

The Two Wine Cups

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The Bible presents two cups, the cup that Jesus gave to His disciples at the last supper; the cup that Babylon holds to the lips of the nations. There is wine in each cup. Concerning the first, we read in Isaiah the 65th chapter that:

“...The new wine is found in the cluster... Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it...” Isaiah 65:8.

And you can't any wine much fresher or much newer than when it's in the cluster, right? It's full of rich glucose—the grape sugar. It's the sugar of the blood. But when the Devil gets through with that, he perverts it into alcohol, the wine of Babylon.

Now, we've been studying the three angels' messages in this series of studies, and tonight we're on our last study on the second message. Monday night, the Lord willing, we'll begin the studies on the third message. But tonight, I want to go back to our text in Revelation 14 and notice what the second angel says about Babylon and its wine.

You remember that the first message is a call, a very positive one:

“...Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters”
Revelation 14:7.

Now, the second angel follows. And what does he say? All together:

“...Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” Revelation 14:8.

Babylon is fallen because she's made all nations do what? Drink of this wine. I wonder how she makes them drink. Did you ever see a drunk person? I suppose nearly everyone here has seen someone under the influence of alcohol. Why would anybody drink the stuff? And yet, we know that whether the intoxication comes through the physical channels, or the mental, or the spiritual, nearly everybody in this world tonight is intoxicated with the wine of Babylon.

This says:

“...She made all nations drink...” Revelation 14:8.

Now, the secret of Babylon’s success is simply this. She has two lies that she tells. And that’s the way she gets the nations to drink the wine. As young people come up to the age of decision, nearly all drink the wine of Babylon. They become hopelessly intoxicated.

What are these two lies which Babylon tells, these two lies invented by the Devil? The first lie is this, that fermented wine is better than the new wine. You’ll find that in the Bible if you want to. It’s in Luke 5:39. You might be surprised to find this in the Bible, but here it is:

“No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better” Luke 5:39.

Now, God doesn’t say it’s better. But the fellow that has drunk this fermented wine, he doesn’t want the fresh new wine. The old, the fermented, the perverted, is better. Now, that’s the first lie that Babylon tells. But there’s another lie, and it’s even more successful than the first one. It’s this. You can have both. You can have the cup that Jesus offers and also the cup that Babylon offers.

Now that, of course, is but an echo from the original broadcast in this world. You remember it back in the garden of Eden. It’s told in the third chapter of Genesis. Who was in the tree? The serpent. And he raised the question of whether or not God had confined them to a certain diet. Do you remember that?

“...Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” Genesis 3:1.

Had God confined them? Yes, He had. He had plainly told them that there was one tree there that they were not to eat of. But the serpent scoffed at that idea.

“Why,” he said, “you won’t die if you eat of this tree. The truth of the matter is” (and you remember the exact words):

“...God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil” Genesis 3:5.

“You can have both. God has told you, you must take your choice, but oh, don’t worry about that. You can have all that God offers plus all that He has forbidden.”

And deceived by that lie, Eve ate of the fruit. In other words, the enemy suggested to her, “You’ve been missing something. God has given you a lot of good things, all right.”

And you notice that Satan said nothing to disparage or tear down. He didn't cast any reflections on the tree of life, nor on the apples, or oranges, or bananas, or strawberries, or mangos, or apricots that were there in that beautiful garden. In effect he said, "It's all very wonderful, *but* you've been missing something. You can have *all* that and *still* have the thing that God has forbidden."

Now, I say that's a lie, my friends. That's this second lie that Satan tells, that Babylon echoes. The first, remember, is that the wine of Babylon is better than the new wine, the original, fresh wine that Jesus made. And the second lie is this. You can have both. So, you don't need to worry about which is better. Have your fill of both. Enjoy both. Why be so narrow?

Now, turn please to 1 Corinthians 10:21. And here is the text that I hope every young person here will commit to memory. I hope you'll ponder over it, for oh, it'll save you a lot of grief, a lot of confusion.

"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils..." 1 Corinthians 10:21.

You what? Read it with me, will you?

"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils..." 1 Corinthians 10:21.

Again:

"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils..." 1 Corinthians 10:21.

Now, notice He does not say you *should* not drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of devils. He does not say you *must* not drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of devils. He says you cannot do it. Ah, but that's quite a word.

"You mean it's impossible for me to drink of both cups?"

That's what He says.

"Oh, I don't believe that."

Well, that's what the Devil says. And right here is the reason that millions are drinking the wine cup of Babylon. It's through this lie that:

"...She made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" Revelation 14:8.

And unless you and I are fully undeceived on this point, we shall be taken in the

snare. No, the word is right, just as the Bible has it. Paul is stating a *fact*.

“Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils...” 1 Corinthians 10:21.

You know, there are some things, my dear friends, and may I say this reverently, there are some things that even God cannot do.

“Oh,” you say, “I thought everything was possible with God.”

Well, that all depends on what you mean by that. I repeat, friends, there are some things that even God cannot do. Let me illustrate it. And then, we’ll be better prepared to understand this text and its application to some very definite human problems this vesper hour tonight.

Suppose that we go down here to one of the big department stores in Denver. We get on the elevator.

And the man that’s operating the elevator turns to us, and he says, “Do you want to go up or down?”

And suppose I say to him, “Well, today we’d like to go up and down at the same time.”

“What?”

“Yes, I just want to go up and down in the same operation.”

Can he do it? Can you do it? Can anybody do it? Why not? Because, my friends, up is the opposite of down, and down means the opposite of up. Correct? Yes. And again, and I speak reverently, but even God cannot take a man up and down in the same operation, even if some fool would say he wanted such an experience. Even God cannot do that. And:

“Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils...”
1 Corinthians 10:21.

Again, there are some people that really seem to enjoy getting intoxicated. There are others that would rather stay sober.

But suppose a man says to the fellow that’s mixing the drinks, “I want you to mix one for me that’ll make me drunk and sober at the same time.”

How do you do *that*? Of course, it isn’t done because to be drunk means to be not sober, correct? And equally true, to be sober means to be not drunk, right? So, do not listen to this lie of Babylon, this lie of the Devil, that you can have both. No.

“...The new wine is found in the cluster... Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it...” Isaiah 65:8.

And when Babylon comes along with the idea that you can have that *and* this, and get the joy of being sober and the joy of being drunk too, don't fool yourself. And don't let Babylon fool you.

Now, let me make very plain, dear friends, that there is a thrill to intoxication. There is a pleasure in the escape from reality that Babylon offers. And all the various ingredients that are in that golden cup that Babylon holds to the lips of the nations, they offer in varying degrees and in various ways, thrills. Some people call them kicks. There are other names for them. But whatever the name, my dear friends, the idea is you get a wonderful lift, thrill, elation, pleasure by drinking from that wine cup of Babylon. There is a joy in the wine that Jesus offers.

Now, I'm going to study tonight a few illustrations, examples of these two cups. And notice friends, how they are in each case mutually exclusive. Just like the elevator, you can't go up and down at the same time. You can go up, but every foot you go up is away from down. Or you can go down, and that's the other way.

In our imagination, let's go back about 2,000 years. Let's go into the great circus at Rome. We look there at those great banks of seats filled with people. We can see it's a holiday. Some wonderful thrills must be in promise today, and they are.

As those thousands wait for the signal, presently a door is opened down here, and some people, men, women and children are brought into the arena.

Somebody says, “They're Christians.”

And then, at the given signal, a door yonder is opened and out come bounding, hungry lions. And they come bounding across that arena and start to claw and tear and devour those men, women and children. And from the galleries in that great circus, we hear the yells of excitement and the applause. And my friends, that's where applause belongs, with that circus crowd.

But tell me, are they having a good time? They say so. A wonderful time? That's what they say.

They talk about it as they go home that evening, “Wasn't that a thrill? Wasn't that wonderful?”

“Oh,” you say, “brother, how terrible to even talk about it here.”

It is terrible, but do you know what that is, friends? That's simply contest, rivalry, competition, gone to seed, that's all. That's the ultimate. Those folks are really getting

the thrill of seeing somebody beaten and eaten. They're thrilled, all right. They're intoxicated with the wine of Babylon.

But if you could talk to one of those Christians before he's thrown to the lions, you might say to him, "Well man, don't you know they're going to take you in there and let the lions eat you?"

"Yes."

"Well, couldn't you escape from that by giving up this idea of Jesus being the King?"

"Yes."

"Well, why don't you *do* it and save your life?"

"Oh, I have a joy in my heart, a joy in my heart in love for Jesus, and that love is so great that for me it's better to die with Jesus than live without him."

Is he happy? Yes. He may sing as he goes to his death. Thousands of the martyrs did. Which joy would *you* rather have, the thrill of the crowd or the joy of that Christian?

And oh, my friends, let no foolish heart say, "I think I'll take a little of both."

Oh, no! You will not. You cannot. It is impossible. And every time, my dear friends, a man sits in front of television, and I care not whether the thing that runs his blood pressure and his blood sugar up is seeing two men fight each other till the blood runs, or seeing two teams wildly dash at each other in some football contest, or some other athletic contest, whatever there is about that that thrills us is destroying the ability to know and appreciate the love that seeks not to tear down others but to build them up.

What do you find pleasure in? Beating others, or bearing the burdens of others?

And do you say, "Oh, I think I'll have a little of both"?

Oh, will you? Let me tell you, friend, every "little of both" you try will spoil both for you.

When I was a student in the medical missionary course at Loma Linda, I nursed a patient. Some of you might, from just what I'm going to tell you, tell what the diagnosis of the patient's condition was. But his idea of a good meal was to take the tray that was brought to him and put it all in one bowl, everything all together, mix it all up, and then he ate it. That's some peoples' idea of life, my dear friends.

But most people cannot find much pleasure out of a mixture of hot soup and ice

cream. But what I'm talking about is a thousand times more impossible than that. It is utterly impossible, my friends, to understand the thrill of that circus crowd and at the same time to know and understand and experience the thrill of the martyrs. You can take your choice, but you can't have both.

"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils..." 1 Corinthians 10:21.

All right. Again, in 1 Corinthians the 13th chapter and the 6th verse, I find a statement of fact. Speaking of love, the apostle Paul says that love:

"...Rejoiceth in the truth" 1 Corinthians 13:6.

Love finds pleasure in the truth.

Ah, but Babylon says, "Surely, you wouldn't be so narrow as to limit yourself to truth, would you? Why think of all the volumes of wonderful fiction that are available, and they'll thrill you."

And they will, they will. There are millions tonight that are being thrilled with fiction, in a book, or in the movie house, on the radio, or through the TV, fiction, fiction, fiction, fiction, fiction.

"Well," you say, "can't a person enjoy both?"

That's not quite so easy to see, as the one I showed you about the circus crowd and the martyrs. But it's just as factual, my friends. The person who *really* enjoys truth can't get interested in fiction. And equally true, the person who has taught his mind to respond to the thrill of fiction is destroying his ability to really enjoy truth, like being drunk and sober at the same time.

Do you remember what's written on the last page of the last book of the Bible, Revelation 22:14–15? A blessing for those who keep His commandments and enter in through the gates to the city, and outside the city there's quite a list. And do you remember what's at the end of the list?

"...Whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" Revelation 22:15.

People that make lies are going to be where? Outside the city. Do you know why, friends? It's because God's going to give everybody what he wants. And the people that make lies and love them, the only place they can get what they want is outside the city. There aren't going to be any lies in the city, not a single one. There won't be a single book of fiction there, not one novel. There won't be any funny papers there, will there? No comic strips. What'll the poor people do that can hardly wait till the newspaper comes so they can turn to all those adventures.

You know, the book *Messages to Young People* says that those comics, those ridiculous pictures are made by Satan, don't you? You've read that, haven't you? If you don't know where to find it and would like to, we'll help you. Yes, friends, that's all a part of the wine of Babylon.

You know, the appeal of literal wine (alcohol) is the fictitious thinking that it creates—the escape from reality. That's the appeal of whiskey and gin and rum and all those things. You get the same effect from fiction. You'll find that in *Ministry of Healing*, page 446.

And here, the Lord's messenger tells us that so-called "good fiction" is like wine and beer compared with whiskey. It creates the appetite for stronger liquor. Oh friends, which one of those do you want, the truth or fiction?

One of the greatest novelists of the last generation at the close of his life, reviewing the reams of fiction that he had written, said this, and I'm quoting, "It is fool's business to write fiction for a living. It is indeed. The unreality of it enters into the very blood, the bones. One thinks and dreams illusions, unrealities."

Then, he says, "And what is left? Nothing, nothing, nothing."

Ah friends, if the mind that wrote those reams of fiction finds it like that at the bottom of the cup, do I want that cup? No, no. I want the truth. I love the truth. And there's enough *in* truth to bring joy to every heart.

But listen, friends, if you drink of that wine cup of Babylon, don't forget what I read from Luke 5:39:

"No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better" Luke 5:39.

And if you've been a slave to fiction, whether it's through the TV, or through a novel, whether it's through the comic strip, or whatever, listen. The things of God in the Bible and nature will seem tame and insipid to your jaded taste.

But let not that discourage you. The way to sober up, friends, is to quit drinking alcohol, right? Fill the system with fruit juice, pure and unfermented. Let water flush out those old poisons. And so it is mentally, friends. If we persevere with the truth, it will abundantly satisfy. You can have one or the other. You can't have both.

Again, you know, the law of God has two tables and in the heart of the second table is the Seventh Commandment, Exodus 20:14. Will you repeat that Seventh Commandment with me?

"Thou shalt not commit adultery" Exodus 20:14.

That word “adultery,” you know, as far as the root meaning of that particular word, it’s associated with other words that we have in the language, such as adulteration or adulterate. The pure food laws deal with the dangers of food adulterations, mixtures.

Now, God says, speaking of the home and the marriage relation:

“Thou shalt not commit adultery” Exodus 20:14.

What does that mean? Jesus explained it in Matthew 19:

“...That He...” Matthew 19:4.

The Creator.

“...which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh... What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” Matthew 19:4–6.

“They” how many? “They two.” Shall be what? “One.” And Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, you remember, magnified the law and showed that the Seventh Commandment dealt not only with the outward act of physical union but even with the look of the eye and the thought of the heart [see Matthew 5:28]. Is that true? Is that what the Bible teaches? You all believe that. All right.

Now, my dear friends, God intended when He established the home and made marriage that marriage should indeed be the sacrament of love and that the home should be the circle of the sweetest, purest joys of love. That’s what God intended.

But now, Babylon comes along and says, “Oh, you don’t mean that you’re so narrow that you wouldn’t look at anybody except *one* companion? You don’t mean that? Why, how could anybody be happy on *that* program?

“At least, couldn’t people be a lot happier if, when they wanted to love somebody else and the other person was willing, they’d just love somebody else? Why love is wonderful. Love is the experience of the gods. And why not have it? Why not have it?

“Do you mean there’s a law that says that I can’t love this one and that one, and this one and that one, and look at this one, put my hands on that one, have an affair with this other one? Do you mean that there’s a law that says I can’t do that? Why, I can do that. Obey that impulse.”

Is that Babylon’s program, friends? And listen, Babylon tells you that you can drink of that cup and still have the other. Babylon tells young people in their teens and

twenties that they can run around together, go through the various forms and degrees of lovemaking with this one and that one, and finally do what's called "settle down, settle down." Get married and settle down, and enjoy just as much or more as if they hadn't done all that promiscuous stuff.

Don't fool yourself, my friend. Don't fool yourself. There are thrills to illicit connections. There are thrills to fornication and adultery and all the lovemaking that leads to it. The Devil knows that. The world knows that. Almost every child today knows that more's the pity.

But listen, friends. What they *don't* know, and what Babylon will never tell you—that every thrill you get *that* way is spoiling the sweet joy that could be yours in a Christian home carried on after the divine ordinance.

Don't fool yourself. Don't think you can drink to the full of both cups and enjoy both cups, because listen, my friends. Any thrill that comes in this illicit, promiscuous lovemaking comes in defiance of the ordinance of God.

And on the other hand, the joy that comes in pure love, true love, within the sacred circle of the home has as one of its essential parts the fact that within that sacred circle, no third party is allowed to come.

Now, you can have one method, or you can have the other, but you can't have both, my friend. And the poor fellow that tries it, he gets just enough of one to spoil the other, like the hot soup and ice cream idea.

Oh, dear young people, you young people in your teens and twenties, for Jesus' sake purpose in your heart that you'll not be defiled with the wine of Babylon.

Purpose in your heart that, like Joseph, you'll say, "I must be true to God. I must be true to myself. I must be pure."

Oh friend, and don't think it's a yoke of bondage, don't think it's a way to miss all the good times. Think soberly, and you can't be sober and drunk at the same time.

All right. And another illustration, you remember in John 14:15 Jesus says:

"If you love me..." John 14:15.

Do what?

"...keep My commandments" John 14:15.

If you'll study each illustration I've given tonight, each one is a facet of love, for love, my friends, is the only *true* pleasure of the universe. All else is perversion and fiction. And Jesus says:

“If you love me...” John 14:15.

Do what?

“...keep My commandments” John 14:15.

All right.

“Well, that’s all right part of the time, but then, you know, after you’ve been good all week and Saturday night comes, well my, you have to have a good time once in a while. You have to have some fun once in a while. And the way to have fun is to do something that is forbidden or at least looked upon as suspect. Isn’t that the way to have a good time?”

Well, there’s a verse in the Bible that says so. You’ll find it in Proverbs the 9th chapter and the 17th verse. And a lot of people know that this is so that never read it in the Bible because this is one of Babylon’s pronouncements:

“Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant” Proverbs 9:17.

I’ve heard some people say that the sweetest watermelons are those that are stolen. Did you ever hear that? I’ve heard it said that in some parts of the country, boys wouldn’t think of *buying* a watermelon or *asking* for one. Every farmer knows that some of them are going to be just taken, you understand. That’s part of the thrill.

Some people think that that’s the way to get chickens for chicken dinner. Some people think that the way to have a good time is if you’re living in a dormitory to slip out at night. I won’t embarrass anybody by asking all those that have tried that to raise their hands, no, no. But I’ll tell you, friends, I’m very sorry at times to see this—that parents who wouldn’t think of doing anything like that today make two mistakes. They look back upon those experiences in their own teens and twenties as a part of the growing-up period, and they more or less expect that their young people will at times break over the traces.

Listen friends, John the Baptist never did, and Joseph never did, and Daniel never did. But that isn’t all of it, friend. Every young person who gets a thrill from a stolen watermelon or from breaking the rules of the school is spoiling his ability to find the real joy of life, the sweetest joy of life which comes in loving obedience. Because it is written in this same book of Proverbs 29:18:

“...He that keepeth the law, happy is he” Proverbs 29:18.

“Well,” you say, “how do these two texts go together? Here it says:

‘stolen waters are sweet...’ Proverbs 9:17.

“But over here, it says,

‘...He that keepeth the law, happy is he’ Proverbs 29:18.

“How do you get those two together?”

Very simple, friends. If you go back to Proverbs 9, you’ll see who said that, that “stolen waters are sweet.” And the 13th verse says it’s:

“A foolish woman...” Proverbs 9:13.

And for the purpose of our study tonight, that’s Babylon. She’s that harlot seated on the scarlet-colored beast, who’s seeking to entice and allure and seduce all who will listen to her and drink of her wine. *She* is the one that says, “stolen waters are sweet.” God doesn’t say that.

And let me say, dear boys and girls, there may seem to be a thrill in sometimes doing something where you can get by, to see if you can get by. There may be a thrill, but if you get a thrill out of that, ask God to take the thrill of it out of your heart because you’re spoiling your life.

Oh friends, I thank God that everybody here tonight has enough of the love of God in your heart that you can’t really enjoy the wine of Babylon. But listen, be careful. If you keep on drinking of it, you’ll get so much that you can’t enjoy the things of God.

You know, when I think about this matter of the thrill of the forbidden, my mind goes back nearly half a century when I was a little boy, and I saw my first apricot tree. Now, some of you are smiling because you know how much I like apricots. Well, I want to tell you about this little experience. You know, I haven’t thought of it in years, but it just came to me this evening

We had moved from one place to another. My mother was a church school teacher. And my father and mother had gone house hunting and left us at the home of a cousin, and they were away. And so, my little brother and I were left there. And in the back yard were two apricot trees.

And father and mother said before they left that morning to hunt house, “Now boys, don’t touch those trees. Don’t touch those apricots.”

And so, we went ahead and we played around, just little fellows, you know, we played around. We had this and that to interest us. But from time to time we looked over, and we saw those apricot trees.

Well friends, I’m sorry to tell you that the lure of the forbidden, the thrill of the forbidden enticed us, and by and by hands had followed eyes. And that, of course, led

to tasting and swallowing. Well, they were good, you know.

But I want to tell you something. As the time drew on for father and mother to come home at noon, the day before we'd just been out there, you know, looking for the streetcar to come and waiting for them to get off where we could run to meet them. But there was something that day that had spoiled everything. We weren't quite so anxious to see father and mother. You know what I mean, don't you? We'd had our fruit. Yes.

And I want to tell you something, friends. If a boy or a girl will keep on disobeying long enough, his conscience won't bother him very much. But until you reach that point, believe me, friend, whatever love there is in your heart for your father and mother will spoil the thrill of disobedience.

But on the other hand, if you keep up experimenting with the thrill of disobedience, it will eventually spoil and take away all the love for your father and mother. You can have your choice. You can have this, or this. But you cannot have both.

"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils..."
1 Corinthians 10:21.

Ah, my friends, in this closing moment, come with me to Calvary. There you see the whole thing, revealed, demonstrated as it never was before in the history of the universe. There love and selfishness stand face to face. And I want to tell you something, friend. You and I eventually will either stand with the mob that curses the Man, or we'll stand with the Man that died for that mob.

Look at those soldiers. Their hands are bloody. They just nailed Jesus to the tree and hung Him up there, and dashed that cross in the hole in the rock. And He's hanging up there now dying. What are *their* minds on?

Somebody says, "Well, let's divide these clothes."

"All right. How are we going to do it?"

This, this, this.

"Well, here's some big robe. Do we tear it?"

"No. Let's have a game. We'll settle it that way."

So, one of the soldiers pulls some dice out of his pocket. Dice was a favorite pastime of the Roman soldiers. Did you know that, friends? And there, squatting at the foot of the cross, they have their fun while the Son of God pours out His heart, His blood for the universe.

Can you enjoy that game? Can you enjoy that cruelty? Can you feel with the scribes and the Pharisees, the howling mob, the cruel rabble?

Please friends, let nothing divert you. Oh friends, will you come with me back to Calvary. This is the most important thing in this universe right now, and how the enemy would like to have us miss it.

I repeat, dear friends, can you understand how those soldiers feel, how the rabble feel, how the scribes feel? If you can, if you have any of those feelings, then you do not understand that man on the cross, and you know nothing of His love.

But oh, my friends, if you understand His love, then all the strife, all the selfishness, all the greed, all the ridicule, all the conflict, all the meanness, all the disobedience, all the lawlessness is for you where it ought to be. It's in the scrap heap with Babylon, for Babylon is fallen, is fallen, because she made all nations drink of her wine [see Revelation 14:8 and 18:4].

And so tonight, dear friends, I do pray that God will bless every young person here with an intelligent choice. And please, oh please, do not think that means (the Devil will tell you that it means) to make an intelligent choice you must drink from both cups and drain both to its dregs.

Ah, my friends, remember what we've studied tonight. He who drinks from either cup to the limit wants nothing of the other cup. Therefore, how dangerous it is to let one drop of Babylon's wine get into our lips.

"Touch not; taste not; handle not" Colossians 2:21.

"...Be not drunk with wine... but be filled with the Spirit"
Ephesians 5:18.

May we bow our heads.

And as we pray together in this closing moment, if there's somebody here tonight that believes that God has spoken to your heart, that God has given a message to your soul and that He wants you to make a decision tonight on some point (it may be some point that's been mentioned, it may be something that only the Holy Spirit has talked to your heart about), but if there's a decision you need to make in giving up completely and entirely every drop of the wine of Babylon, and filling your mind and soul with the sweet Spirit of Jesus, if there's a decision that Jesus is calling you to tonight, will you just kneel down right where you are, all alone with God in this little chapel, and make that covenant with God.

There's somebody that Jesus is calling to make a decision about something He's talked to you about tonight. Will you just kneel down where you are and let Jesus, oh let Him empty your heart of every bit of Babylon's wine. Let Him *fill* your heart with the

joy of His salvation, the sweetness of love, true love, love that rejoices in the truth instead of lies, love that keeps the sacred circle of the home instead of going outside its boundaries, love that rejoices in bearing burdens rather than beating people, love that finds its pleasure in obedience instead of getting around the law.

Ah, dear ones, is there another that says, "Yes, tonight Jesus is calling me."

That's right. And still another that says, "Yes, this is heaven's call to my soul"?

Oh friends, how happy Jesus is when we hear His call and accept it.

Is there another that says, "Yes, I've tampered with this thrill of the forbidden. I've experimented with disobedience but I'm through with it. I see what it cost Jesus. I see it cost the wounds of Calvary, and I'm through with it. I don't want any more of it. I want my heart filled with love that will obey, love that will be true, love that will stand with Jesus instead of the mob."

Is there another? Just kneel where you are, my friend. Oh, let Jesus make this real to your heart. I can only speak to the ear, but Jesus can speak to your heart. And my dear friends, it takes a miracle to sober up the drunken mind. But ah, if we ask for it, if we seek Jesus for it with all the heart, He will change these minds and hearts of ours.

Is there still another that says, "Yes, Christ is calling me, I need to come. I need to have my heart and mind cleansed. I need to have Jesus fill me with love so that I'll quit experimenting with the sin business."

Is there another?

"All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live;

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all."

Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #309, first stanza.

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