

Troublesome times are here, filling men's hearts with
fear

Freedom we all hold dear now is at stake
Humbling your hearts to God saves from the chastening
rod

Seek the way pilgrims trod, Christians awake
Jesus is coming soon, morning or night or noon
Many will meet their doom, trumpets will sound
All of the dead shall rise, righteous meet in the skies
Going where no one dies, heavenward bound
Troubles will soon be o'er, happy forevermore
When we meet on that shore, free from all care
Rising up in the sky, telling this world goodbye
Homeward we then shall fly, glory to share

We live in an increasingly evil world.

“Many will meet their doom”

Baltimore and Maryland play a prominent role in
the appearance of this evil.

Gen 6:5-7 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (7) The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."

Baltimore is the heroin capital of the United States.

Government agencies estimate that as many as one in 10 of the city's residents are addicted to the drug.

Baltimore Department of Health estimates there are 60,000 drug addicts, with as many as 48,000 of them hooked on heroin.

CDC estimates 60,000 heroin addicts in Baltimore

Gal 5:19-21 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, (20) idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, (21) envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Drunkenness (*methē*) is not caused by alcohol alone but Strong's says, "an intoxicant, that is, (by implication) intoxication: - drunkenness."

- 1 : affected by alcohol or drugs especially to the point where physical and mental control is markedly diminished;
- 2 : emotionally excited, elated, or exhilarated (as by great joy or extreme pleasure)

There is a “high” that comes from alcohol and drugs, but as the Easy to Read version puts it,
Eph 5:18 *Don't be drunk with wine, which will ruin your life, but be filled with the Spirit.*

We find the second definition is used in Eph 5:18-19 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, (19) addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

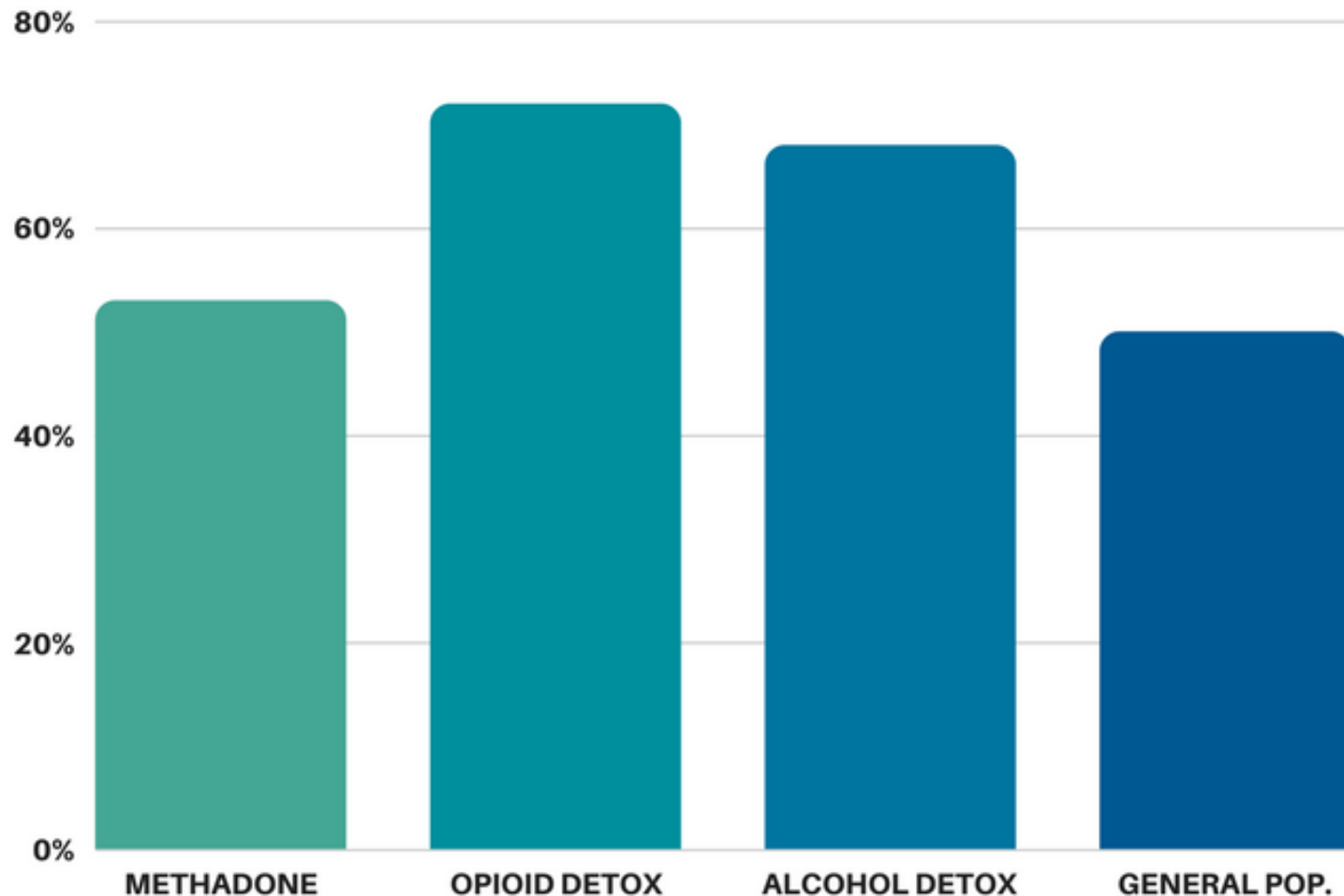
When we *Encourage each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs* we are emotionally excited, elated, and exhilarated by God's word

The narcotic white powder that, according to a February report by the HIDTA, one in every 10 residents of the city snorts, smokes or, more commonly, heats and then injects with needles is significantly more potent than the heroin sold in many other areas of the country.

304 fatal heroin-related overdoses in Baltimore
2,089 deaths in Maryland from drug and alcohol
related overdoses 2016

25,283 Naloxone Administrations in MD in 2016

LIKELIHOOD OF RE-ARREST IN THE YEAR AFTER RELEASE BY SUBSTANCE



The message from the previous slide is, “don’t start.”

I recently talked with a father who had a job paying in the top 1% of all jobs. He was close to bankruptcy because of the money he had spent in trying to rescue his daughter from heroin addiction.

Regardless of why she’s there, she cannot quit. It’s simply a matter of when she kills herself – by drugs or otherwise.

Ecc 2:1-3 I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself." And behold, it too was futility. (2) I said of laughter, "It is madness," and of pleasure, "What does it accomplish?" (3) I explored with my mind how to stimulate my body with wine while my mind was guiding me wisely, and how to take hold of folly, until I could see what good there is for the sons of men to do under heaven the few years of their lives.

Ecc 12:13-14 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. (14) For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Recently I saw a comment on Facebook from a believer – “I don’t know how any Christian could vote for a office holder who is pro-choice.”

I have to agree. I love my children and your children. I hate to see the problems our young people have gotten into as they move into young adulthood and beyond. It often makes me weep as it does you.

The June 2018 survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 67 percent of those polled supported Roe v. Wade – the right to terminate the life of an unborn child.

From a high of 29.2 abortions per 1,000 women of child bearing age in 1982 (1.1 million babies killed), we have decreased to the lowest number since we started keeping track – 14.6 (926,000 babies killed in 2014)

In 2000, cases of rape or incest accounted for 1% of abortions.

In 2012, New York City reported abortions (31,328) outnumber live births (24,758) for black children.

Luk 1:39-41 Mary got up and went quickly to a town in the hill country of Judea. (40) She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. (41) When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the unborn baby inside her jumped, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luk 1:43-44 You are the mother of my Lord, and you have come to me! Why has something so good happened to me? (44) When I heard your voice, the baby inside me jumped with joy.

Gen 25:22-24 While Rebekah was pregnant, the babies inside her struggled with one another. She prayed to the LORD and said, "What is happening to me?" (23) The LORD said to her, "The leaders of two nations are in your body. Two nations will come from you, and they will be divided. One of them will be stronger, and the older will serve the younger." (24) When the right time came, Rebekah gave birth to twins.

Mar 10:13-16 And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. (14) But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (15) "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." (16) And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

Mat 18:2-6 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, (3) and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (4) "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (5) "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; (6) but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

The Lord loves children – how could anyone read Jesus' words and vote for someone who holds the opposite view.

Mat 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

Mat 18:14 "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

“The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a British-based war monitor, said on [Mar 12, 2018] about 511,000 people had been killed in the Syrian war ...”

“The legacy of the Holocaust has become inextricably linked with the figure of six million Jews killed in Europe. The staggering death toll of the Rwandan genocide — one million Tutsis killed in 100 days — is seared into the framework of that nation’s reconciliation process.”

The World War II fatality statistics vary, with estimates of total deaths ranging from 50 million to more than 80 million.

In Belarus, 25% of the population died while 14% of all citizens of the USSR perished.

8.6% or 5.7 million people died in Germany.

Mat 24:4-11 And Jesus answered and said to them,
"See to it that no one misleads you. (5) "For many will
come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will
mislead many. (6) "You will be hearing of wars and
rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for
those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.
(7) "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom
against kingdom, and in various places there will be
famines and earthquakes. (8) "But all these things are
merely the beginning of birth pangs. (9) "Then they will
deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will
be hated by all nations because of My name. (10) "At
that time many will fall away and will betray one
another and hate one another. (11) "Many false
prophets will arise and will mislead many.

Rev 6:9-11 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; (10) and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" (11) And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

Heb 11:39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect. 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (2) fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus awaits those who are faithful to Him. Have you decided to obey him or do you side with those who are bringing such evil into the world?

Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'