

No Cheap Imitations or Shallow Substitutes

1John 5:18-21

Introduction:

18 We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols

Ezekiel 14:3 *these men have set up idols in their hearts*

1. True believers are _____ of God 18

A. Delivered from _____ power 18a

1 John 3:7 *Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil ...9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

Hebrews 12:8 *If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.*

B. _____ by Christ 18b

John 10:27 *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one*

C. Set free from Satan's _____ 18c

2. True believers _____ to God 19

3. True believers _____ God 20

A. Intimate _____ 20b

Philippians 3:8 *I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ*

B. Genuine _____ 20c

C. Eternal _____ 20d

John 17:3 *this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.*

4. True believers _____ everything that is not of the true God 21

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Conclusion:

How do we avoid settling for cheap imitations?

1. Take time to _____

2. Continue to _____ daily

3. Take a _____ on truth

4. Come to _____ for eternal life

Luke 9:23 *He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*