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 Intermittent 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 <u>drunk</u> with <u>wine</u>, 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 <u>wine</u> 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 drunkeness.

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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.

2.0

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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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.

3.0 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

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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...

IT IS A LIE TO DEFY SCRIPTURE CLAIMING THAT WINE IS UNFERMENTED GRAPE JUICE....

JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE THEREBY CONFIRMING ABSOLUTELY THAT DRINKING OF WINE IS NOT SINFUL OR WRONG.

>>"Jesus said to them, "Fill the water jars with water." And they filled them up to the top. And He said to them, "Draw out now, and carry some to the head steward." And they carried it. Now when the head steward tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the head steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man first sets out the good wine, and when they have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

(Joh 2:7-10)

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PAUL LITERALLY TELLS TIMOTHY TO DRINK WINE...

>> "No longer drink water only, but use a little wine on account of your stomach, and your frequent illnesses. (1 Timothy 5:23) WINE THAT ANYONE CAN GET DRUNK ON IF USED IN EXCESS... >> "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (Eph 5:18 KJV) DEACONS ARE COMMANDED TO NOT USE "MUCH" WINE....MEANING THEY CAN USE IT.... WHY SAY "NOT MUCH WINE" IF ITS JUST NON ALCOHOLIC GRAPE JUICE, LOL. >> "Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; (1Ti 3:8 KJV) OLDER WOMEN ARE TOLD TO NOT BE GIVEN TO "MUCH WINE".....NO RESTRICTION WOULD BE NEEDED FOR WINE IF ITS ONLY GRAPE JUICE, LOLOL ... >> "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; (Titus 2:3) MUCH G4183 πολύς / πολλός polus / polos Thayer Definition: 1) many, much, large Part of Speech: adjective WINE G3631 οἶνος oinos ov'-nos A primary word (or perhaps of Hebrew origin [H3196]); "wine" (literally or figuratively): wine.

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RESTRICTION AT ALL IF WINE IS JUST GRAPE JUICE....LOL...

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SOME LYING SORTS SAY THAT "NEW WINE" IS NOT FERMENTED ALCOHOL.....BUT HERE WE SEE THIS IS A TREACHEROUS LIE...

>> "Others were mocking and saying, "They are full of new wine." But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is just the third hour of the day. (Act 2:13-15)

ON PENTECOST WHEN THEY WERE SPEAKING IN TONGUES THEY WERE ACCUSED OF BEING "FULL OF NEW WINE".

NOTICE THE DEFENSE GIVEN THAT THEY WERE NOT DRUNK AS SOME SUPPOSED BECAUSE OF THEIR SPEECH.

NEW WINE WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERSTOOD TO BE FERMENTED ALCOHOL FOR THE ACCUSATION AND THE DEFENSE TO MAKE ANY RATIONAL SENSE.

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ABSOLUTE FACT THAT THE WINE IS FERMENTED ALCOHOL AS ONE CAN GET DRUNK BY CONSUMING WINE.

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ABSOLUTE FACT THAT JESUS HIMSELF GAVE CONSENT TO DRINK WINE BY TURNING WATER INTO WINE.

ABSOLUTE FACT THAT EXCESS DRINKING OF WINE IS WHAT IS BEING CONDEMNED.