DRINKING Pt. 2

We are warned all through Scripture not to get drunk. There are examples in Scripture of those that got drunk such as with Noah and Nabal (Gen.ch.9, 1 Sam.25:36) It was shameful what Noah did getting drunk and passing out naked for his family to see. Nabal's wife could not talk to him about his sin against King David because he was drunk.

Prov.23:29-35 – 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. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

I have known a few people that this describes very well and it's very sad to see this in someone's life. They get into a drunken stupor and don't even remember what happened the next day.

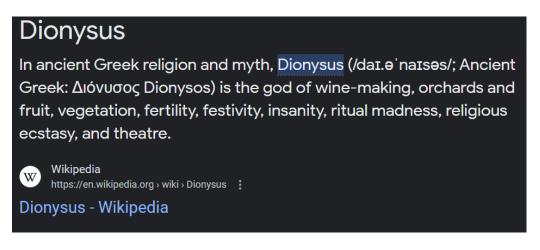
2 Cor. 7:1 – Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Our lives are to be cleansed from sin and we are to live righteous lives honoring and serving God with our lives.

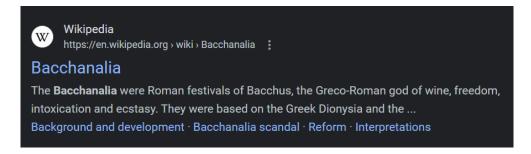
1 Cor.6:19-20 – What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Your body is the temple of God where The Holy Spirit dwells. He will not dwell in a temple that is not sacred. When you drink you are inviting evil spirits in and they can lead you into more ungodly addictions which also lead to diseases coming in.

Have you ever wondered why liquor is called spirits.



Dionysus: in ancient Greek religion and myth, Dionysus is the god of wine-making, orchards, fruit, vegetation, fertility, festivity, insanity, ritual madness, religious ecstasy, and threatre.



Bacchanalia – The Bacchanalia were Roman festivals of Bacchus, the Greco-Roman god of wine, freedom, intoxication and ecstasy. They were based on the Greek Dionysia...



Bacchanalia: the Roman festival of Bacchus. Drunken revelry. Dionysus and Bacchus are fallen angels. These are evil spirits tied to drinking, getting intoxicated and drunken revelry.



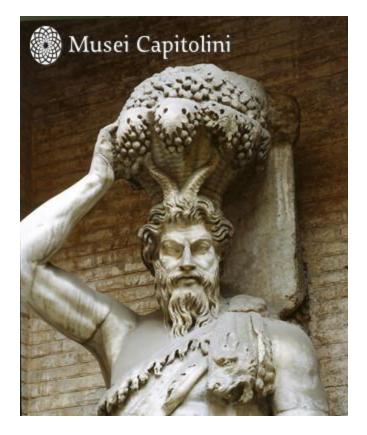
Dionysus a false god – fallen angel



Another version of Bacchus or Dionysus.



L: A mask portraying Dionysus' face. Looks wicked. R: A satyr linked to the cult of Dionysus



From the Capitoline Museum of Rome: This is the Roman god faunus which is the same as the Greek god pan who is also a satyr – part man, part goat. He is very close to the baphomet which is just another form of satan. Satyrs are linked to the cult of Dionysus. He has a basket of grapes on his head for wine making and grapes are a symbol of Dionysus too. Alcoholism is directly linked to these fallen angels and evil spirits.



Here in Texas, Spec's is a huge liquor store. Here's one of their signs - Spec's: wine, spirits, beer.



L: Jim Beam, Devil's Cut 90 proof R: A shot glass that reads: the devil's tonic. They really aren't trying to hide what it's all about. They're telling you who is behind the alcohol and it is satan.



See the demon doing his jig and breathing out the fire. It says red hot, just like hell is going to be for those that choose to serve this sin rather than Jesus. Look at the bottom of the label. Alcohol 33% and then it says (66 proof) what telling numbers with 33 being the most well known degree of freemasonry and 66 being one of satan's favorite numbers.



Look at this, fireball whisky. Tates like heaven, burns like hell. This is a mockery against God. satan loves to do that. There is a demon breathing out fire, that's a fallen angel. Pretty obvious that alcohol goes hand in hand with demons.



Drinking is a powerful way that demons enter your life. Remember our passage that warned us not to get drunk, but instead be filled with The Spirit. Those that get drunk are getting filled with evil spirits.



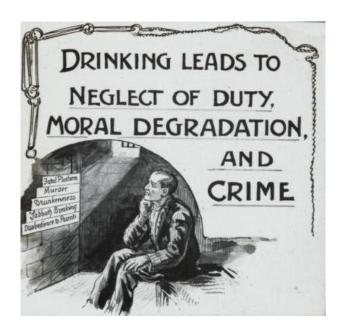
Look at this rendition of the spirit of alcohol working directly with satan. This is truth, yet people think it is just a funny drawing. This is spiritual truth.



The demon's share rum. Notice the demons and devils all over the label. There used to be a war against drinking, it was called the prohibition, from 1920 to 1933

under the 18th amendment it was illegal to make buy or sell in the U.S. That's why you had moon shiners and people making it illegally and trying to hide from law enforcement.

I was talking with Pastor Erustus about alcohol and being intoxicated and he shared the following: Yes, demons are behind it. Many a times have done deliverance and demons have said the victim was pushed into drinking and smoking so his money can just be wasted and to destroy the person's life.



Drinking leads to neglect of duty, moral degradation, and crime. Fatal Platform: murder, drunkenness, Sabbath breaking, disobedience to parents. There is an example of a young man who did not want to obey his parents, was a drunkard and was rebellious in The Old Testament, he was stoned. (Deut.21:18-21)



Drinking debauches and destroys mankind.



Alcohol a blessing and a curse. Good for the engine, but not for the engineer. Good for commercial purposes, but not as a beverage.

These next verses pertain to drinking, smoking, drugs and any sin that tears your body down.

1 Cor.3:16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile (destroys) the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

God created you as a wonderful creation of His to know Him and bring Him glory. When you tear down your organs which He gave you in order to be healthy it doesn't please Him. He can destroy you. This is not a game. We are not to tear our bodies down through excessive drinking. He has good plans for our lives (Jer.29:11, Eph.2:10) We want to be used by God and to be as healthy as we can be and live as long as we can so that we can fulfill His will for our lives and be a light for Him in this world.

There is no profit in any way from drinking alcohol.

God will not use you if you are an alcoholic. (Titus 1:7-8, 2:2-6)

Each servant of God has a cup of suffering to endure just like Apostle Paul did. (2 Cor.12:7-9) An addiction to alcohol is not something from God. He will not put something like that, which is a sin into your life. Remember God does not tempt us to sin, satan is the tempter.

If you are stuck in the addiction of alcohol there is hope.

1 Cor.10:13 – There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Jesus is the way of escape, being truly saved, filled and sealed by The Holy Spirit.



This is Pastor Erustus and his wife Pastor Sarah. Pastor Erustus heads up our outreach ministry in Africa. He shared the following about how to be set free and why so many struggle and stay bound up in alcoholism and other addictions:

It is each believer's responsibility to pay the cost of forsaking all to follow Christ. We are to be committed in seeking God in prayer & fasting, studying the word, fellowship of the saints, praising and worshiping God, giving, ministering or serving in the church/ God's kingdom, living holy, etc. These keep satan and his demons off our life. Developing a strong relationship with God is very significant. Many take long or are so reluctant in growing in the things of God. They put little effort in growing to maturity in the things of God. This makes it hard for them to deal with demons and satan.

I asked Pastor Erustus his thoughts about those bound in addictions. He shared: Pastor to me some young or baby christians can struggle with alcoholism, pornography, smoking etc. at the beginning of their walk with God but with commitment to God's word, prayer and the infilling of the Holy Spirit one must overcome all those evils. As the Apostle Paul says, those who struggle with sin and please the flesh then the law of sin is still at work in them. (Romans ch.7 & 8) But those who make up their mind to walk in the Spirit such evil desires will be quenched by the Holy Spirit.

We cannot overlook this sin in the church or turn a blind eye to it. God's not ok with drinking. We as christians have to stop acting like Jesus is a wimp and He can't set people free. His Word is true and He does what He says He will do.

Addictions of any sort are not healthy for us. God doesn't want us to have addictions which lead to demons setting up strongholds in our lives. AA is not going to set you free. Jesus will.

John 8:36 - If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

John 8:32 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

I have just taught you the truth here today.

CLOSING

You must be saved through Jesus Christ, baptized into The Holy Spirit, sealed by The Holy Spirit and grow and mature in Christ in order to be set free and have these things broken off your life. Mature in the faith and you will be empowered by The Holy Spirit to overcome the addiction of alcohol and get it out of your life. Many people want to be set free but they don't want Jesus and so their situation doesn't change.

If you want God to move more in your life, get on your knees more, get in prayer more, read His Word more, spend more time with Him and live a righteous life. Draw nearer to Him so He will draw nearer to you. (James 4:8)

Anything is possible with God, He can break your addiction off just from sincere prayer, or from prayer and fasting, or through administered deliverance or self deliverance. If God does not move through any of those ways and you see no change in your situation, then you either are not truly fed up with your addiction enough to seriously deal with it or you need to grow and mature in the faith and be empowered by The Holy Spirit to overcome. There are many ways God can work to set you free when you seek Him sincerely.

In the near future I will teach on deliverance and self deliverance. I have some more teachings to get to first. Alcoholism can be an inherited generational curse that needs to be broken off after salvation.

PRAYER