

ALCOHOL AND THE BELIEVER

How much is too much?

BACKGROUND OF ALCOHOL

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✱ What did you hear or not hear about alcohol growing up?

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- ✿ What did you hear or not hear about alcohol growing up?
- ✿ How did that affect you?

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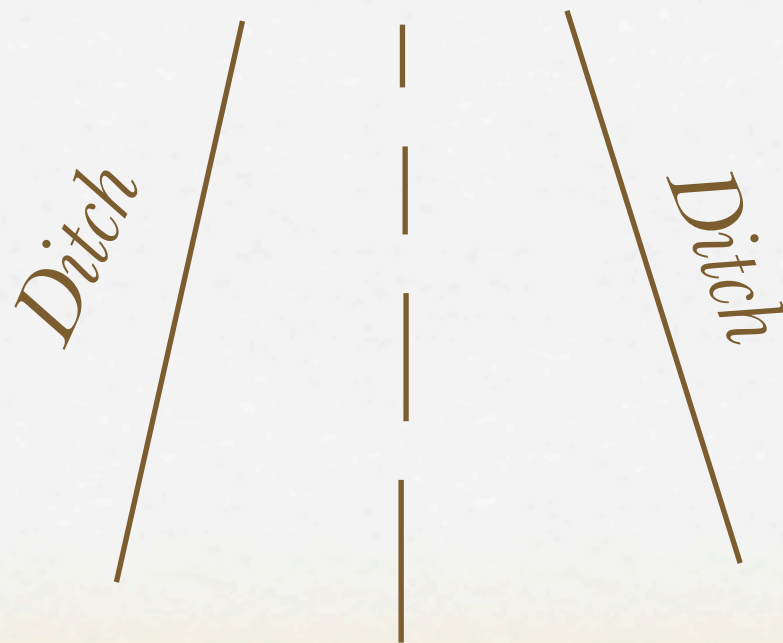
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BACKGROUND OF ALCOHOL WINE'S DEFINITION

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✱ Fruit

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WINE'S DEFINITION

✱ Fruit

✱ Crushed

✱ Sugar < Yeast = Alcohol



THE OLD TESTAMENT AND ALCOHOL

THE OT AND ALCOHOL

Ps 104:14-15 “You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.”

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Deut 7:12-13 “And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you.”

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Prov 23:31-32 “Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. In the end it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.”

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Isaiah 5:11 “Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening as wine inflames them!”



THE NEW TESTAMENT AND ALCOHOL

THE NT AND ALCOHOL

John 2:10-11 “...and said to him,
‘Everyone serves the good wine first,
and when people have drunk freely,
then the poor wine. But you have kept
the good wine until now.’ This, the first
of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in
Galilee, and manifested his glory. And
his disciples believed in him.

THE NT AND ALCOHOL

1 Tim 5:23 “(No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.)

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Eph 5:18 “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,”

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1 Peter 4:3 “The time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.”

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- ✿ Abstinence is not commanded
- ✿ Drunkenness is not permitted



THE CONSCIENCE AND ALCOHOL



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✱ Romans 14:1-15:13

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- ✱ Main Idea: the strong must receive and protect the weak (14:1; 15:1)



WISDOM AND ALCOHOL

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“to intoxicate” - (of alcoholic drink or a drug) cause (someone) to lose control of their faculties or behavior.
(New Oxford American Dictionary)

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What questions must you ask yourself:

- ✿ You attend a Communion service where wine is served
- ✿ Your neighborhood has a block party where alcohol will be served



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- ✿ At a family reunion your relative offers you a sip of alcohol
- ✿ Your roommate asks you to take a drink and tell him what you think
- ✿ An unbeliever offers you something in his home that may have alcohol in it.



FINAL THOUGHT

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- ✿ 1 Cor 10:31 - “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”



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