

# PARABLE OF THE CRACK HEAD



*“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”  
-2 Corinthians 7:10*

Imagine yourself living next door to a young man who, for a living, is a peddler of drugs, namely crack cocaine. Through his wicked trade he had ruined many lives, destroyed marriages, and accumulated much wealth. Knowing he is bringing death and destruction on not

only himself but also others, you become burdened to pray for him and confront him with the Gospel. After many months of reasoning with him out of the Scriptures he agrees to attend church services with you on a Sunday morning. During the service, you notice he seems troubled and uncomfortable but to your surprise, very attentive. As the message from God’s Word is delivered, again you observe that he is utterly captivated, though he nervously shifts back and forth in his seat. At the end of service, an altar call is given and your visitor immediately rushes forward with tears running down his cheeks. After counseling with the pastor, he agrees that he is lost and expresses his desire to surrender to the conviction of the Holy Ghost. With this, he is allowed to seek God and after a season of prayer he declares that he has repented and exercised faith in the finished work of Christ for salvation. Everyone rejoices and he is given a New Testament and other literature. Gratitude fills your soul as you think how God mercifully plucked this young man from the clutches of a life of sin, vice, and crime. As you drive home you can barely contain your excitement as you discuss future plans of Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Soon you arrive at his house and turn into his driveway. As he opens the car door to leave, you exclaim, “I’ll come inside and help you take all that *crack-cocaine* and flush it down the toilet!”

However, he seems shocked and his response is not what you expected.

“Crack? Flush it down the toilet? You’re not serious are you? I don’t think I can do that!” he replies.

In amazement, you stare directly into his eyes, and soberly ask “But didn’t you give your life to Jesus? Didn’t you pledged to repent, to forsake all sin, and to follow Him wherever He would lead you?”

“Well, yes, I did, but who knows what will happen, times may become difficult, I may not be able find work or pay my bills. And remember, you can’t expect too much from me, I have a sinful nature, I may very well have to return to selling *Crack* to make ends meet,” he replies as he turns and walks inside.

How should we interpret this young man’s words? In essence, he is confessing that, in spite of his professed conversion to Christianity, in spite of His pledge to follow Jesus as Lord, he refuses to believe that God can keep him from his sinful past.

Dear reader, let me ask, would you not doubt this young man’s conversion? Would you not think his salvation experience spurious? Of course you would and rightfully so! Why? Because you know that *repentance* is a condition for conversion (*Luke 13:3*) and *repentance* demands men make covenant with God, through grace, to turn away from and forsake all sin. Hence, a man who would so unashamedly plan to defy God and His Word could not possibly have exercised genuine repentance, and therefore, must be yet in his sins. Indeed, *sinner*s plan on sinning and so do *hypocrites*.

And likewise, men who without shame talk of remaining in sin after conversion (*Rom 6:1*) and boldly confess that sin is inevitable for all, regardless of grace, prove they know very little of the spirit of repentance.

*“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” –Proverbs 28:13*

- Repentance: (*Greek*) μετάνοια, *Compunction* for guilt, including reformation; by implication *reversal, think differently or afterwards, i.e. reconsider* (*Strong’s Hebrew & Greek Dictionary #3340 & 3341*).

*“Having eyes full of adultery, and that CANNOT CEASE FROM SIN; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children...” –2 Peter 2:14*

Indeed, *Peter’s* commentary on the false church, “*who cannot cease from sin*”, implies the true church, praise God, can.

