

Burn the Idols (The Church is the Pillar)

Scripture: 1 John 5:21

INTRO

"Little children... keep yourselves from idols."

VERSE 1

I'm holding these pictures, I lift up my thanks —
God gave us the faithful, the true in the ranks.
But no one drew Paul, and no one drew Mary;
we don't know their faces — the icon's imaginary.
They'd rip their own clothes if you knelt at their feet:
"I'm a man, just like you — it's the Lord you should meet!"
It's paint, it's a board; it can't hear you cry,
it can't lift a finger, it can't save — so why?

PRE-CHORUS (MARY)

And Mary — blessed among women, highly favored —
would never want the worship that they gave her:
"Don't bow to me — oh, don't be deceived;
do whatever He says, and believe.
My soul magnifies the Lord, not me —
seek the Kingdom; only God is worthy."

CHORUS

We worship Him alone — (Him alone!)
no idol, no statue, no stone! (no stone!)
In Spirit and in truth,
holy hands and holy youth —
the Word is King, so we bow down:
Jesus Christ, and Him alone!

BRIDGE

I'll burn my own photo — yes, my parents' too;
I love them, but paper's not people — it's true.
And that gold-painted board with the face I adored?
It was never my Jesus — it's paint, it's not Lord.
though the paper can burn, you can't burn the Word.
It's ink on a page, but it's fire in my chest:

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the message is holy; the paper's just pressed.

FINAL VERSE

Not with hate — I'm down on my knees,
crying, "Father, hear my pleas:
have mercy on the idol-makers,
break the chains, let the blind eyes see;
turn them home — come and be free!"
In reverent fear, in Spirit, in truth,
burning bright with a holy youth!
hearts sprinkled with the blood of the Lamb!

FINAL CHORUS

We worship Him alone — (Him alone!)
no idol, no statue, no stone!
The Word is King, the Word is King —
to Jesus Christ alone we sing!
In Spirit and in truth we cry:
Jesus, Jesus — Him alone, on high!

OUTRO

"Little children... keep yourselves from idols."

Bible verse · Little lesson

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"Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen."

— 1 John 5:21 (KJV)

LITTLE LESSON FOR LITTLE HEARTS

An idol is anything we put in God's place — and it cannot see, hear, or save (Isaiah 44). Even good and holy people, like Paul and Mary, refused to be worshiped and pointed everyone to the Lord. But the Church is not a "thing" at all: she is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15), a living temple holding the Holy Spirit, and the very people Jesus died for (Ephesians 5:25). So we treasure His living people and the truth they carry — and we worship God alone, in spirit and in truth.