

# THE BEACON OF TRUTH

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“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

## What Does the Bible Say About Alcohol?

Chase Green

Note: This is the second in a series of articles regarding moral issues, entitled “What Does the Bible Say About...”

How many homes do you think have been destroyed throughout history as a result of the destructive nature of alcohol? Each year, countless cases of vehicular deaths, cases of abuse, and murders all have one common theme — alcohol (or other drugs) was a factor. Indeed it is extremely sad that family after family must learn the news that their loved one is not coming home because of the influence of alcohol! If only people had heeded the warnings contained in God’s holy Word!

The Bible is full of warnings regarding the dangers of alcohol. Let me mention just a few: “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Prov. 20:1). “Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:21). “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” (Eph. 5:18). “Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine” (Prov. 23:29-30).

The Bible is clear when it comes to the dangers of alcohol. Yet, why do so many continue to pursue it? Because most men simply want to do what men want to do. Just think about how the alcohol industry portrays itself on television and on the radio. “Drink ‘Such & Such Beer’ and you’ll get the girl!” “I don’t always drink \_\_\_\_\_, but when I do, \_\_\_\_\_” (cue the beautiful women on each arm).

What these advertisers don’t show are the bruises left on the face of a young boy who was on the receiving end of his father’s drunken rage, the profuse tears of the woman who has to leave her home for fear of her life and the lives of her children, the mangled bodies that have been thrown from a car that was hit by a drunk driver. No, for some reason those don’t make the commercials.

Notice even more quotes from God’s Word on this subject: “Be sober [clear minded], be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh (Continued on page 2)

## By the Numbers:

Week of 5/13/18

Contribution – \$3347

Attendance:

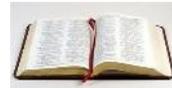
Sunday School – 31

Sunday Worship\* – 53

Wednesday Night – 33

\*Total for the day

## Bible Trivia Question



Last Week’s Answer: The church at Laodicea (Rev. 3:16).

Q: Which congregation was rebuked for being spiritually dead?

Answer to be given next week!

## Sermon Spotlight:

AM: The Church at Pergamum

- 1) What was this congregation doing right?
- 2) What were they doing wrong?

PM: A Closer Look at Numbers

- 1) What is the theme of Numbers?
- 2) Who are some of the main characters in Numbers?

### Schedule Of Services

Sunday  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.

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### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

1. Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe (Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6).
3. Repent (Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30).
4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33).
5. Be baptized (immersed) (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
6. Continue faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).

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**NEWS AND NOTES**  
**TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME**

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Dewey Young — Margie Tippen — Pete Varner (She is bedridden after possibly suffering a stroke) — Buster Keeton — Ruth Coston — Regina Simmons — Wendy Traweek — Lisa Morris — Mildred Allhands — Marcia Green (Heart cath coming up) — Judy May — The Family of Brother L.C. Lewis — John Motherspaugh (Received a good medical report; still awaiting some treatment) — Bill & Sharon Schooley (Traveling) — Kenneth Hendrix (Kidney surgery coming up)

**OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Monthly fellowship meal — Every 4th Sunday (next Sunday in between services)
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers! Our next get-together is scheduled for June 29th at Jarrod and Bessie's house — (If you would like to host or help with an event, please let Chase know)

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about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8; How could one accomplish this if he allows himself to be influenced by alcohol?). “Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink” (Isa. 5:22). “Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying” (Rom. 13:13).

As you read these words of admonition, can you honestly say that God approves of what is going on here? Oftentimes we hear people try to make excuses when it comes to alcohol (for instance, they'll point out that Jesus turned the water into wine at the marriage feast at Cana). My question for them is this: Why? Why would they make these arguments? Again, it boils down to the fact that man wants to do what man wants to do.

The Bible has warned us against the dangers of alcohol for thousands of years now. Why would someone not heed its warnings? Why would someone risk their salvation over these worldly pleasures? Why would someone risk hurting their loved ones or innocent bystanders simply because they couldn't put down the bottle? Sadly, the tragedies brought on by alcohol will only continue to happen again and again while the world remains. Let us resolve to never allow ourselves to be involved in this terrible sin.

With love, Chase

**The Unchanging Spiritual Needs of Man**

David Stafford

Perhaps each of us have heard the phrase “The more things change the more they stay the same.” We live in a world in which drastic changes have occurred. The most drastic change seems to be technology. Modern inventions have changed the world in which we live. Yet, what are some things that have remained the same? Mankind still needs food, clothing, and shelter to survive. What are some spiritual things that have remained unchanged? Man's spiritual need has not changed in that he needs a Savior, and he needs God's Word.

A person who has reached the age of accountability needs a Savior. God planned for a Savior to come (Gen. 3:15). Under the Mosaic Age, man was constantly reminded that he needed a Savior as there was a remembrance of sins each year (Heb. 10:3). The sacrifices he offered were never able to wash away his sins (Heb. 10:4). Under the Christian Age, man still needs a Savior. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). John said, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Jesus' blood was shed for the remission of sins (Mat. 26:28). Man needs a Savior, and man must come to Jesus through obeying the saving gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Once a man obeys the gospel, he becomes a Christian, and his sins are washed away. He has met his spiritual need. The Christian continues to need a Savior, however, each day of his life. When he transgresses, he can confidently repent and confess his sins and be forgiven (1 John 1:9).

A man needs God's Word. God's Word is inspired, which means that it is literally “breathed out” by God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). God's Word can save the soul of mankind (Jam. 1:21). Just as man needs physical nourishment, Christians need spiritual nourishment. Christians should grow and feed themselves on God's Word (1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18). The world may change, but God's Word never does! God's Word endures forever (1 Pet. 1:25). A Christian will always need God's Word despite how different the world has become.

The world has changed in many ways, but there are some things that will always remain the same. Man will always need a Savior, and man will always need God's Word. Have each of us met our spiritual need and come to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world (John 4:42), through reading, learning, and obeying God's Word? If not, why not obey the gospel today and have your sins washed away? Are all of us Christians living faithful to the Lord by continually feeding on God's Word and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 3:18)? If not, why not repent and be restored today? Time is too short to delay (Jam. 4:14).

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great;  
and thou shalt be a blessing.”

Genesis 12:2

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