

# The Christian Solution for Addictions: JESUS!

### THE DRUNKARD

When shall I awake,

Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it.

## Fellowship/Support Meetings

## "Dependent Meetings"

Many participants come to "The Most Excellent Way" as an alternative to A.A. — searching for an environment where they can freely express their faith in Jesus, grow in the Word of God and receive His healing. Others attend in order to satisfy court ordered "recovery meetings." Unbelievers come and find genuine love, peer support, Christ and eternal hope and peace. Others are back-slidden Christians, timid and shamefaced, who the Holy Spirit draws back to Jesus.

- Q. How long do we meet together in "The Most Excellent Way"?
- A. Just long enough to experience freedom from addictions, and gain confidence in the Lord to move on with our lives in Christ.

"The Most Excellent Way" is not a way of life — it is just a place to begin new life!

#### A DESPERATE CRY FOR HELP

"Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. ... <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You." Psalms 51:1-3; 10-13 NKIV