

SERIES: Judges
Living Among Idols
Judges 2:6-3:6

A Generation Arises That Does Not Know the Lord (2:6-10)

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The Cycle of Sin and Redemption: Depravity and Deliverance (2:11-23)

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 - Seemingly innumerable **gods**.
 - Seemingly inconceivable **practices**.
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 - Jesus has **saved** our lives from divine judgment.
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