

THE IDOL FACTORY

1 John 5:21; Deut. 6:4-9
(KEEP YOURSELVES FROM IDOLS)

A. IT IS OUR PROBLEM TOO

- * *Eze. 14; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5*

B. THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF IDOLATRY

- * An Idol is something within creation that is inflated to function as a substitute for God. *Psalm 9:20*

C. THE STRANGE SHAPE OF UNBELIEF

D. THE THEOLOGY OF INSECURITY

- * After the fall, God-given mastery or dominion, tends to become domination. Trust, on the other hand, tends to become overdependence.

E. IDOLS IN PAIRS

- * Jeremiah pictures a tame God, a user-friendly God, who exists by human manufacture, is at human disposal, and under human control. *Jere. 10:5*

F. STREET PHILOSOPHIES

- * The idolater is likely to sacrifice time, health, family & other people for the promises of the good life.

O. IDOLS OF RELIGION

- * This is seen in the ever-changing means of access to power.

H. THE IDOL'S FRUIT

- * Deception is its very identity. The idol deceives both about **what it is** and about **what it does** and mostly about **what it will deliver**. *Ps. 115:8*

I. GOD'S VERDICT

- * Idols produce the illusion that we are in control and have vindicated ourselves & are nonaccountable before both an immanent & transcendent God. *Jere. 23:23-24*. God cannot be **miniaturized or vaporized**. See *Acts 17:23-29*.