

THE SIN OF DRUNKENNESS

Gal. 5:19-21

I. FOUR AND ONE-HALF TIMES MORE MONEY SPENT FOR ALCOHOL THAN FOR EDUCATION EACH YEAR.

1. Four battleships, one aircraft carrier of pure silver.
2. Would make bills stacked 533 miles - or 749,517 miles long.
3. Would pave a 60 foot wide highway for 2,714 miles long.
4. Bill for one day would feed 600,000 Chinese children.

II. DRUNKENNESS IS A SIN.

1. Greek word for sin is (hamartian) and it means "to miss the mark."
2. Nothing misses the mark of decency, purity, morality, cleanliness as this.
3. It is a sin against society, one's family, loved ones, the Church.
4. It is classified as a sin of the flesh. (Gal. 5:21)
5. See Proverbs 23:31; Rom. 13:13; Eph. 5:18.
6. Drunkards will not enter Heaven. (I. Cor. 6:10)
(Must not be a disease if it keeps one out of heaven.)

III. DRUNKENNESS IS AN OLD SIN.

1. Sin is as old as the Devil. Involves lust of flesh, eye, vain glory.
2. The Corinthians perverted the Lord's Supper. (I Cor. 11)
3. Alexander the Great conquered the world but not his alcohol.
4. King Ahasuerus - threw drunken feast and wanted Queen Vashti to striptease.
5. David - tried to make Uriah drunk to try to hide David's sin of adultery.
6. Nabal - was smitten after a night of drunkenness.
7. Lot - committed incest with his daughters while drunk.
8. Noah - guilty of the sin of drunkenness.

IV. DRUNKENNESS IS A PREVALENT SIN.

1. Eighty million of 260 million people drink in the United States.
2. Drunkenness is found with the rich and poor - the young and old.
3. It is found among men, women, boys and girls, on our campuses.

V. WHY IS DRINKING SO PREVALENT?

1. The repeal of the 18th Amendment (Argument: people going to do it anyway).
 - A. It would be just as rational to legalize prostitution, stealing, etc.
2. It is popularized by movies, radio, television, magazines.
3. Leaders of our nation sanction it - Washington, D.C. consumes most in United States.
4. Courts in our land are complacent and indifferent.
 - A. Ten years under the jail for drinking and driving would stop it.

VI. DRUNKENNESS IS A DECEPTIVE SIN.

1. Liquor advertising is deceptive - In fact they are liars.
 - A. They promise happiness and ends in misery.
 - B. Calvert - the man of distinction.
 - (1) If you drink enough, you will be a man of extinction.
 - C. Old Grand Dad pictures elderly man with rosy cheeks in good health.
 - (1) If you drink enough, you will never live to be a dad, much less a granddad.
2. First, it is "I could quit if I would." Drunkenness is then "I would quit if I could." Truly deceptive.

VII. DRUNKENNESS IS A MALIGNANT SIN (means tending to death).

1. Six stages to drunkenness.

A. Social drinker - a habitual drinker.

Dry and Decent, Delightful and Devilish, Delinquent and Disgusting, Dizzy and Delirious, Dazed and Dejected, Dead Drunk.

2. Drunkenness develops other sins, such as cursing, etc.

A. The history of alcohol is a history of sin.

VIII. DRUNKENNESS IS A DESTRUCTIVE SIN (I. Cor. 6:19).

1. It destroys the body - T.B. and venereal diseases.
2. It destroys the mind - 25% of insane in New York Asylums.
3. It destroys lives of others - auto accidents.
4. It destroys homes - 78% of divorces.
5. It destroys future generations - germ cells damaged or destroyed.
6. It destroys self-respect, virtue, influence.
7. In the final analysis, it destroys the soul.

IX. DRUNKENNESS AND THE USE OF ALCOHOL IS AN UNJUSTIFIABLE SIN.

1. It is unjustified as a stimulant.
2. It is unjustified as a food.
3. It is unjustified as a medicine.
4. It is unjustified as government revenue.
 - A. It is a poor government indeed which depends upon sin to exist.
 - B. Fill the coffers full and send the souls of men to hell.
 - (1) Government spends 17 billion dollars to combat crime.
 - (a) A great percentage of this is caused by alcohol.

X. LET US UNITE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUNKENNESS.

1. Let no Christian be guilty of indulging.

2. Let the elders of the Church realize the seriousness of this sin.
3. Let us preach, teach, and use every available power to curb this sin which threatens to undermine our whole civilization.

THE LIQUOR BAR IS

A bar to heaven, a door to hell
 Whoever named it, named it well;
A bar to manliness and wealth,
 A door to manliness and wealth,
A door to want and broken health,
 A bar to honor, pride and fame,
A door to sin and grief and shame;
 A bar to hope, a bar to prayer,
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer,
 A door to darkness and despair.
A bar to honored, useful life,
 A door to brawling, senseless strife;
A bar to all that's true and brave,
 A door to every drunkard's grave;
A bar to joy that home imparts,
 A door to tears and aching hearts,
A bar to heaven, a door to hell.
 Whoever named it, named it well.