

Does The Bible Condone Social Drinking? (Part 2 of 3)

by Douglas Hoff

BAC numbers as an indication of degree of drunkenness are based on *general* observations. For example, at 0.02% a drinker begins to feel moderate effects. At 0.04% most people begin to feel relaxed, mildly euphoric, sociable, and talkative. At 0.05% judgment, attention, and control are somewhat impaired. Sensory-motor and finer performance are impaired. 0.08% is the legal level for intoxication in some states. Coordination and driving skills are impaired. In most states, 0.10% or higher is counted as legally drunk. However, some people have a higher alcohol tolerance and will not show the same effects until they have imbibed more.

God fearing people certainly want to avoid getting drunk since it is sinful. However, as already noted, some think there is nothing wrong with social drinking. A good question for such drinkers is, "How will you know when you cross the limit and become drunk?" They can not give a definite answer!

Does God's word actually condone social drinking? Those who try to make the case often appeal to several passages they believe support the practice. However, when carefully examined, the passages actually show the opposite is true.

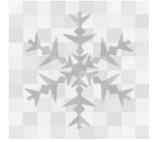
Perhaps the most often used passage is John 2:1-11. There we read about Jesus changing water into wine – a minimum of about 120 gallons (John 2:6). Many *assume* it was alcoholic wine. That is unwarranted since the word translated as "wine" can mean either grape juice or fermented grape juice. Context determines which one is meant. For example, Isaiah 65:8 speaks of "new wine" being found in the cluster. This must be a reference to juice within the grape. Unlike grape juice (Is. 65:8), intoxicating wine is never considered a blessing from God. Instead, it is **always** pictured in a negative light such as Proverbs 20:1 (NKJV) which says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise."

In next week's final article we shall examine a few more commonly misused passages and give the scriptural meaning of drunkenness with a parting admonition on "social drinking."



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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Youth Bible Gathering
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth

Sunday, January 7th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	David N.
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Dick
Table:	Rod
Serving:	Gary, Chris, Scott, Doug, sub: Brian
2 nd Prayer:	Don
Scripture:	Dick
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Jim

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	David N.
Song Leader:	Song Service
1 st Prayer:	Allan
Sermon:	Song Service
Closing Prayer:	Dave H.

Wednesday Night Song Leaders:

1/3 - Evan
1/10 - Rod
1/17 - Dave
1/24 - Allan
1/31 - Dick

Birthdays and Anniversaries



1/9 - Don Fiscus

1/13 - Donna Myers

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | Jack Wyatt |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | Paul and Linda Smith |
| Tom and May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | June Rhines |
| Linda Reichart | Adam Neill |
| Norma Brown | Mike LaVan |
| Tim and Mary Ann Chilton | Justin Seigworth |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | Florence Homolek |
| Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson | |
| Matthew and Michael LaVan | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Gretchen will be heading back to school soon. This is her last semester. She will graduate in May.
- The next craft night at Karin’s will be this Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30, weather permitting.
- There will be a brief meeting January 14th after morning services for the young and not so young ladies of the church. Pam would like to discuss starting a ladies’ Bible class and working on service projects.

Memory Verse of the Week:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Bible Question of the Week:

More than forty bound themselves under oath that they would not eat or drink until they had killed whom?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

In Revelation, how many horns and heads did the beast have?

Seven heads and ten horns, Rev 13:1

A man and wife rushed into a dentist’s office. The wife said, “I want a tooth pulled. I don’t want any gas or numbing cream because I’m in a terrible hurry. Just pull the tooth as quickly as possible.”

“You certainly are a brave woman,” said the dentist. “Now, show me which tooth it is.”

The wife turned to her husband and said, “Open your mouth and show the dentist which tooth it is, dear.”



“Be yourself. Everyone else is taken”

Oscar Wilde ☺