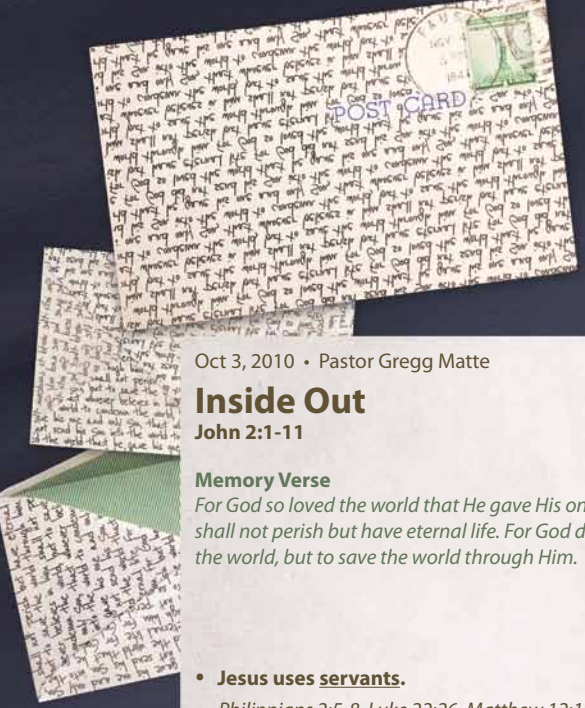


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John 2:1-11

Memory Verse

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

John 3:16-17

- **Jesus uses servants.**
  Philippians 2:5-8, Luke 22:26, Matthew 12:18

- **They obeyed completely and walked in faith.**
  Romans 1:5, 2 John 1:6, 1 Timothy 3:13, Genesis 12:1-4

- **The provision and forgiveness of Jesus is abundant and excellent.**
  Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 1:2, Psalm 36:8, Ephesians 2:4

MEMORIZE John 3:16-17
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Let's talk about drinking.

Proverbs 4:7-8 *You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

All agree drunkenness is wrong.
Corinthians 12:25 *You must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.*
Proverbs 20:1 *Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.*
Isaiah 5:22 *Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks.*
Galatians 5:21 *…and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*
Luke 21:34 *Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.*
Ephesians 5:18 *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.*
Genesis 9:20-22 *Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside.*

- Drunk driving is against the law in all 50 states.
- Half of all traffic fatalities and one third of all traffic injuries are alcohol related.
- Drunks in a social environment are disdained, pitied, laughed at, at most tolerated, but never admired.
- To say someone is drunk is never a compliment.
- Drinking is always referred to as a problem, not a quality.

Why people drink?
- Fit in or relax
- Possible health benefits or hobby
- Numb pain or bolster insecurities

Why people do not drink?
- Addiction and destruction
- Looks like the world
- Supports a destructive industry
- Seeks to provide what only Jesus can in the way of acceptance and relaxing
- Decisions are impaired

Dr. Richard Strain has stated, "As a brain surgeon I have yet to meet a moderate drinking colleague who would like me to operate on his son after I 'had a few.' No one does his best after drinking. He may think he does. But his judgment is defective … moderation is a terrible fallacy."

How should Christians respond?
Ask, "Does it hurt my walk or my witness?"

1) Walk - Ephesians 5:18
Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.
2) Witness - Romans 14:14 & 23
As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean. But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

For the believer in Christ, drinking is a prayerful decision to make before the Lord.

I Corinthians 10:31 *So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*