One of the problems that exists in the chemical dependency field is that a significant number of treated clients are relapsing into their drug-related lifestyles. Some of these clients have sincerely tried to stop using the drugs that they have become dependent on only to fall into despair and condemnation. It is important to provide clients with alternative perspectives on addiction to help minimize their relapse potential.

There are many diagnostic opinions of alcoholism and drug addiction. Some psychologists label addiction as a mental health issue; some in the medical profession have called addiction a disease; some experts believe addiction is genetic and some have called addiction a sin. The Biblical perspective is that addiction is a manifestation of sin (separation from God). We want to create our own reality and define God according to our terms. The diagnosis that addiction is a manifestation of sin differs from the other diagnoses mainly because sin deals with the condition of the heart. In the Bible, Jeremiah 17:9-10 states, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind........" God has diagnostic tools to help us understand what is wrong and then gives us the humility, opportunity and empowerment to receive "treatment."

Jesus’s sacrifice gives us a new hope, a new life, a new freedom, a new perspective and a new purpose to the lives we live. 2 Corinthians 5:15 states, "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

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A Biblical Perspective

Jesus died on the cross, was raised from the dead, and we were given the Holy Spirit for God's purposes not ours.

1 Cor. 15:19 states, "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."

2 Cor. 5:15 states, "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

2 Cor. 5:17 states, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Matthew 16:26 states, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?......"

Colossians 3:1-2 states, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

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"It is because of his enthusiasm for the Lord Jesus and his willingness to share; positive changes have taken place in the lives of the men he has ministered to." Scott Salisbury; Administrator, Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Program.

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