

DOCTRINE OF DRINKING

- (1.) Ephesians 5:18 – A command against drunkenness. The Bible condemns drunkenness. Drunkenness is a sin! “*AND DO NOT GET DRUNK WITH WINE FOR THAT IS DISSIPATION...*”

Isaiah 5:11, 22; 28: 7-8; Romans 13:13; 1 Corinthians 5:11; Proverbs 20:1 – “*WINE IS A MOCKER*

STRONG DRINK A BRAWLER, AND WHOEVER IS INTOXICATED BY IT IS NOT WISE.” Proverbs 23:20 – “*DO NOT BE WITH HEAVY DRINKERS OF WINE...*”
READ Proverbs 23:29-35.

- (2.) The Bible does not say that drinking is a sin!
- (3.) Certain people should never drink. Proverbs 31:4-5 – “*...IT IS NOT FOR KINGS TO DRINK WINE, OR FOR RULERS TO DESIRE STRONG DRINK.*”
- (4.) Pastor-Teachers are specifically prohibited from getting drunk. 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7. Also, deacons are specifically prohibited from getting drunk. 1 Timothy 3:8.
- (5.) Alcohol's effect on certain people in the Bible:
- a. Noah – Genesis 9:21
 - b. Nabal – 1 Samuel 25:36-37
 - c. Lott – Genesis 19:32-36 (incest)
 - d. Ephraim – Isaiah 28:1
- All were in the Old Testament.
- (6.) However, drinking of alcoholic beverages is permitted in the scriptures. Proverbs 31:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:23. Timothy was commanded by Paul to take a little wine. (Many medicines contain small amounts of alcohol.)

Wine drinkers in France, Beer drinkers in Germany.

- a. Martin Luther liked his beer and some of the great theological meetings took place in Beer Gardens.

Only in the U.S. have people become zealots for Prohibition which is an intrusion on people's privacy. (18th Amendment to the Constitution Jan. 16, 1919...Prohibition, 21st Amendment Dec. 5, 1933...drinking o.k. ...14 yrs.) Prohibition was a total flop.

- (7.) John 2:1-11 – Jesus did turn water into wine.
- a. The miracle of turning water into wine neither condemns nor condones drinking.
 - b. The miracle was used to call attention to Jesus Christ.
 - c. The 6 water pots were filled with water and this represents being filled with the water of the word. (Ephesians 5:26)
 - d. If you take in B.D. long enough, eventually you're going to receive +H (Happiness), and the wine represents +H. Judges 9:13 & Psalm 104:15.

- (8,) People who cannot control their drinking shouldn't drink! Too much alcohol leads to:
- a, drunk drivers and highway deaths.
 - b. Husbands abusing their wives and kids.
 - c. Impulsive and abusive behavior.
 - d. Different types of diseases. (Cirrhosis of the Liver)
 - e. Pregnancy, especially in teens.
 - f. Sublimation. Jeremiah 13:12-17.
 - g. Death. Alcohol is like a gun. It can kill you if it is misused.
- (9.) Drinking alcohol demands good judgement and this is a commodity in short supply today. The Bible condones moderate drinking, but most people cannot handle moderate drinking in this country. (This is why it is smart not to serve alcoholic drinks at a party.) Chronic intoxication destroys brain tissue, attacks heart muscle, causes high blood pressure and destroys the liver. IT'S NOT COOL, IT'S NOT SMART, IT'S NOT MACHO.
- (10.) There are times when the consumption of alcohol should be restrained. Law of Love.
- (11.) Common sense rules concerning drinking:
- a. Drinking should always be in moderation.
 - b. Never drink alone.
 - c. Never drink when upset.
 - d. Never drink with strangers.
 - e. Never drink because others drink.
 - f. Never drink while driving.
 - g. Young ladies should never drink on a date.
 - h. Only mature adults should drink.