

Drinking Wine

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Let me make this clear, I have no dog in this race. I cannot drink alcohol because of a genetic disease I have called Acute Intermittant Porphyria. The last time I drank a few wine coolers years ago it caused an attack and my hands were paralyzed for four months. I simply do not drink at all, so this isn't about me trying to find excuses to drink. This is about what GODS WORD actually teaches us.

Assertions/Conclusions of this Article

To show that 'wine' in Gods word is fermented wine and that it is no 'sin' to drink it, but that the excess of drunkenness is where the sin lies.

We make no statement about who should or shouldnt drink at all, but it should be based on whether one can do it in faith knowing that it isnt sin, and that they arent previously substance abusers who may be predisposed to addiction.

Supporting Evidence

Firstly we determine that wine IS fermented.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

(Eph 5:18 KJV)

This word is:

G3631

οἶνος

oinos

oy'-nos

A primary word (or perhaps of Hebrew origin [H3196]); "wine" (literally or figuratively): - wine.

The statement 'be not DRUNK with WINE' shows us conclusively that it is FERMENTED wine that is being discussed. The statement has literally NO meaning unless the wine IS fermented.

Here we have Paul INSTRUCTION Timothy to not only drink water, but also to drink wine for his stomachs sake.

No longer drink water only, but use a little wine on account of your stomach, and your frequent illnesses.

1 Timothy 5:23

Its the same word as in the previous passage where it is conclusively shown that 'wine' IS fermented and can cause drunkenness.

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So *IF* drinking wine is defined AS sin, Paul is willfully and purposefully instruction and causing Timothy to COMMIT sin.

Paul would surely do no such thing as to CAUSE another to sin or stumble.

The wine IS fermented and so it CANNOT be sinful simply to drink fermented wine.

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Yet again....

Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

(1Ti 3:8 KJV)

IF any man wishes to be in leadership in the church he must not be given to MUCH wine. Notice it does not say 'he must not drink', but the wording MEANS what it very plainly states...that he cannot drink a lot...to excess.

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Thayer Definition:

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Part of Speech: adjective

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There should be an absolute prohibition here *IF* fermented wine is a problem.
And *IF* this was about grape juice the statement again makes no sense....who cares if a guy likes a lot of Welchs ?

We see the EXACT same thing said by Paul about older women...

Tit 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Same words as before;

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IF this was about grape juice the statement again makes no sense...grape juice isnt going to hurt anyone. There would be NO sense in restriction consumption of UNfermented JUICE !
Yet the restriction is about MUCH wine...NOT an all out prohibition of it.

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And once more...

For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: 1 Peter 4:3

G3632

οἰνοφλυγία

oinophlugia

oy-nof-loog-ee'-ah

From G3631 and a form of the base of G5397; an overflow (or surplus) of wine, that is, vinolency (drunkenness): - excess of wine.

it is the EXCESS of wine that is condemned.

Cant very well have EXCESS if wine is entirely PROHIBITED, now can we...