

BY MEANS OF THE TEMPTATIONS AND PRESSURES OF THE EVIL WORLD-SYSTEM AS IT IMPACTS ON THE SINFULNESS THAT STILL CHARACTERIZES BELIEVERS, WE CAN BECOME DISSATISFIED WITH THE TRUE GOD AND DISPLACE HIM WITH A MORE SATISFYING GOD – ONE THAT IS AN IDOL. WE NEED TO BE WARNED ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY AND EXHORTED TO "FLEE FROM IDOLATRY!"

Paul warns us about this possibility. But are there believers living today who actually displace the true God with idols?

I believe that there is in each of us a tendency to depart from the living God and to move toward idolatry, and I believe that we need to be aware of it and resist it by God's grace!

Let me illustrate. I know of some Christians who have said, "I don't believe God would condemn anyone to eternal punishment. God is love, and a loving God could never do such a thing!" Or they say, "I can't understand how God could be just and send human beings to an eternal hell."

I believe this is an attempt to change the biblical conception of God to fit one's personal beliefs, to remake God according to one's own image.

Aside from the fact that Scripture clearly teaches that the person that does not trust in Christ is condemned, and that the wrath of God remains on that person,