



April 25-26th 2020 Sermon

**“Accept No Imitations”**

1 John 5:18-21

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We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

- 1) How would you describe an idol? What were some of the idols that you identified in your life?
- 2) What are some reasons that we often cling to these idols?
- 3) What are some of the accusations Satan brings into your life that keep you from receiving God’s hope and love? How do you resist those attacks?
- 4) Does John’s statement that “evil one does not touch them” mean that as followers of Jesus we won’t go through challenges? How can a vision of the sufficiency of Jesus help us in this season?
- 5) What would it look like to guard ourselves against idols? How can we as a group stand with you in that fight?