

Church of Christ

... Heart to Heart ...

Paul realized many followed different “gods and lords”, knowing there was only one God and Lord (I Cor. 8:5-6). Paul’s life was Christ and he existed around Christ. What about us? Who do we live for? We all would say God and Christ, but let’s examine our hearts and ask, “Who is our God?”

A person’s “god” is one whom they serve and follow. They dedicate their efforts, time and money toward that “god.” It becomes the center of their life, their talk and thoughts. A person’s “god” influences their actions and decisions.

The goddess of Aphrodite is the goddess of sex. What do many put their attention and efforts toward? Sex is advertised and it consumes people’s thoughts. The Internet has become a place for sexual immorality. Our heavenly Father wants us to abstain from *all* sexual immorality and walk in sanctification and honor (I Thes. 4:3-5). Who is our “god”?

Venus is the goddess of beauty. What do you see so many fix their attention on? Plastic surgery, Hollywood’s ideal of men and women and products to keep that youthful look. I once heard a six year old tell me her parents taught her eating sweets would make her fat and ugly and “fat and ugly aren’t loved!” Many are focused on the external and not the internal. (I Tim. 4: 8-10). Who is our “god”?

Bacchus is the “god” of wine, drunkenness and sensuality. What is promoted and followed by so many? Look at the commercials that flood our airwaves about alcoholic beverages, good times and drinking parties. Our God says abstain from such (I Pet. 4:1-5). Who is our “god”?

Narcissus is the “god” of self-love. Listen to all the “self” talk that exists today. Self esteem, self-enjoyment, self-love, self-help, and self-acceptance. Every thing seems to revolve around what makes us feel good. People become lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God (II Tim. 3:4). Several years back, an elder in the congregation I was working with resigned because he was more interested in his “recreation” than shepherding the church of God and felt the church was holding him back from doing as he pleased. Who is our “god”?

It takes no visible figure of a “god” to worship it. One can be enslaved to sin and death, while claiming God as their Father. Just examine our lives; see what you dedicate your life work toward. In that you will find your answer. Think about it!!!

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