

*I've been addicted to meth & alcohol for 25 years. I am a functional addict. I only do good things under the influence. I feel guilty because of what I spend my time, money & talents on. I go to church, spend time with God daily, pray continuously and spend time in my Bible. Am I going to hell for my habitual sins of addiction?*

Drunkenness and addiction characterize the unsaved.

The apostle Paul warned:

Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or anyone practicing homosexuality, no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. 1 Co 6:9-10

Christians do not live in habitual sin.

The apostle John wrote:

Everyone who has been born of God does not sin, because His seed remains in him; he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God. This is how God's children—and the Devil's children—are made evident. 1 Jn 3:8-10

Works do not: justify (Ro 4:2-6), determine God's election (Ro 9:11) or secure righteousness (Ro 9:31, 32) for the individual. After one is justified (Is 64:6, Ro 9:11) he can do a good thing (Eph. 2:10).

The Lord wishes to save men today (Ac 17:27, 30) if they will seek him (v. 27) and repent (v. 30).

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command (Mt 22:37-38). Being filled with drugs or alcohol is Satan's counterfeit to being filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18-20).

One led by the Spirit (Ro 8:2) is a new creation. Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (2 Co 5:17). Everyone who has the Spirit is born of God (Jn 3:3, 8).

Unredeemed individuals refuse to repent (Re 9:20a) and continue to rebel against God (vv. 9:20b-21).