21. 1 JOHN. 919   
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 yourselves from idols.\children, ‘keep yourselves froin 11¢onx.14.   
 Amen. idol: Ament   
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 Such an expression used predicatively, both of Him and of us who live through   
 leads us to look for some expression of ottr Ilim.   
 Lord's, or for some meaning w 21] Parting warning against idols.   
 not appear on the surface to guide us. Little children (he parts from them with   
 And such an expression leading snch a his warmest and most affectionate word of   
 meaning we have in John xvii. 3,“ This is address), keep yourselves from idols (or   
 eternal life, that they may know Thee the more literally, from the idols, viz. which   
 only true God, and Jesus Christ whom are about you. The idol is properly a   
 thou didst send.” He is eternal lite in figure of an imaginary deity,—while an   
 Himself, as being the fount and origin of image, or likeness, is that of some real   
 it: He is it to us, that to know Him person or thing made 1. 9, an object cf   
 to possess it. I own I cannot see, after “the living and true God” Cor. x.19, xii.   
 this saying of our Lord with the words, and especially there seems no justification   
 Thee the only true God, how any one can for the departing from the plain literal   
 imagine that tho same Apostle can have sense in this place. All around the Chris-   
 had in these words any other reference than, tian Church was heathesism : the born of   
 that which is given in those. 3) this charge God, and they that were lying in the wicked   
 is altogether inaccurate. As referred to one, were the only two classes: those who   
 the Father, there is in it tautology and went out of one, went into the other:   
 no aimlessness, It serves to identify the God’s children are thus then finally warned   
 “true One” mentioned before, in a solemn of the consequence of letting go the only   
 manner, and leads on to the concluding true God, in whom they can only abide by   
 warning against false gods. As in another abiding in His Son Jesus Christ, in these   
 place the Apostle intensifies the non-pos- solemn terms,—to leave on their minds a   
 session of the Son by including in it the wholesome terror of any the least devia-   
 alienation from the Father also, so here at tion from the truth of God, seeing into   
 the close of all, the true God, the fount of what relapse it would plunge them).   
 eternal life, is put before us as the ulti-   
 mate aim and end, to be approached én   
 His Son, but Himself the one Father   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
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