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All of the Corinthian church came out of some sort of sinful past. Paul had already established that idolatry, immorality, complaining/ingratitude, and testing God by questioning His goodness were clearly sin. He made it clear to them that the temptations to partake in these sins were common to every person. But he also made it clear that they served a faithful God who limited temptation and always provided an escape from temptation. However, Paul needed to further address the issue of idolatry. Multiple temples provided pagan worship experiences. A portion of the Corinthian church came out of that idolatry. Paul establishes that worshiping God is all or nothing. You cannot worship both the Creator and created things. You can't have it both ways. What can we learn from Paul's command and instruction to the church in Corinth?

1. As reasonable people of God, we must have nothing to do with _____ and to a greater degree _____ from it. 10:14-15
2. We must understand the significance of _____ in worship including our practice of the _____. 10:16-18
3. We are to recognize that worshiping anyone or anything other than God can be _____ influenced and _____ with true God-centered worship. 10:19-22