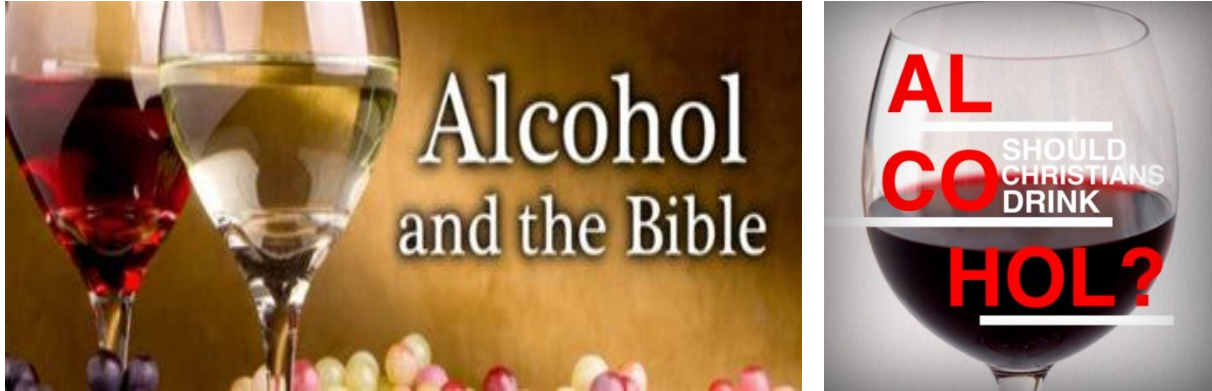


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ALCOHOLIC WINE & INTOXICATING DRINK THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BIBLE



THE PROBLEM

With the body of Christ and Christian attitudes towards alcohol, the question is “Do Christians touch it or not?”. Why are there more preachers that drink and OK alcohol than those that say no to it? This makes this topic a hot potato for most. To explain this most people will go down stream (*the wide path*), flow with the rapids, to go with the flow. If you are one that decides to go in the opposite direction up stream (*the narrow path*) it’s harder against the current, as you’re going opposite to most, others would say you’re nuts go the easy way. This is exactly what Christ did in His day when He said “follow me”. To follow Christ, is not to follow the pressure of mainstream crowds or opinions we are to walk “the narrow path of truth that few find”. The alcohol issue and theme, seems to run right through the body of Christ today. I have personally heard over the years many excuses by Christian’s as to why it’s OK to drink any type of alcohol, mainly wine and beer. So what does God say about it and is it good or bad for us?

Argument/excuse:

One main argument or excuse you will hear from Christians is “**Paul said for us to drink a little wine as its good for the stomach**”. Yet people don’t quote the rest of the scripture that says “**for your stomachs sake and your frequent infirmities**”: (*All scriptures are from the NKJV*)

1 Timothy 5:23

²³ No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

It’s clear that Paul’s intentions were to help those who were suffering from sickness and infirmities the wine was to help settle the stomach, even in this Paul said only to drink a little wine. In reality Jesus is the true healer my guess is Paul was prescribing the wine in his day as a bit like someone today taking an aspirin for pain. Paul seems to be suggesting for those who had not yet been healed by the Holy Spirit to use wine as a temporary relief. To take this out of context to “OK” drinking wine or alcohol is incorrect.

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Another argument or excuse Christians use is “**Jesus drank wine then so can I**” this statement comes from a scripture in the book of Mathew.

Mathew 11:18

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon. ¹⁹ **The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Look, a glutton and a winebibber,** a friend of tax collectors and sinners! But wisdom is justified by her children."

These were the words of Jesus He said they say (*accusers*) this, about Himself “**Look a glutton and winebibber**”. Jesus was talking about people accusing Him of these things, for a start scripture says gluttony is a part of rebellion and is a sin, and drunkards will come to poverty that’s a curse. This didn’t mean Jesus actually drank wine or intoxicating drink, He was sinless. Jesus hung out with prostitutes and mingled with drunkards, to help them, to get them saved and turned around to walk the right path. Yes, Jesus said He came to “**eat and drink**” yet scripture does not say He drank wine or intoxicating drink. The spirit of rebellion is behind gluttony and being a drunkard on wine and intoxicating drink, Jesus was not in rebellion He walked in obedience to His Father.

Proverbs 23:21

²¹ **For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty.**

Deuteronomy 21:20

²⁰ And they shall say to the elders of his city, **This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.** ²¹ Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; **so you shall put away the evil from among you,** and all Israel shall hear and fear.

We know Jesus did not sin He was sinless one. These words have been taken out of context by Christians and used as an excuse to make it “OK” to drink; we will prove this through this study. The Bible says “**my people are destroyed through a lack of knowledge**” (*Hosea 4:6*).

Another argument or excuse is “**Jesus turned water into wine**” so it is OK for us to drink wine and alcohol Jesus approved it, this comes from the book of John, again taken out of context and miss used.

John 2 9-10

⁹ **When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine,** and did not know where it came from (*but the servants who had drawn the water knew*), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. ¹⁰ And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

At the time Jesus had not entered into His public ministry. He was actually showing love by meeting the people at the wedding where they were at by providing for the need by turning “water into wine”. This was also a symbol of what was to come in the future, with Christ at His own wedding feast with us His

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bride (*Math 22:1-22*), where He would drink the new wine (*Lk 22:18*) the wine of the Holy Ghost (*Rev 3:20*) with us at His second coming return (*Rev 19*).

Luk 22:18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the **fruit of the vine** (*grapes*) until the kingdom of God comes."

The problem with most of these arguments by Christians is that those arguing that alcohol is fine to drink, have never really done any study about it or looked into it properly. People believe what they want without any solid scriptural proof of their argument. **“Spiritual discernment is marred”** by wrong beliefs and decisions, just as right believing is to make right decisions, to do the right thing this is righteousness. This study through the gospels, is to show us what the real issue around alcohol is spiritually and naturally for us as Christians before God.

This writer has a personal testimony of love and wisdom from God in regards to the wedding feast scripture of water turned to wine for the people. Once I asked God what should I get my unsaved brother for his birthday, Gods response was **“buy him a box of his favorite beer”** I was a bit stunned and said Lord you don’t want me drinking? so how is it right in your sight ?, why do that? God said **“your saved your brothers not, he drink’s you don’t, getting him a box of beer is saying to him you love him where he’s at, and not judging him, it’s a seed of love towards him”**. I thought wow that’s just what Jesus did at the wedding feast with those that were there.

GOD’S DELIVERERS

Whenever God wanted to raise up a true deliver for His people they were to be filled and over shadowed by the Holy Spirit, God required obedience and stated what the requirements were. God seemed to make a difference between that individual and those around them in their generation, He separated them out and spoke specifically about having a clean diet, with no alcoholic beverages such as wine. God always witnesses His word with two or more witnesses, so let’s find the witness of this in the scriptures.



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1. SAMPSON THE DELIVERER

The angel of the Lord came to Samson’s mother instructing her that she was to give birth to a future deliverer of Gods people. The angel instructed Samson’s mother not to eat anything unclean nor touch wine or similar drink while being pregnant and up to birth, as her child was to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. One can only assume that Samson also never touched strong drink as a deliverer, just as his mother was told not to during pregnancy and birth, as was the custom of those days, she would have passed that on and instructed Samson also on this matter from God. This lets us know that something takes place in the spirit realm of demonic origin, when we drink wine or similar intoxicating drink. This is something that’s against Christ in Samson and the mother, in other words an “antichrist spirit” comes not the Holy spirit.

Judges 13

² Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. ³ And the Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ **Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean.** ⁵ For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; **and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."**

⁶ So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name. ⁷ **And He said to me, Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.** " (*Nazirite: one separated out from the world to God to walk in Holiness*)

2. JOHN THE BAPTIST A DELIVERER

John the Baptist was chosen by God to prepare the way for the coming of the Christ. John the Baptist was to walk in the spirit and power of Elijah and to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the coming of the messiah. From before conception John the Baptist was prophesied about through an angelic visitation by the angel Gabriel, to his father Zacharias. The angel stated how John the Baptist would live and walk as a deliverer to prepare a people for Jesus to come, and he was to be filled with the Holy Spirit in holiness before God. That John was not to touch wine or strong drink (*intoxicating substances*).

Luke 1:13-18

¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ **For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.** ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ **He will also go before Him in the spirit**

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and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

The angel stated that John the Baptist was not to touch wine nor strong (*intoxicating*) drink he was to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This passage of scripture alone indicates again how God separates alcoholic wine and intoxicating drink from His Holiness and His Holy Spirit.

Luke 7:33

³³ For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, He has a demon.

Mathew 3:4

⁴ Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

John the Baptist came eating Locusts and wild honey virtually the same as Christ's prophecy of curds and honey (*Isaiah 7:14*) with no wine or alcoholic drink. This was the case also for Christ about eating nothing unclean. With Sampson's mother it also was required who was to give birth to a deliverer whom I believe also followed this decree from God of undefiled food a clean diet is for spiritual reasons.

3. JESUS OUR DELIVERER

Jesus was called our deliverer He was to be a deliverer of the Kingdom of God into the earth, and to deliver our souls from sin and death to eternal life and salvation.

Romans 11:26

"The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;²⁷ For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. ¹⁵ Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

It is clearly stated in Isaiah 7 that Jesus was to eat curds and honey, just like John the Baptist so He could discern between evil and good.

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According to the Bible “**curds (milk) and honey**” was a statement from God of eating and drinking nothing unclean or defiled. Defiled foods such as alcohol caused spiritual defilement it defiles discernment, making it hard to discern between what is clean and unclean (*Lev. 10:8-10*). As seen also with Sampson’s mother she was not allowed to touch intoxicating drink or wine as Sampson was to be overshadowed, filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit to be a deliverer for Gods people. So too Jesus never sinned he never touched wine or intoxicating drink or any defiled drink as He also was to be a deliverer and was sinless.

The only time Jesus ever touched alcoholic wine to drink was on the cross just before He died. The first time they offered Him wine (*alcoholic*) mixed with myrrh or gall he refused it as it was not yet time.

Luke 23:36

³⁶ **The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine,** ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King if the Jews, save Yourself."

Mathew 24:35

³⁴ **They gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.**

Luke 15:23

²² And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. ²³ **Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it.**

Then later on at the end Christ’s three hours of suffering on the cross, Jesus knew it was the right time to fulfill scripture and said “**I thirst**” and again they gave Him soured wine (*alcoholic*) this time he received it, He partook of it he drank it, then He said “**It is finished**”. He bowed His head and gave up His spirit finally death had come to Him. Everything Jesus did had a purpose behind it, even the only time He ever partook of wine on the cross (*Pro. 31:4-7*).

John 19:28-30

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “**I thirst!**” ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

This writer believes according to scripture, that Jesus invited His final enemy death to come prior to bring His own death, this was done intentionally through the sour wine (*unclean alcoholic drink*) He partook of on the cross. This was all part of taking sin upon Himself for our sakes. The spirit that came through this action of tasting alcoholic wine (*the wages of sin is death Rom 6:23*) was “antichrist” anti-life itself, the spirit of death this was then preceded by darkness (*hordes of hell*) for three hours covering

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the land, this darkness raged on from the sixth hour to the ninth hour over Christ. The alcohol participation opened up a spiritual door for “death” to come against Christ, He triggered this by His action of partaking in the wine. Jesus was and still is our “Great High priest” (*Heb 4:14-16*), in the Old Testament God had warned the priests of Arron (*Leviticus 10:8–10*) the not touch intoxicating drink for 3 days prior to entering into the Holy of Holies (*Gods presence*), lest He strike them dead for being unclean from the alcohol, that this would be a perpetual law forever.

Mathew 27:45

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" ⁴⁷ Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

As Jesus opened the door for the spirit of death to come through the alcoholic wine on the cross. Jesus Himself was life itself, death had to be invited to kill Him physically. This is a real lesson for us about the spiritual effects of alcohol and how one can invite darkness and evil to come through wrong choices.



PERSONAL TESTIMONY S

1. “This writer has a personal testimony of deliverance from Alcohol by God when I gave my heart to Him. Prior to my conversion and salvation to Christ in November 1997 I was a heavy drinker basically an alcoholic as my father was before me. When I gave my heart to Christ and got filled with the Holy Spirit the urge to drink alcohol seemed to leave me, all desire for alcohol left when I got saved. I never touched a drop until one year later at Christmas time at my parents home. I thought well I wouldn’t mind a beer just one glass will do to celebrate Christmas, as I took the first mouthful of beer a horrible strange spiritual heaviness came over me. I freaked out and tipped the beer down the sink the heaviness then lifted off me and over the years I have not touched alcohol since. I knew from that experience that something was dreadfully wrong with the alcohol it had opened up some kind of doorway to darkness that

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a heavy demonic force was attached to it. God delivered me from alcohol when I was born again in 1997 and kept me delivered He washed away the filthiness of it.

Ezekiel 36: 25 – 27

²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

2. “I also remember a time in ministry around 2003 when a young Christian woman was at a home group prayer meeting during the meeting God was moving on individuals bringing healing and deliverance. This particular young woman at one stage in the meeting began to react spiritually by screaming and convulsing in pain from her stomach, prayer was ministered to her, she ended up getting deliverance from an antichrist spirit of alcohol. According to one or two of those in attendance they saw in a vision a worm like demonic spirit being expelled from her mouth rather like the worm in a bottle of Tequila. From that time on this woman then changed in her emotional behavior from having a lot of anger and emotional issues to being much more peaceful”. She had been a good drinker of alcohol in her time.

Proverbs 4:17

¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

3. “This writer was in a church a few years ago around 1994 when the head Pasta had stood up in front of the church asking for prayer, due to his lower back being in ongoing pain he asked if anyone had a word for him about it from God. The Lord gave this writer a word for him straight away He said “tell the pasta to stop drinking wine that an afflicting spirit was against him and the door way was the alcohol”. I felt a bit unsure to say that publically to the pasta so I waited until after the service and approached Him. Most of the words that came were not about this at all. I then told the Pasta what I felt the Lord had given me the Pasta just looked at me and said nothing and then walked off. A week later this same Pasta got up in front of the church and said “it was OK to drink wine as Paul had said drink wine its good for your stomach that Jesus had turned water to wine and was a called wine bibber “ I just felt ill in the stomach when the Pasta did that. It was a direct response against the word God had me give this pasta one week before. Six months later this same Pasta got up in front of the church and repented about what He had said that Sunday about it being OK to drink wine, he said God had convicted him about drinking wine that it was wrong and he had to stop it”.

Micah 2:11

¹¹ If a man should walk in a false spirit and speak a lie, saying, I will prophesy to you of wine and drink, Even he would be the prattler of this people.

Prattler: is to talk a lot without saying anything important or of truth.

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4. In another testimony an apostolic pasta at a service this writer attended was preaching about the subject of Jesus turning water into wine. To demonstrate a point he had taken glass vessels filled with water and put them in front of the church on stage. This pasta then proceeded to ask God to turn the water into wine nothing seemed to happen. The pasta then asked people to come forward and drink the water now made into wine by faith. As people came forward to drink the water in the vessels they began to get drunk in the Holy Spirit it was the new wine from heaven spiritual wine. This was a practical lesson and demonstration about what the new wine Jesus spoke of really was. No one truly knows if the water in the jugs that Jesus turned to wine was real physical wine or Holy Spirit anointed water having being anointed by the new wine of heaven this is a possibility of what caused the drunkenness in the people of the wedding (Acts 2:15 – 18). There is no way of proving this theory but it makes you think what really did happen that day at the wedding ?.

John 2:6 – 9

⁶ Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the water pots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew).

Acts 2:15 - 18

¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

5. In 2018 once the night before a Sunday morning service in a Church, I had a dream in this dream I saw a Pasta from that church washing a baby in defiled dirty water, there were demonic symbols on the walls around the pool he was washing the baby in. That Sunday morning it was that pasta that got up and preached, he spoke about alcohol. He wasn't prepared to say it was wrong in front of the church he never said it was wrong to touch but instead said he preferred not to touch it, Yet he said it was OK for Christians to drink wine and odd alcoholic drinks as long as you didn't get drunk. That's a huge statement to undiscerning Christians I am not sure where you would draw a line not to get drunk some can get tidily on one can of beer. I realized from the dream the night before was his compromise that defiled his waters and others bathing a child in dirty water.

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THE FOUR WINES MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE



There is four types of wine mentioned by God in the Bible 3 of them are to do with God's wrath, realms of darkness and deception (*wine of Babylon*) and men's fleshy desires. The fourth wine is the new wine that comes down from heaven the wine of the Holy Spirit that brings healing and life to men. So 75% of the wines mentioned in the Bible are for bad purposes to hurt deceive and punish men. Only one wine the "New Wine" is for our good it is purely spiritual and comes through Christ Jesus. Let's take a look at the scriptures to see what is said about these four types of wine.

1. The wine of the wrath of God

Jeremiah 13:12

¹² "Therefore you shall speak to them this word": Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Every bottle shall be filled with wine." "And they will say to you, Do we not certainly know that every bottle will be filled with wine?" ¹³ "Then you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land-even the kings who sit on David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem- with drunkenness!" ¹⁴ "And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together," says the Lord. "I will not pity nor spare nor have mercy, but will destroy them."

In this passage of scripture it is clear that God is saying let men be filled with natural wine and intoxicating drink, to fill their flesh with it that destruction will come to them to destroy them. Natural alcoholic drink in this case is the destruction being released from God towards men it's the key that opens the door to spiritual darkness and the spiritual wine of God's wrath against men.

Jeremiah 25:15

¹⁵ For thus says the Lord God of Israel to me: "Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. ¹⁶ And they will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them." ¹⁷ Then I took the cup from the Lord's hand, and made all the nations

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drink, to whom the Lord had sent me: ¹⁸ Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and its princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day; ¹⁹ Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes, and all his people.

God refers to His wrath and fury against nations as the “wine of His wrath”.

Revelations 14:9

⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Here we see the words again that are of the spiritual “wine of God’s wrath” judgment against evil.

Revelations 16:19

¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. **And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.** ²⁰ Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. ²¹ And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

God gives to spiritual Babylon the worlds system of belief and rule “the wine of the fierceness of His wrath”.

Revelation 18:3 - 8

³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." ⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." ⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶ Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. ⁷ In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow. ⁸ Therefore her plagues will come in one day-death and mourning and famine. **And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.**

In this passage of scripture is a strong warning for Gods people for those who are saved to come out of spiritual Babylon (*the world*), to stop participating in her sins to stop fornicating with her. If we don’t stop drinking the “wine of Jezebel of Babylon” the mother of harlots we will be judged along with the world. We are to remove ourselves spiritually and naturally out of all sin and sinful doings and ways, to be clean and Holy before God.

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Revelations 19:15

¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

2.The wine of Babylon

Revelations 14:8

⁸ And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

The devil has deceived the nations by getting them to participate in sin and darkness through all sorts of deception, drinking alcohol is just one of them but has huge ramifications of many types of sin tied to it (*see alcohol related crime statistics page*) we need to be filled with the right spirit not the wrong counterfeit. There is only two ways one can get drunk, through alcohol (*the flesh and darkness*) or the Holy Spirit (*New heavenly wine*) the two do not mix one is spiritual darkness the other spiritual light.

Jeremiah 51:17

⁷ Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand, That made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; Therefore the nations are deranged.

Here it is clear the nations have satisfied their flesh with all kinds of fleshy pleasures deranged in sin and spiritual darkness the “wine of Babylon”.

Revelations 17:4

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." ³ So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. ⁵ And on her forehead a name was written:

MYSTERY,
BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

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⁶ I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

3. The earthly wine of men

Joel 1:5

⁵ Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, For it has been cut off from your mouth.

This passage is saying those who drink natural wine cause the spiritual wine of God to be cut off from them it restricts access to everything God has for us.

Daniel 5:4

⁴ They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

The scripture lets us know that the drinking of alcoholic drink is basically idolatry at its rawest.

Ezekiel 36: 25 – 27

²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

God says in Ezekiel 36 that He will cleanse you of all your idols and filthiness the removal of wrong natural and spiritual influences including alcohol.

Micah 2:11

¹¹ If a man should walk in a false spirit and speak a lie, saying, I will prophesy to you of wine and drink, Even he would be the prattler of this people.

This scripture is saying if godly men ordain other godly men to drink wine and intoxicating drink that defiles by saying it is “OK to drink alcohol if you are a Christian” has a lying deceiving spirit operating and is a false prophet speaking non truth of no importance.

Proverbs 31:4 - 7

⁴ It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink; ⁵ Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted. ⁶ Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those who are bitter of heart. ⁷ Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.

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It is very clear God sees his people as princes and kings that they should not drink alcohol it causes one to stray from Gods word it is for those who are perishing I certainly don't want to perish.

4. The New Wine of Heaven

Joel 2:28-32

²⁸ "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.²⁹ And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.³⁰ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.³² And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

This passage speaks of the Holy Spirit being poured out in the last days the “New Wine “ of heaven.

Joel 3:17

¹⁷ "So you shall know that I am the Lord your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again." ¹⁸ And it will come to pass in that day That the mountains shall drip with new wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the Lord and water the Valley of Acacias.

Again here we see God releasing spiritual wine in high places and over the land “a fountain will flow from the house of the Lord” to His people on the earth that they may drink of it. The wine of heaven is the Holy Spirit like refreshing water.

John 4:13

"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Jesus said in the scripture “he who drinks of the water I give him will never thirst” this water is also called the new wine (*the Holy Spirit*).

Jeremiah 31:12

¹² Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, Streaming to the goodness of the Lord For wheat and new wine and oil, For the young of the flock and the herd; Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, And they shall sorrow no more at all.

We come to the Lord for wheat (*bread of Heaven or word of God*) for new wine (*Holy Spirit*) and oil (*Christ Himself the word of God*) that our souls will be like well watered gardens.

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Mathew 9:13

¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?"

¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶ No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. ¹⁷ Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

We are to get rid of old ways our old man and old nature to give up former things to embrace God and new things in Him. We are to be transformed and changed inwardly to let go of sinful habits and be a new creation in Christ. The old wine skin has to go sin and evil the “fall of man” the “head of the beast” must be cut off for the “head of Christ” to be upon us His authority not the devils. The devil has alcoholic wine and intoxicating drink for us it’s of a different spirit and purpose to God. The Lord has for us new wine that’s non alcoholic and spiritual but very intoxicating in a good way it brings blessings and life the “Holy Spirit” filling us amen!! “Choose this day whom you shall serve”.

SCRIPTURAL TEACHING ON GOD WINE AND ALCOLHOL

Conduct Prescribed for Priests

Leviticus 10:8 - 10

⁸ Then the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying: ⁹ "Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, ¹⁰ that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean.

God in the Old Testament gave very clear guidelines on how the priests were to conduct themselves when coming before God and His Holy presence. God made it clear to Aaron and the priests that they were not to touch wine nor intoxicating drink when they entered the Tabernacle otherwise they would die. This command given was to be forever it was also to help them distinguish spiritually between holy and unholy and between clean and unclean. Forever means forever for priests. We are now called priests of God those who are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit God is the unchanging one.



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Numbers 6:2

6 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the Lord, ³ he shall separate himself from wine and similar drink.



God again shows us here that if we want to separate ourselves to God and away from the world touching intoxicating drink or wine is not good for us. Even though this is Old Testament spiritually it still has effects. Remember Jesus said I have not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it through love (Mathew 5:17- 20). Jesus came to give us the grace through His love to overcome sin and to be delivered from demonic bondage and slavery to our flesh. We are to no longer be under law but grace that brings victory and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. We need to be aware spiritually that the Old Testament reveals the sin and the New Testament heals the sin through Christ.

Proverbs 31:4 - 7

⁴ It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink; ⁵ Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted. ⁶ Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those who are bitter of heart. ⁷ Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.

In proverbs it says kings should not drink wine or princes intoxicating drink as it perverts justice and is for those who are perishing and bitter. God calls us to be kings and priests before him so how much more should we not do these things when we have His Holy Spirit living in us. If God says it's not good for us to drink alcohol that it effect's our perception of Him and His presence in our lives He knows what He's saying and means what He says.

Isaiah 5:11-13

¹¹ Woe to those who rise early in the morning, That they may follow intoxicating drink; Who continue until night, till wine inflames them! ¹² The harp and the strings, The tambourine and flute, And wine are in their feasts; but they do not regard the work of the Lord, Nor consider the operation of His hands. ¹³ Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; Their honorable men are famished, And their multitude dried up with thirst. ¹⁴ Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself And opened its mouth beyond measure; Their glory and their multitude and their pomp, and he who is jubilant, shall descend into it.

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This is an interesting passage of scripture letting us know that intoxicating drink inflames (profane fire, anger, immorality) you. That drinking alcohol leads one and causes one to disregard the Lord and His ways that Sheol (now known as Hell) has enlarged itself beyond measure due to wine and intoxicating drink a scary thought. Alcohol is well known for wrong influence one drink leads to another and before one knows it bam, it's very clear why God warns us off it. In the New Testament we are under grace not law as Christ came to fulfill the law (Mathew 5:17-20). If just being angry in your heart as Christ stated is like you murdered someone (Mathew 5:21-23) or looking at a woman with lust in your heart is as if you just committed adultery with her (Mathew 5:28) then the topic of alcohol is just as sensitive to God and needs to be discerned as well.

Isaiah 5:22

²² Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink.

The Bible is full of warnings about this particular topic not to be overlooked and deceived about.

Isaiah 28:7

⁷ But they also have erred through wine, and through intoxicating drink are out of the way. The priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink. They are swallowed up by wine, they are out of the way through intoxicating drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. ⁸ For all tables are full of vomit and filth; No place is clean.

Scripture lets us know the effects spiritually on an individual of wine and intoxicating drink no matter what level of drinking it is opens doors spiritually to the path of error. Priests and prophets and kings are what we are before God in the old and new testaments, it's clear how strong drink causes error in vision in judgment and it puts us “out of the way” of no real use to God. Alcohol is unclean it has an unclean spirit behind it for evil purposes a tool of Satan to deceive.

Isaiah 57:12

¹² "Come," one says, "I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink; Tomorrow will be as today, and much more abundant."

Intoxicating drink brings with it deception to both the natural body and the spiritual life of deceiving oneself that “all is well” with drinking it has a form of giving abundance to oneself when it's not. Most people drink to numb their senses from emotional pain to feel better a false sense of temporal wellness when true healing only comes from the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 19:32

³² Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." ³³ So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

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In this passage of scripture drinking wine opened the door to incest and sexual immorality between family members it brought a curse to the generations of Lot from Sodom and Gomorrah. Alcohol compromised and defiled a man without him even knowing it. A thief comes to steal destroy and kill (John 10:10).

Genesis 9:23

²⁰ And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹ Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. ²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. ²³ But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. ²⁴ So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. ²⁵ Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan.

In scripture intoxicated wine caused Noah to become unclean, uncovered, shamed and naked before his sons. Then as Noah woke up the next day he became inflamed (angry) he cursed his son Canaan. A great way to start a new world for God by drinking wine then cursing the next generation, who brought this curse Noah or the wine ?. It was Satan that used intoxicating drink to bring a curse into the new world.

Deuteronomy 29:6

Nor have you drunk wine or similar drink, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.

This scripture indicates that drinking strong drink can affect our knowing of God spiritually. If we abstain from drinking it helps us to be blessed to know God in a whole new level it brings more life spiritually.

Deuteronomy 32:33

³³ Their wine is the poison of serpents, and the cruel venom of cobras.

Proverbs 4:17

¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

This is a very interesting description that wine is serpents poison and the venom of cobras it's the wine of violence. The alcohol and this spiritual description of it makes one think a bit more about this topic of “do I drink or not ?”.

Proverbs 20:1

²⁰ Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

Proverbs 23:30

³⁰ Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. ³¹ Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; ³² At the last it bites like a

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serpent, And stings like a viper. ³³ Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things.

The issues that intoxicating drink and wine bring are the same today in our modern world as in the days of old. Those who touch it are unwise the Bible describes the evil that comes through strong drink such as violence, mocking, it is a brawler, being led astray, bites like a serpent, stings like a viper, you will see strange things and utter perverse things. This is speaking of coming under the wrong spiritual influence of darkness through the taking of intoxicating drink how blind does one have to be to not see this in the Bible.

Isaiah 24:11

¹¹ There is a cry for wine in the streets, all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

Intoxicating drink makes a man's heart merry temporarily but it brings spiritual darkness and snuffs out the true joy of God it brings heaviness. The lord says I have given you the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3).

Jeremiah 35:12 -18

¹² Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, saying, ¹³ "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction to obey My words?" says the Lord. ¹⁴ "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; for to this day they drink none, and obey their father's commandment. But although I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, you did not obey Me. ¹⁵ I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers. But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me. ¹⁶ Surely the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them, but this people has not obeyed Me."

¹⁷ "Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the doom that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them but they have not heard, and I have called to them but they have not answered. "

¹⁸ And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts and done according to all that he commanded you, ¹⁹ therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me forever."

Intoxicating drink and wine causes people to stray to go after other god's. This scripture gives us a picture of how God commanded to Jonadab and also to Jonadab's sons not to drink wine and they drank none in their generation before God to honour the Lord. Because of their obedience to not drinking wine God blessed them and stated that they would not lack a man to stand before God forever wow !!. What a blessing for not drinking strong drink God sees those and blesses those who don't drink generationally.

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Ezekiel 44:21, 23

²¹ No priest shall drink wine when he enters the inner court.

²³ "And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Here we have God stating that the priests were to demonstrate visually and verbally to the people what was acceptable to God. The priests were not to drink wine when coming into the inner courts of God's presence their conduct was to be holy, that they may teach the people the difference between holy and unholy to discern between clean and unclean. It is clear in scripture that intoxicating drink is unholy it interferes with discernment and the ability to discern accurately what is of God and what's not of God.

Daniel 1:8

⁸ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Here we have Daniel refusing to defile himself as a servant of God by not partaking of the Kings delicacies or drinking wine. Daniel knew the commandments of God that no priest was to drink wine when coming into the inner courts of God's presence (prayer) this commandment was first given to Aaron in Leviticus 10:8 – 10.

Hosea 4:11

¹¹ "Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave the heart.

Joel 3:3

³ They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy as payment for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

It's interesting that harlotry and wine go together alcohol gives one over to the weakness of unfaithfulness, fornication and adultery. It says in the scripture that wine enslaves the heart of a person and holds hands with harlotry that men desiring strong drink give their sons for a harlot and sell their daughters for wine. This is today one of the largest revenue making illegal activities in the world "child slavery" it is worldwide larger than the illegal drug trade. According to scripture alcohol is the root cause and curse of immorality "child slavery" intoxicating drink and wine curse the earth.

Ephesians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

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I Timothy 1:3

3 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. ² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ³ **not given to wine, not violent**, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; ⁴ one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence. In the New Testament Paul and Timothy ask those following God not to be unwise to abstain from drinking wine and being drunk with wine which is dissipation but be filled with the Holy Spirit. They make a clear distinction between the two one is holy one is unholy.

DISSIPATION indulgent or wasteful living, especially excessive drinking. Drinking much wine leads to dissipation (Eph.:5:18). A bishop should not be guilty of dissipation (Titus:1:67). A Christian should separate himself from the dissolution that characterized his former life.

Source: Nelsons new illustrated Bible dictionary

Timothy says for those who want to lead others in righteous conduct not to be given to wine. So here both are saying do not be filled with natural wine but rather be filled with the Holy Spirit one or the other in other words one affects the other. In conclusion as shown above strong drink, wine and intoxicating drink have huge effects upon one's life style and relationship with God and His presence. There is much darkness through one opening spiritual doors of access to the enemy of our souls if one chooses to touch alcohol. The statistics researched by the USA, in most western nation's alcohol has influenced suffering and crime that is evident. You have to be blind and stupid to not see the spiritual forces loosed from the pits of Hell itself through the deceptive door way of alcohol so why touch it, even one drink is not safe leave it alone stop playing with fire it's spiritual suicide.

I heard a sermon recently in late 2013 from the well-known evangelist Jimmy Swaggart from the USA. He said he had recently known of meetings in the USA where two of the largest mainstream Pentecostal church organisations in the world were Okaying it for church members to be moderate drinkers of alcohol. He basically said he was stunned by this attitude from church leadership that it was a sign of the decline of biblical morals and totally deceptive and wrong to approve of such things. He went on to say “most moderate drinkers in the world end up being alcoholics and involved in every evil sin and crime you can think of from anger, rape, incest and murder to physical abuse and pedophilia the list goes on”. It is a known fact that up to 40% of America's mainstream violent crimes are alcohol related this is a statistic repeated in most western nations. It is also a well-known medical fact that alcohol when consumed during pregnancy causes terrible birth defects in children a true poison to the body.

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ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME STATISTICS



The U.S. Department of Justice Report on Alcohol and Crime found that alcohol abuse was a factor in 40 percent of violent crimes committed in the U.S.

Here's are some highlights of the U.S. Justice Department, Bureau of Justice Statistics April 1998 report on Alcohol and Crime: About 3 million violent crimes occur each year in which victims perceive the offender to have been drinking at the time of the offense. Among those victims who provided information about the offender's use of alcohol, about 35 percent of the victimizations involved an offender who had been drinking. About two-thirds of the alcohol-involved crimes were characterized as simple assaults.

Two-thirds of victims who suffered violence by an intimate (a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend) reported that alcohol had been a factor. Among spouse victims, 3 out of 4 incidents were reported to have involved an offender who had been drinking. By contrast, an estimated 31 percent of stranger victimizations where the victim could determine the absence or presence of alcohol were perceived to be alcohol-related. In 1996, local law enforcement agencies nationwide made an estimated 1,467,300 arrests for driving under the influence (DUI). Arrests for DUI peaked in 1983 when there were 1.9 million arrests. Compared to 1983, the per capita rate of arrest for DUI in 1996 was 34 percent lower.

In 1996 there were 17,126 alcohol-related traffic fatalities accounting for 40.9 percent of all traffic fatalities during the year. This is a 29 percent reduction from the more than 24,000 fatalities recorded 10 years earlier when alcohol was involved in 52 percent of the fatalities. An estimated 32 percent of fatal accidents involved an intoxicated driver or pedestrian (the majority are drivers, however) with a blood alcohol concentration, or BAC, of at least 0.10 grams of alcohol per deciliter of blood, the most commonly used definition of intoxication. Over the last decade rates of intoxication in fatal accidents have declined across every age group. In 1986, there was about 1 driver involved in a fatal accident in which he/she was intoxicated for every 10,500 drivers; in 1996, the rate translates into about 1 intoxicated driver in a fatal accident for every 17,200 licensed drivers. Among the 5.3 million convicted offenders under the jurisdiction of corrections agencies in 1996, nearly 2 million, or about 36 percent, were estimated to have been drinking at the time of the offense. The vast majority, about 1.5 million, of these alcohol-involved offenders were sentenced to supervision in the community: 1.3 million on probation and more than 200,000 on parole.

Alcohol use at the time of the offense was commonly found among those convicted of public-order crimes, a type of offense most highly represented among those on probation and in jail. Among violent offenders, 41 percent of probationers, 41 percent of those in local jails, 38 percent of those in State

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prisons, and 20 percent of those in Federal prisons were estimated to have been drinking when they committed the crime. An analysis dependence among trauma center patients found that the prevalence of alcoholism was substantially higher among vehicular crash victims and other trauma patients than among the equivalent general population group. More than half of trauma patients with a positive BAC at the time of the trauma were diagnosed as alcoholics, and nearly 1 in 7 patients who were not drinking at the time of the trauma were diagnosed as alcohol-dependent.

See: <http://alcoholism.about.com/cs/costs/a/aa980415.htm>

WHAT IS ALCOHOL?

Alcohol is a drug.

It is classed as a depressant, meaning that it slows down vital functions—resulting in slurred speech, unsteady movement, disturbed perceptions and an inability to react quickly. As for how it affects the mind, it is best understood as a drug that reduces a person’s ability to think rationally and distorts his or her judgment. Although classified as a depressant, the amount of alcohol consumed determines the type of effect. Most people drink for the stimulant effect, such as a beer or glass of wine taken to “loosen up.” But if a person consumes more than the body can handle, they then experience alcohol’s depressant effect. They start to feel “stupid” or lose coordination and control. Alcohol overdose causes even more severe depressant effects (inability to feel pain, toxicity where the body vomits the poison, and finally unconsciousness or, worse, coma or death from severe toxic overdose). These reactions depend on how much is consumed and how quickly. There are different kinds of alcohol. Ethyl alcohol (ethanol), the only alcohol used in beverages, is produced by the fermentation of grains and fruits. Fermenting is a chemical process whereby yeast acts upon certain ingredients in the food, creating alcohol.

Alcohol content

Fermented drinks, such as beer and wine, contain from 2% alcohol to 20% alcohol. Distilled drinks, or liquor, contain from 40% to 50% or more alcohol. The usual alcohol content for each is:

Beer 2–6% alcohol
Cider 4–8% alcohol
Wine 8–20% alcohol
Tequila 40% alcohol
Rum 40% or more alcohol
Brandy 40% or more alcohol
Gin 40–47% alcohol
Whiskey 40–50% alcohol
Vodka 40–50% alcohol
Liqueurs 15–60% alcohol

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Understanding how alcohol affects the body

Alcohol is absorbed into the bloodstream via small blood vessels in the walls of the stomach and small intestine. Within minutes of drinking alcohol, it travels from the stomach to the brain, where it quickly produces its effects, slowing the action of nerve cells. Approximately 20% of alcohol is absorbed through the stomach. Most of the remaining 80% is absorbed through the small intestine. Alcohol is also carried by the bloodstream to the liver, which eliminates the alcohol from the blood through a process called “metabolizing,” where it is converted to a nontoxic substance. The liver can only metabolize a certain amount at a time, leaving the excess circulating throughout the body. Thus the intensity of the effect on the body is directly related to the amount consumed. When the amount of alcohol in the blood exceeds a certain level, the respiratory (breathing) system slows down markedly, and can cause a coma or death, because oxygen no longer reaches the brain.

WHAT IS ALCOHOLISM OR ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE?

Alcohol dependence (alcoholism) consists of four symptoms:

- **Craving:** a strong need, or compulsion, to drink.
- **Loss of control:** the inability to limit one’s drinking on any given occasion.
- **Physical dependence:** withdrawal symptoms, such as nausea, sweating, shakiness and anxiety, occur when alcohol use is stopped after a period of heavy drinking.

Serious dependence can lead to life-threatening withdrawal symptoms including convulsions, starting eight to twelve hours after the last drink. The delirium tremens (D.T.’s) begins three to four days later where the person becomes extremely agitated, shakes, hallucinates and loses touch with reality.

- **Tolerance:** the need to drink greater amounts of alcohol in order to get high.

An increasingly heavy drinker often says he could stop whenever he chooses—he just never “chooses” to do so. Alcoholism is not a destination, but a progression, a long road of deterioration in which life continuously worsens.

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS

Alcohol kills more teenagers than all other drugs combined. It is a factor in the three leading causes of death among 15- to 24-year-olds: accidents, homicides and suicides.

- Youth who drink are 7.5 times more likely to use other illegal drugs and fifty times more likely to use cocaine than young people who never drink. One survey found that 32% of the heavy drinkers over 12 were also illegal drug users.
- In 2005, 6.6% of the US population aged 12 or older, or 16 million people, reported heavy drinking (binge drinking on at least five days of the past thirty days).
- Of the 3.9 million Americans who received treatment for a substance abuse problem in 2005, 2.5 million of them were treated for alcohol use.
- Alcohol-related traffic deaths in the US were 12,998 in 2007. This is more than three times as many American soldiers who died in combat in the first six years of the Iraq war.
- There are 1.4 million drunk driving arrests in the US every year.

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- A US Department of Justice study found that as many as 40% of violent crimes occur under the influence of alcohol.
- In 2005–2006, there were 187,640 National Health System alcohol-related hospital admissions in England.
- There were 6,570 deaths in England in 2005 from causes directly linked to alcohol use. In 2006, alcohol-related deaths in England rose to 8,758. This amounts to an annual increase of 7% from the previous year.
- According to one study, of the 490 million people in the European Union, more than 23 million are dependent on alcohol.
- In Europe, alcohol contributes to nearly one in ten of all cases of illness and premature deaths each year.
- 39% of all traffic deaths involved alcohol in 2005.
- 40% of violent crimes occur under the influence of alcohol.

ALCOHOL: A SHORT HISTORY

Fermented grain, fruit juice and honey have been used to make alcohol (ethyl alcohol or ethanol) for thousands of years. Fermented beverages existed in early Egyptian civilization, and there is evidence of an early alcoholic drink in China around 7000 B.C. In India, an alcoholic beverage called sura, distilled from rice, was in use between 3000 and 2000 B.C. The Babylonians worshiped a wine goddess as early as 2700 B.C. In Greece, one of the first alcoholic beverages to gain popularity was mead, a fermented drink made from honey and water. Greek literature is full of warnings against excessive drinking. Several Native American civilizations developed alcoholic beverages in pre-Columbian times. A variety of fermented beverages from the Andes region of South America were created from corn, grapes or apples, called “chicha.”

In the sixteenth century, alcohol (called “spirits”) was used largely for medicinal purposes. At the beginning of the eighteenth century, the British parliament passed a law encouraging the use of grain for distilling spirits. Cheap spirits flooded the market and reached a peak in the mid-eighteenth century. In Britain, gin consumption reached 18 million gallons and alcoholism became widespread. The nineteenth century brought a change in attitudes and the temperance movement began promoting the moderate use of alcohol—which ultimately became a push for total prohibition. In 1920 the US passed a law prohibiting the manufacture, sale, import and export of intoxicating liquors. The illegal alcohol trade boomed and by 1933, the prohibition of alcohol was cancelled. Today, an estimated 15 million Americans suffer from alcoholism and 40% of all car accident deaths in the US involve alcohol.

THE TRUTH ABOUT DRUGS

The real answer is to get the facts and not to take drugs in the first place. Drugs are essentially poisons. The amount taken determines the effect. A small amount acts as a stimulant (speeds you up). A greater amount acts as a sedative (slows you down). An even larger amount poisons and can kill. This is true of any drug. Only the amount needed to achieve the effect differs. But many drugs have another liability: they directly affect the mind.

They can distort the user’s perception of what is happening around him or her. As a result, the person’s actions may be odd, irrational, inappropriate and even destructive. Drugs block off all sensations, the desirable ones with the unwanted. So, while providing short-term help in the relief of pain, they also wipe

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out ability and alertness and muddy one's thinking. Medicines are drugs that are intended to speed up or slow down or change something about the way your body is working, to try to make it work better. Sometimes they are necessary. But they are still drugs: they act as stimulants or sedatives, and too much can kill you. So if you do not use medicines as they are supposed to be used, they can be as dangerous as illegal drugs.

See: <http://www.drugfreeworld.org/drugfacts/alcohol.html>



The mercy of God is to set us free of bondage and slavery to sin in the world and its ways. One of the tools we have to strengthen ourselves against weaknesses is to be baptised in the Holy Spirit and to speak in tongues (1 Timothy 2:6-7) “stir up the gift within you”. Tongues it says in the Bible edifies oneself (! Corinthians 14:4) it is known through experiments done in the USA by Christian scientists that while speaking in tongues for up to just 15 minutes a day can improve the stomachs immune system by up to 30% no medical drugs can do that. According to these studies done tongues also helps the serotonin levels in the brain and can balance out blood pressure it is a weapon used in Christian rehabilitation centers in the USA to help to break addictive cycles of alcohol and drugs it is used by faith.

Galatians 6:7

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Romans 8:12

¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors-not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

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From scriptures I believe alcohol is a legal doorway to mental oppression from spiritual darkness and demonic influence it confuses spiritual discernment to discern correctly between what is spiritually clean and unclean, holy and unholy (Leviticus 10:8-10). Alcohol is destructive both spiritually and naturally it is known as a poison to the human body and effects the liver (Deuteronomy 32:33). From the statistics above it is easily seen that alcohol steals finances it disrupts and destroys families and relationships it causes pain, death and crime of much evil amongst men (Proverbs 4:17). Alcohol is a tool and deceptive weapon of Satan to bring people into bondage it brings a curse of heaviness and death that comes from the pits of hell remember Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy and Jesus came to give life (Hosea 4:11).

John 10:10

¹⁰ **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

Having just one drink (glass of beer) scientifically can affect the natural body senses by % 10 it also effects the individual spiritually, it gives legal rights to Satan to attack and oppress you it opens a spiritual door that many need deliverance from. Some people say just one drink won't hurt you that's a deception and an excuse given by Satan all he wants is for you to open the door for him to come in. Remember the Devil is walking about to and fro to see whom he can devour.

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ **Be sober, be vigilant;** because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Habakkuk 2:15-16

¹⁵ **"Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, Pressing him to your bottle, Even to make him drunk, That you may look on his nakedness! ¹⁶ You are filled with shame instead of glory. You also-drink! And will be exposed as uncircumcised.**

I Corinthians 6:9-10

⁹ **Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.** Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, **nor drunkards,** nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

We need to walk in righteousness to make right decisions through right believing even the scripture says “be sober and vigilant” not under the wrong influence and “woe to you if you drink with your neighbor to be filled with shame instead of glory” that “no drunkard will inherit the kingdom of God”. The only power Satan has over us is what we give him legally in the spirit realm. If you don't want demonic oppression and problems spiritually learn to discern correctly and shut down those doorways in your life learn to **“READ THE BIBLE”** for yourself and be not deceived.

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