING**

Deuteronomy 4:15 – 16

- **Idols will disappoint me.**

<sup>14</sup>The whole human race is foolish and has no knowledge! The craftsmen are disgraced by the idols they make, for their carefully shaped works are a fraud. These idols have no breath or power. <sup>15</sup>Idols are worthless; they are ridiculous lies! On the day of reckoning they will all be destroyed. Jeremiah 10:14 - 15

- **Idols will dominate you..**

I Corinthians 12:2

- **Idols will change you.**

Psalms 115:8

<sup>4</sup>Listen to the word of the LORD, people of Jacob—all you families of Israel! <sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD says: What did your ancestors find wrong with me that led them to stray so far from me? They worshiped worthless idols, only to become worthless themselves. Jeremiah 2:4 – 5

### **II. WORSHIP ONLY GOD!**

Romans 1:25

### **III. BENEFITS OF PUTTING GOD FIRST IN OUR LIVES.**

#### **1. I will experience fulfillment.**

<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires. Psalm 37:4  
Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed. Romans 10:11

#### **2. I will experience freedom.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the people who believed in him, you are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup>And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31 – 32

If the Son sets you free, you will be really free.

John 8:36

As the spirit of the Lord works with us, we become more and more like Him.

2 Corinthians 3:18b

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

Colossians 1:15