Is it a sin if Christians smoke and drink? By Erica Jermanus

There are many Christians that smoke and drink. Many smoke cigarettes, weed, and drink alcohol. Many have sex before marriage. But is it wrong? Is it a sin? Will it lead you to hell? I am going to be sharing with you what the Bible says about these topics in this short ebook. Stay tuned for more.

Now, Jesus Christ did drink alcohol or wine, but He never got drunk. He never sinned. He is perfect and sinless. Drunkenness is a sin that can lead to hell. Is it okay for a Christian to drink in moderation? That is something that you should ask God for yourself. You should ask Him if it is His will for you to drink alcohol or not. He will show you what He wants you to do. We all have different convictions. But what I do want to say is that if you are a born-again believer, you will not want to partake in things of this world. You will want to fear God and walk in holiness and righteousness. This does not mean that we are perfect. But we will strive to be perfect just as our Heavenly Father is perfect. We strive to become more like Christ. We do not strive in our flesh, but we strive in the Spirit.

When you are a born-again believer, you will want to please God by walking away from things that gratify the

flesh or the old sinful nature. That may include cigarettes, weed, and alcohol. Now, this does not mean that we can not eat a piece of cake or pie every once in a while. But this means that we continue to strive to walk in the Spirit more rather than the flesh. It may be hard to do that at times, because there are temptations all around us. The enemy is also going to try to get you to walk in the flesh because it is more comfortable and satisfying. But with God and His help, we can do anything that He leads us to do.

So, the question to ask is, should you drink or should you smoke? Well, the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." So, our bodies do not belong to us, but to Jesus Christ. We will one day give our bodies back to God. Our bodies are holy and sacred because the Holy Spirit lives in us. The Holy Spirit is holy. So, we are to take good care of the body that God has given us by not putting all these toxins in our bodies. We want to take good care of the temple He has given us by not smoking, drinking, or fornicating. Now, is it okay to smoke weed? Can weed send you to hell? I believe weed is a drug. Weed alters the mind and can cause a person not to be sober or in their right mind. That gives an open door to the enemy to come in and attack our minds when we are not sober-minded. That is why we need to be alert and on guard when it comes to the enemy and his attacks. 1 Peter 5:8 says,

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." So, this can go for any temptation that the enemy tries to send your way. We can resist those temptations. We do not have to give into sin willfully. We can choose to say not to our flesh and temptations. We can choose to say yes to God and His will for our lives. God's will is for none to perish. 2 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." You may ask if everyone else is doing it, so why not do it? Just because everyone else is smoking or drinking does not mean that it makes it okay. It does not mean that we should follow the crowd and do what everyone else is doing. God has called us to be set apart from this world. He has called us to be separate from the world. 1 Peter 1:16 says, "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." Hebrews 12:14 says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." So, to be holy means to separate from things and people that may contaminate you, or cause you to be impure or unholy. We are not perfect human beings, and we stumble and fall at times. But we do not stay down, we get back up again and repent.

Should Christians have sex outside of marriage? This is a sin that is called fornication. This sin is leading many Christians to hell. Many Christians think that it is okay to have sex outside of marriage. But if you continue in this sin willfully without confession and repentance, it can lead you to hell. Jesus Christ loves you so much and is not willing for you to go to hell because of fornication. 1 Corinthians 6:18 says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." 1 Thessalonians 4:3 says, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."

If you are fornicating or having sex outside of marriage, then you need to repent and ask God for forgiveness. He will forgive you and cleanse you from your sins. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Proverbs 28:13 says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."