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with enough power to...

- cleanse from all sin
 - set us free from all bondage
 - break all the power of the enemy over us
 - restore us to total spiritual health
 - develop immunity to all last-day deceptions
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#63 – Detoxification from the Wine of Babylon

The symbol of *Babylon* in the Book of Revelation is often said to refer to confusion. But upon further investigation of the meaning of this symbol, it can also refer to captivity and bondage. Remember the Babylonian captivity. The passage of Revelation 14:8 says that “*ALL nations*” have drunk of the “*wine of the wrath of her fornication.*” And intoxication results in both confusion and bondage [addiction].

There is more to Babylon than the false doctrine of apostate religious movements because “ALL nations have drunk...” We, therefore, need to discover how ALL, even we have may have drunk of this wine.

The ‘wine’ of Babylon has its origin at the tower of Babel described in Genesis chapter 11. The wine of Babylon comes from the devil’s winery and it contains these toxic ingredients:

- **unbelief.** When God said there would be a flood the people did not believe Him. When after the flood God said there would not be a flood, people still did not believe Him. And they registered the unbelief in building a tower.
- **flawed thinking about God: we can do better without God.** We don’t need God. Just look at what devastation God brought about in the flood. To make sure this does not happen to us again let us build a tower!

- **bondage** (addiction) to our flawed thinking about God. This bondage is just like intoxication by strong drink. Intoxicated people are under the momentary delusion that they are competent masters of all of life's circumstances, that is, until after the hangover is over. Strong drink gives them temporary relief, but it does not cure them of the sin disease.

Such bondage has life-damaging consequences. Babylon is essentially the breaking of the 1st commandment by our pursuit (fornication and adultery) with other gods (ways of thinking) because we do not believe our Creator God is good enough or big enough to handle our lives.

The Babylon virus is also found in the flawed thinking that we can somehow save ourselves, or that our salvation resides in the gospel of Christ + our best efforts. "*The principle that man can save himself by his own works lay at the foundation of every heathen religion... Satan had implanted this principle. Wherever it is held, men have no barrier against sin.*" (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 35).

The first step to come out of experiential 'Babylon' is to let go of all dependence on self. To confine Babylon to just false doctrine can often give us the illusion that the security of our salvation is found in our consent to the rationality of our intellectual comprehension of true doctrine. If we take pride in our doctrinal prowess we can still be drunk with the intoxicating wine of Babylon. Such intoxication gives us a false sense of power and competence, [I'm OK because I believe the truth] when in reality we are helpless.

The first step to come out of Babylon is also **Step 1** used in Alcoholics Anonymous. *We admitted we were powerless...*

You can start the process of detoxification now. Replace your false confidence in your own accomplishments with total confidence in Christ. "*On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.*"

To pursue other methods, gods, or strategies only leads to the confusion of the intoxication of the "wine" of "fornication." And the apostle Peter reminds us to "*Be sober!*" (1 Peter 5:8).

Here is Jesus' cure to detoxify us and make us sober. *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink...He who believes in Me, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water (John 7:37,38).* When we are fully satisfied in the incomprehensible and marvelous love of Jesus Christ there is no way we will ever settle for the substitutes of Babylon.

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