

# A Drug Pandemic

## OUT OF THE WORD

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There is a lot of debate on how to help someone who is on drugs it seems these days. Most of the time the church doesn't address the root of the problem, they try to conform to the culture and look to their self-esteem theology. They might be told to just forgive themselves or told they ought to have more self-love or self-esteem. They are not likely to hear that they must turn from their sin and flee the wrath that is to come (Matt. 3:7). In his book, *The Vanishing Conscience*, John MacArthur says, "We've grown accustomed to the image of a person who has been sober for forty years standing up in an AA meeting and saying, "Hi I', Bill, and I'm an alcoholic." Now all "addicts" are using the same approach-including sex addicts, gambling addicts, nicotine addicts, debt addicts, wife-beating addicts, child-molesting addicts, overeating addicts, or whatever." I have witnessed so much incoming from this background myself. It is a lie from Satan. Within the therapeutic society what they have done is substituted illness in the place of consequence. The therapeutic Satan puppets refer to drug use as an illness rather than sin. The lie from hell (i.e., the disease model) is totality counterproductive. All they are doing in their little meetings are spinning their wheels in the mud. What it does is cast the sinner in the role of some type of poor victim. In so doing this, the drug user will seek to then ignore his/her guilt. They then will sit in a circle and say they are sick and they can't help it, rather than I have sinned against a Holy God and if I don't repent, I will face His divine wrath. How convenient is that? The disease model cannot address the problem of guilt without explaining it away. As MacArthur explains in his book, whenever a sinner explains away his guilt, it's no wonder the human conscience is so damaged. The truth is this, your problem is not drugs, it is sin. The answer to sin is Jesus Christ. If you are looking to *a god of your understanding* that is idolatry at its finest. Moral reform is Satan's way, counting your sobriety date like you have done God a favor for being clean is a joke. That individual might need to be reminded of Isaiah 64:6, "All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment." Instead, God's way is spiritual transformation, which is why imputed righteousness is needed. After you are buried with Christ into baptism and clothed in Christ's righteousness (Gal. 3:27) now walk in the newness of life and allow the word of God and the Spirit of God to conform you into the image of Christ. Jesus is the only hope for the addict. Jesus is the only hope for the sinner. I think even worse than the addict is the *good moral man*. At least most of the time the addict knows they are a mess. The good moral man is delusional thinking he doesn't need Christ. My question to him/her... Then why were you not crucified for the sins of the world rather than my Jesus? It doesn't matter if you have never done drugs, you too are a mess without Christ dear friend. "*Prepare to meet thy God*" (Amos 4:12). One can meet him in grace or one can meet him in wrath. Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve (Joshua 25:15).