

Transformed Purpose
Week 8: Combatting Idols
1 John 2:15-17

1. What are some of the idols that you've had to combat in your life? How have they changed over the years?
2. Read **1 John 2:15-17**. What does it mean to "love the world"? What is John's problem with "the world"?
3. In **verse 16**, John identifies three categories of idols that are "in the world." What are they? In what ways does each category represent a different type of "idol"?
4. John focuses on our loves and desires. What role do our "feelings" play in the transformation process? What are the consequences of living and making decisions based on feeling? Should we ignore or suppress our feelings? Why? Why not?
5. John Calvin has famously stated that "the human heart is an idol factory." What do you think he means by that? Would your experience support that idea?
6. Read **1 John 2:17** carefully. What does it mean to "do the will of God"? How does this verse counsel us in the long-term fight against idolatry?
7. What does it mean to "abide"? Why is it so important? How do you personally "abide"?
8. Read **Galatians 5:16**. How does the Spirit help us in our battle against idolatry? Are you using Jesus as a means to your own end? How can the Spirit help you personally change?