

Applying the Gospel to Life

Addiction: A Banquet in the Grave

Romans 6:5-14

1. DEFINITION

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Finding Hope in the Power of the Gospel*
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Addiction is

- i. bondage to the rule of a substance, activity, or state of mind (emotion)
- ii. which then becomes the center of life,
- iii. defending itself from the truth
- iv. so even bad consequences do not bring repentance, leading to further estrangement from God

2. CLARIFICATION — Two Metaphor

- a. The world's: addiction is a "disease"
- b. The Bible's: addiction is "worship" (Micah 4:5)

3. FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- a. The Bondage Factor
 - i. John 8:31-45
 - ii. Romans 6:5-7, 11-14
- b. The Focus Factor
 - i. Proverbs 4:23 with Joshua 7:10
 - ii. Matthew 6:22-24
- c. The Defense Factor
 - i. Romans 1:21
 - ii. Romans 1:25
- d. The Consequence Factor
 - i. Proverbs 23:29, 32-25
 - ii. Romans 1:18-28

