

and that anyone whose name is not written in the book of life will condemned forever in the lake of fire; these persons who claim that God's love or justice excludes eternal condemnation forget that God's love and justice are defined, not by what we think they should mean, but by Scripture, and by His other characteristics. They forget that God's love is a wise love, a powerful love, a holy and righteous and just love, a kind, benevolent, merciful, gracious love, a true love, and that His justice is wise, powerful, holy, and true. And this wise, powerful, holy, righteous, kind, benevolent, merciful, gracious God justly condemns to eternal destruction those who spurn and reject His love and refuse to repent of their sins!

In our text passage (1 Corinthians 10:1-14) there are five kinds of desire referred to – desires that grow out of failure to maintain vital trust in God and out of dissatisfaction with God's character and will – desires that tend to draw us away from God and toward idolatry.

These desires bridge the centuries from the Israelites' wilderness wanderings to the Corinthian church, and from the Corinthian church to us today.

What are these five kinds of desire?

- (1) The desire to gratify our sinful appetites
- (2) The desire to make God tangible and substantial and physically real