

# Spiritual Vocabulary: Idol

We see the term **idol** used in the Bible quite a lot. In fact, the term is used 12 times in the KJV Bible, and the term **idols** used 101 times in 95 verses. With that being said, an **idol** is defined as:

noun

1. a material object, esp a carved image, that is worshipped as a god
2. Christianity Judaism any being (other than the one God) to which divine honour is paid
3. a person who is revered, admired, or highly loved

We also have the origin of this word, so let's take a look at it here:

- mid-13c., "image of a deity as an object of (pagan) worship,"
- from Old French *idole* "idol, graven image, pagan god,"
- from Late Latin *idolum* "image (mental or physical), form," used in Church Latin for "false god,"
- from Greek *eidolon* "appearance, reflection in water or a mirror," later "mental image, apparition, phantom," also "material image, statue," from *eidōs* "form" (see -oid).
- Figurative sense of "something idolized" is first recorded 1560s (in Middle English the figurative sense was "someone who is false or untrustworthy"). Meaning "a person so adored" is from 1590s.

From the origins of the word, you see the words 'pagan', 'false god', 'statue', so we can correctly infer that an idol is NOT a good thing that a Christian should be looking at or dealing with.



## Here is Our Challenge to all of you:

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud)**:

**“Jesus, is what I just read true?”**

He will answer you, Christian; use this as an opportunity to start the conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you.

You need to find out for yourself if what you support or believe is true, and what better way to find out than to ask the Lord Himself? You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, as the scriptures tell us to.