

Be Not Drunk with Wine, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ephesians 5:18.
- B. The Word of God teaches that we are not to be drunk with wine.
- C. We have a drinking problem as a culture today.

II. In contrast to pagans, Christian communion demanded the full use of faculties. (I Corinthians 10)

- A. Drunkenness is incompatible with the new life of the believer. (Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:21, I Corinthians 6:10, I Peter 4:3, I Thessalonians 5:6)
- B. Drunkenness can be defined as the point where the alcohol takes control of faculties.
- C. Drunkenness is often associated with adultery. (Proverbs 20:1, 23:19, Isaiah 5:11, 28:27, 56:11-12, Hosea 4:11, Genesis 9)

III. There were many good uses for wine in the Bible however. The Bible does not forbid drinking wine. (Leviticus 29, I Chronicles 29:19, Judges 9:13, Psalm 104:15, Isaiah 24:9, 55:1-2, John 13, I Timothy 5:23, Proverbs 23)

IV. Checkpoints.

- A. The wine of Bible time was mixed wine unlike the wine of today. (Acts 2:13, Isaiah 4:11, Matthew 9)
 - 1. One cannot defend wine today on the basis that wine was used in biblical times.
 - 2. Only barbarians drank wine unmixed in biblical times.
 - 3. To get drunk in biblical times a person would have to drink all day. The alcoholic content of wine in biblical times was minimal.
- B. Wine was somewhat necessary to drink in biblical times.
 - 1. One cannot say that he drinks because he has to today.
 - 2. Drinking is a preference in our culture.
- C. The greatest man who ever lived did not drink a drop. (Luke 1:15)

Application questions:

1. What is drunkenness?

2. Is the believer permitted to drink today?

3. Is it beneficial for the believer to drink? Defend your answer.
