



Finding Hope in Jesus

Lesson Five

You are a Witness

*Featuring Episode Five of The Chosen
– “The Wedding Gift”*

Interactive Bible Study book
*What Does it Mean to be
Chosen?* available from the
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Isaiah 43:8-10

Bring out the people who are blind people yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, it is true.

Isaiah 43:8-10

‘You are my witnesses,’ declares the Lord, ‘and my servant whom I have chosen that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.’”

A Jewish Wedding foreshadows Christ and the Church

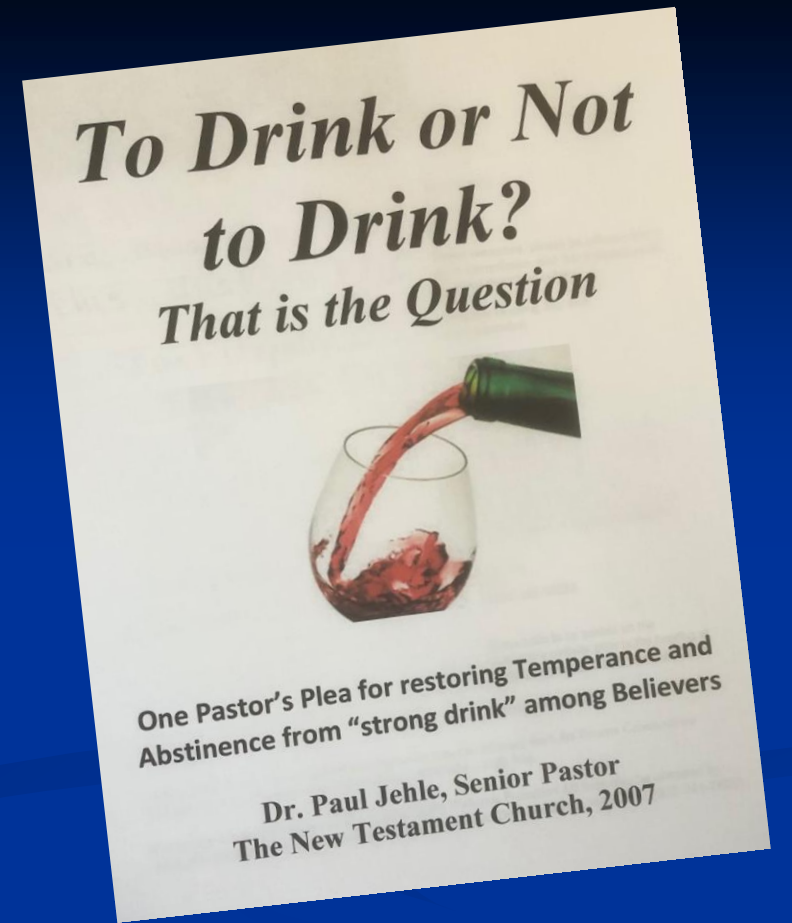
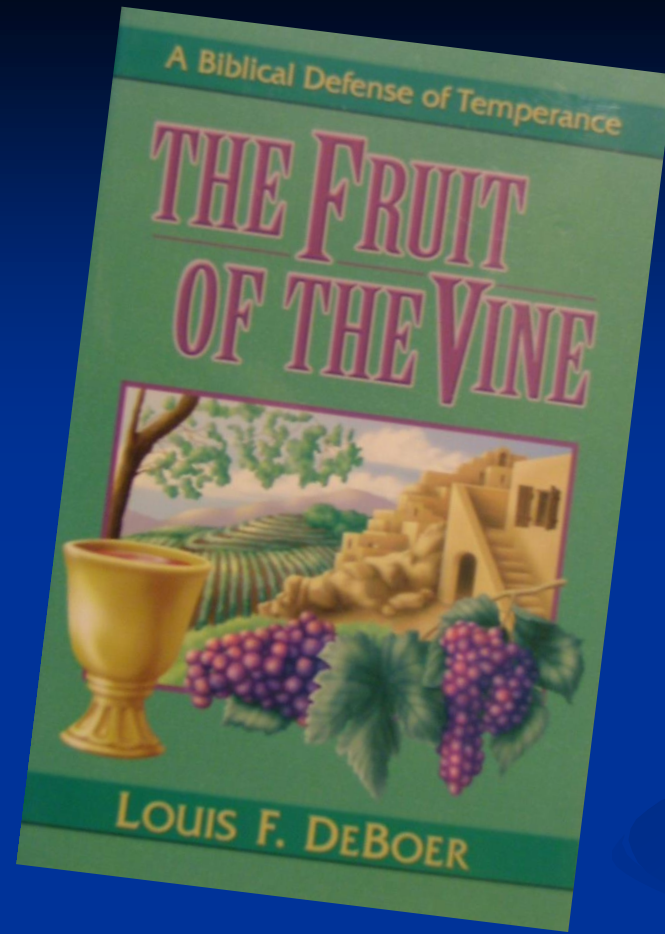
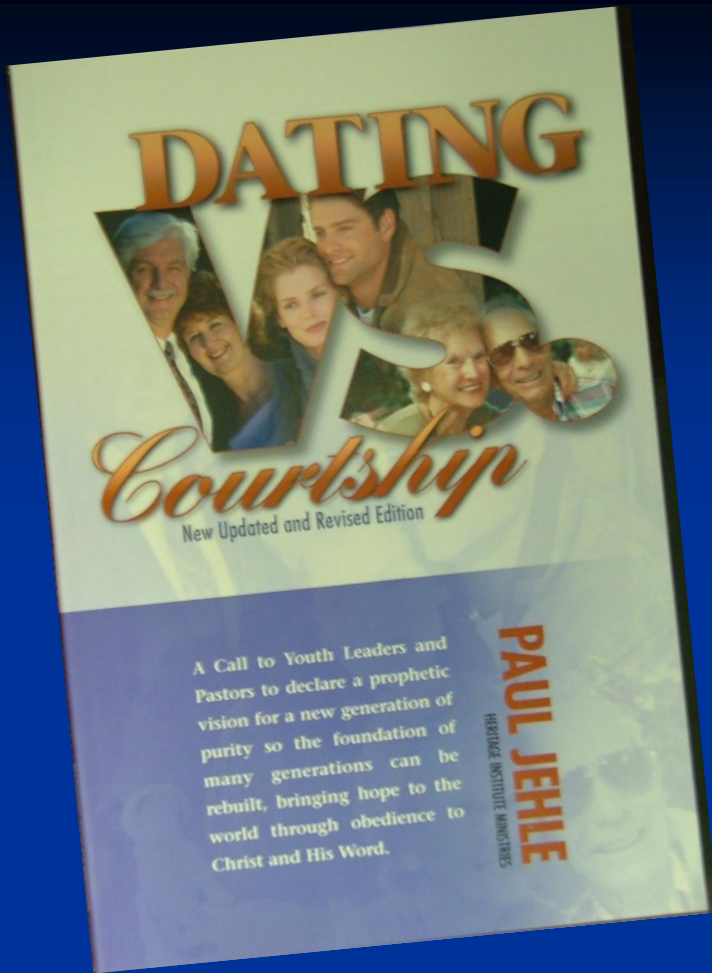
This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the Church – Ephesians 5:32

Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife. – Rev.21:9

- Betrothal – covenant promise without final consummation
 - The bride price (dowry), paid by the groom and family
 - The bride lives with her family for a year, preparing to be a wife
 - The groom “prepared a place for his new bride” – a home
 - The bride was ready at any time for when the groom might come
 - We are now in the betrothed stage of our walk with Christ!

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- The Wedding – covenant vows and consummation
 - Bride escorted by her father to meet her groom under the *chuppa*
 - She would circle the groom three times - covenant with each other
 - Wedding banquet would involve 7 blessings – one for each day
 - There were several “choral dances” – in Hebrew, “twirl & jump”
- Wine – *unmixed (2.5% alcoholic); “new” (no fermentation); or mixed with water... prepared by pressing grapes & aging*
- Stone Jars – *six jars (sixth day of creation); public miracle*
- God always saves the best for last!



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