

Application

- A. It's Elementary

- B. Living after the Flesh or the Spirit?

- C. It is open to all who come to him through faith.

LIVE THE STORY

We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.

- Why do you think drunkenness is a good characterization of Israel's condition? Also, compare Isaiah's use of this condition to Revelation 14:8; 18:3.
- Consider Isaiah's dealing with Israel's "drunkenness" and how it might inform the New Testament's common call to be sober. How might it inform the meaning of that instruction? (1 Thess. 5:6-8; 2 Tim. 4:5; 1 Peter 1:13; 5:8)
- In light of Isaiah's simple call to obedience, away from our "drunkenness" to be filled with the Spirit (32:15), read and discuss Ephesians 5:18 and the preceding verses (3-17).
- What are some ways that you are tempted to complicate the simple truth of Christ and how He calls you to live?
- Are there things you pursuing that draw you away from Christ?
- Have there been times when have you heard Christ directing you to stop doing something, or to do something, but you disobeyed? Explain what repentance looks like in this.
- How are we called in our text to "walk in the Spirit" and what kind of fruit are we called to bear? Discuss Galatians 5:16-24 in light of this text in Isaiah.

The ABC's of Walking By Faith

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Text: Isaiah 28—35

Intro: The Drunken State of Israel's Existence (Isaiah 28:1-13)

- A. *Someone drunk is embarrassingly foolish, but perceives themselves as profound.*

- B. *Israel's folly is like that of the drunkard: the wise have become fools.*

I. Israel's Drunken Folly

- A. What is Israel's Folly?
 - i. 28:1-6 Pride

 - ii. 28:14-15 Trusting in a Lie

 - iii. 29:13 Religion of Externals

 - iv. 29:15-16 Functional Atheists.

v. 30:1-2 Not Consulting Me

➤ Isaiah 17:10

➤ Isaiah 26:4

vi. 30:8-11 Unwilling to Listen

ii. Isaiah 30:15, 18

B. But all this is drunkenness: sounds reasonable to the inebriated, but is foolish.

C. It just isn't that complicated. But it is faith and not sight.

i. 31:1-3 *Flesh and Not Spirit*

i. 30:21

a) Romans 8:4-9

b) Galatians 5:16-22

C. What made them drunk? What made them think they could trust in themselves? (32:9-11)

III. Messiah's Spiritual Kingdom (32:1-8, 15-18; 33:17-24; 35:1-11)

A. A King Will Reign (32:1-8)

B. When and how will this kingdom come? 32:15-18

C. The Expanding kingdom 33:21-22

i. YHWH will be the mighty One.

ii. YHWH will be the the Judge, Lawgiver, King

D. Isaiah 35:1-11 The Highway in the Desert

II. Isaiah's Simple Wisdom (Isaiah 28:9-12)

A. The Offense of Simplicity

i. Naaman (2 Kings 5:11-12)

B. Examples

i. 28:15-16