

1 Corinthians 6 (11-14-10)

IDOLATRY (CATHOLIC AND NEW AGE)

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, **nor idolaters**, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, **nor covetous**, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 **Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:** for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the **abominable**, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and **idolaters**, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

[Effeminate = abomination = Deut. 22]

Revelation 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that **they should not worship devils, and idols** of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

1 Corinthians 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee from idolatry.**

1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

1 Corinthians 12:2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from **pollutions of idols**, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, **when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.**

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Acts 19:26 Moreover ye see and hear, that **not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:**

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will **live godly** in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

1 Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how **ye turned to God from idols** to serve the living and true God;

"A bishop, during the first and second century, was a person who had the care of one Christian assembly, which, at that time, was, generally speaking, small enough to be contained in a private house...the Christian churches were independent of each other...in a council held in 588, John...Bishop of Constantinople, assumed the title of universal bishop...Supposing that the design of his rival was to obtain the supremacy over all Christian churches, Gregory [called the "great"] opposed his pretensions...[by writing] '...whoever adopts, or affects the title of Universal Bishop, has the pride and character of anti-Christ, and is in some manner his forerunner...'...only two years after Gregory's death, pope Boniface III sought for and obtained the title of Universal Bishop...Previous to the year 606, there was properly no pope...[as] the supreme sovereign pontiff, and boasted head...'In the fourth century,' says Gieseler, 'the worship of images was still abominated as a heathen practice'...[In the fifth century] a singular...efficacy was...attributed to the bones of martyrs, and to the figure of the cross, in defeating the attempts of Satan, removing all sorts of calamities [etc.]...The practice of thus accommodating the forms of Christian worship to the prejudices of the heathen nations, was introduced in various places long before the establishment of Popery in 606; though, of course, as there was then no acknowledged earthly sovereign and head [of the churches], the observance of these

heathen rites was not regarded as obligatory...The account of Gregory's instructions to Augustin, as related by Bower [Bower's History of the Popes], is as follows: 'Not satisfied with directing Austin not to destroy, but to reserve for the worship of God, the profane places where the pagan Saxons had worshipped their idols, Gregory would have him treat the more profane usages, rites, and ceremonies of the pagans in the same manner...[He writes], 'Whereas it is a custom among the Saxons to slay abundance of oxen, and sacrifice them to the devil, you must not abolish that custom, but appoint a new festival...not to the devil, but to God'...'The Franks who had settled in the south of Gaul, now France, had been indulged, at the time...in the use of images...This Serenus [bishop of Marseilles] could not bear, and therefore, to show his abhorrence of such abominations...he caused all the images...to be pulled down...and destroyed...[But Gregory I, in Rome] acted...consistently with himself, for, having directed Austin, this very year, to introduce pagan rites and usages in the church, he could not but blame Serenus for thus excluding them, and he wrote him accordingly...blaming him for breaking them, 'to prevent their being worshipped, since they served the ignorant in the room of books...!...But the [real] reason...was, that by breaking the images...he would prejudice the barbarians (that is, the Franks), among whom he lived...[Likewise, Gregory III, in A.D. 731 wrote a letter to the Emperor justifying image worship]: 'Because you are unlearned and ignorant, we are obliged to write to you rude discourses...We conjure you to quit your pride...You say that we adore stones, walls, and boards. It is not so, my lord; but these symbols make us recollect the persons whose names they bear...if it be an image of Jesus, we say, 'Lord, help us.' If it be the image of his mother, we say, 'Pray to your Son to save us'...'"

(John Dowling, History of Romanism, 1845)

Jeremiah 10:2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen...