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Part 19: Know Focus

1 John 5:13 (ESV)-"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."

REVIEW

Promises For the Believer

God Hears Us

God Answers Us

God Protects Us

God Enlightens Us

*"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is your god."
-Martin Luther*

Notes: _____

To Have The Right Focus

1. SEE THE IDOLS

1 John 5:21 (ESV)-Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Ezekiel 14:3 (ESV)-Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts...

Idols used to be made with hands, now they are made with hearts.

There are two a major groups of idols:

Surface Idols- Personal, Cultural, and Intellectual.

Source Idols- Power, Control, Comfort, and Approval.

2. REPENT THE IDOLS

1 John 5:21 (ESV)-Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 Corinthians 10:14 (ESV)-Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.

Colossians 3:5 (ESV)-Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

All idols are accusations against God.

3. GUARD AGAINST IDOLS

1 John 5:21 (ESV)-Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Psalms 106:36 (ESV)-And served their idols, Which became a snare to them.

We turn to idols for freedom, but actually find bondage.

4. FOCUS ON JESUS

1 John 5:21 (ESV)-Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Psalms 16:4 (ESV)-The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply...

An idol cannot be removed it must be replaced.

Here Is The Point: Idolatry will keep us from experiencing the joy in this letter.