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The Folly of Idolatry

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Idolatry. Most Western Christians give little thought to idolatry, much to our danger. The danger is found in the spiritual reality behind idolatry. Behind idolatry is demonic forces and influence. Using the Lord's Supper as an example of how a believer fellowships with Jesus Christ, Paul forcibly argues any involvement with idolatry is communion with the demonic. Participation in the Lord's Supper bars believers from engaging in idolatry.

Additional Verses:

Deuteronomy 32:15-18

Job 40:9

Matthew 26:26-28

Ephesians 6:10-20

Philippians 2:7-8

Outline:

1. Idolatry is inconsistent with fellowship with Jesus.

2. Idolatry opens a believer to demonic influence.

3. Idolatry is offensive to God.

Study Questions:

1. What truth is communicated by being addressed as "sensible people?" Why is it important for believers to heed this truth?

2. How do believers usually think about idolatry? Why is the command "flee" from idolatry?

3. Why do believers in Western countries not give much thought to idols and demonic activity? Why is it dangerous for believers to ignore this truth?

4. How are believers equipped to fight spiritual battles? What is the one offensive weapon believers are instructed to use? How do we use that in spiritual warfare?

5. Why should believers not be afraid of demons?

6. Why is idolatry offensive to God?

7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?