

1 John 5:21

“guard yourselves from idols”

1 John ... "idols"?

5:20-21 "...that we may know Him who is **true**
...in Him who is **true**...This is the **true** God...
guard yourselves from idols"

Beware! – continual warning of **SELF** deception

1:6,8; 2:4,21; 3:7; 4:1; 5:13

*A false imagination of God, is an "idol" men
serve, and not the "true" God!*

regarding **FAITH** ...

1Jn 1:1-3; 2:1,2; 4:2,3; 5:5-6,13

Any idea of "God," that **does not correspond with the gospel of Christ as presented in the four gospels** is an "idol," and any view of "life" without that faith is vain!

Deity ... incarnation ... propitiation ... resurrection

Jn 1:1-18; 3:16; 1Co 15:1-4

Jews ... modernists ... JW's ... Mormons ... etc

regarding **LOVE** ...

1Jn 2:9-10; 3:16-18; 4:20-5:3

Any imagination or idea of "God" that does not require love of those who love God is an "idol," and any view of "life" without that love is vain!

**isolationism ... bitterness ...
not interested in serving ...**

regarding **RIGHTEOUS LIVING**

1Jn 1:5-10; 3:7-10,24; 5:16-18

Any imagination, or idea, of "God," that allows a sinful life is an "idol," and any view of "life" in that condition is vain!

hidden sin (pornography...affairs... embezzlement) ... cursing, filthy language, abusiveness, uncontrolled anger at work, home, school ...

1Jn 5:13 *“that you may know”*

“Blessed Assurance”

1Jn 5:19-21

*Is your neighbor, friend, relative
serving the **TRUE** God or an **idol**?*

YOU ...?!