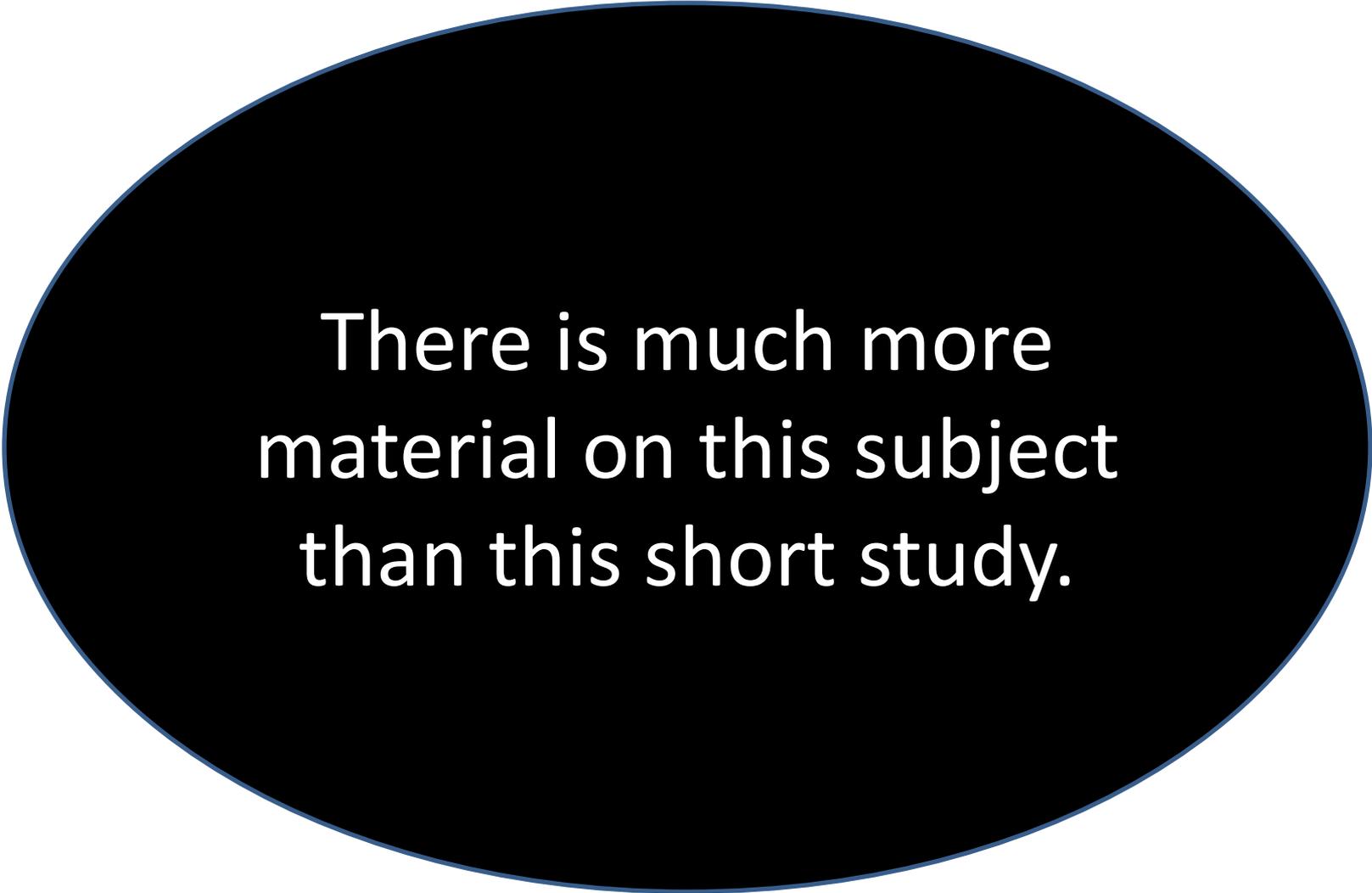


# **The Bible and Wine**

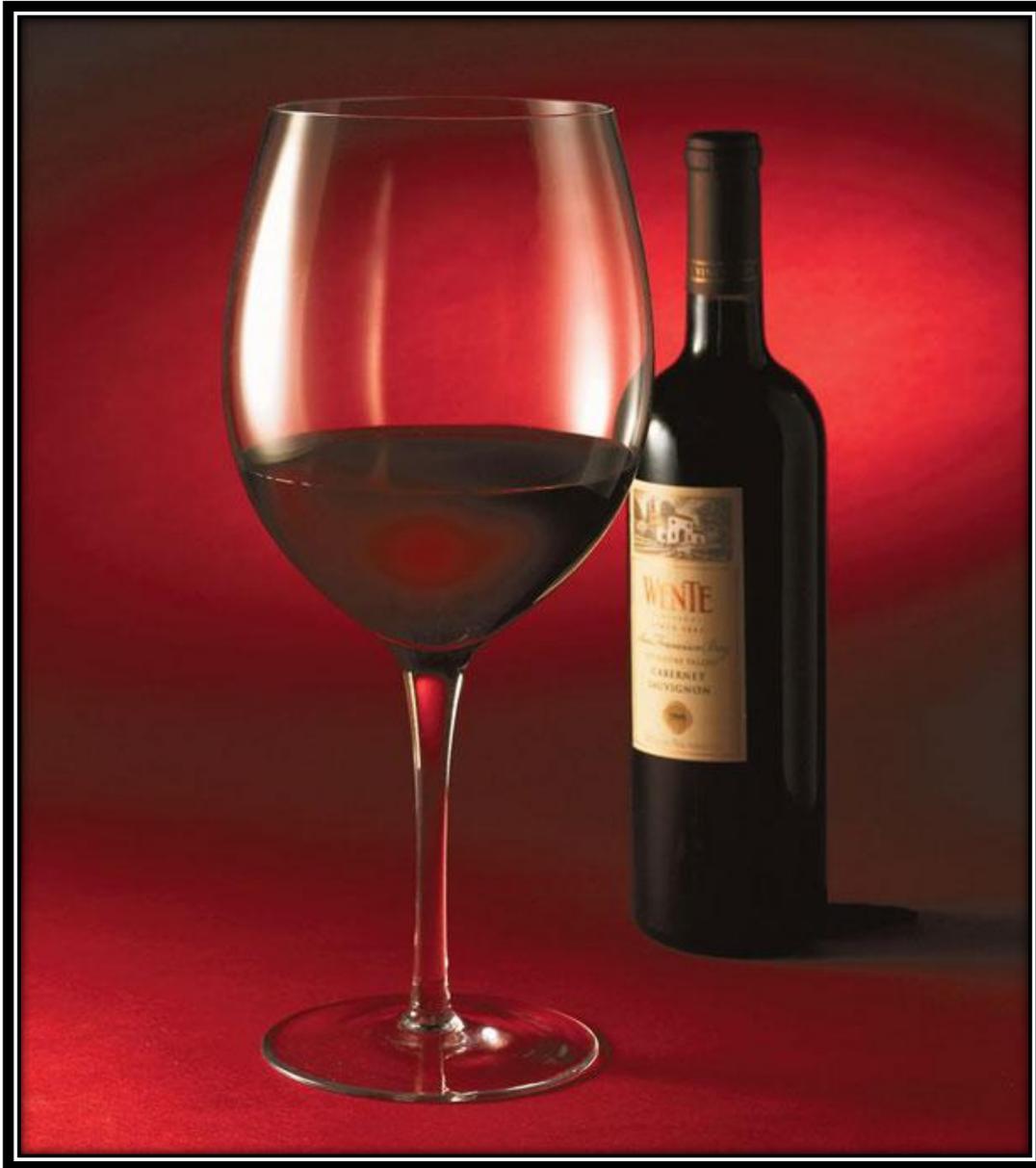
**Correcting the Excesses of the  
Temperance Movement and  
Studying the Bible Honestly**

Therefore I esteem all  
thy precepts concerning  
all things to be right; and  
I hate every false way.

Psalm 119:128



There is much more  
material on this subject  
than this short study.



# Important Reminders

- This study is not to promote drinking alcohol.
- Wine is a liberty to be defended both ways.
- Drunkenness is folly and an excludable sin.
- Abstinence is not properly temperance.
- Abstinence enforced religiously is heresy.



# Why the Study?

- Variety to appreciate the entire Bible God gave us.
- One of the best subjects to teach Bible study.
- A possible subject for evangelistic purposes.
- Greenville County is still a dry county on Sundays.
- Protection from Baptist Pharisaism in these parts.



# Wine Facts

- Wine is not grape juice, not ever.
- Wine is fermented, alcoholic beverage of grapes.
- Wine is a natural result crushing grapes with skins.
- Wine fermentation ends between 10-14% alcohol.
- Wine coolers are wine diluted with fruit juice.
- Strong drink is fermented and/or distilled beverages.
- Beer is between 2-5% alcohol ... cold grain soup.
- Wine or strong drink to excess causes drunkenness.
- Beer and wine have health benefits now known.



# Wine History

- First thing planted ... vineyard ... by Noah 2500 B.C.
- From 1920 to 1933 the Constitution made it illegal.
- Billy Sunday, a Presbyterian, ranted against booze.
- The Temperance Movement used ignorant women.
- The law is gone, but many Christians think it sin.



# The Judge

“I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way” (Ps 119:128).

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:20).

“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Matt 15:9).

# Drunkenness Condemned

- Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess (Ep 5:18).
- Time past ... suffices us ... excess of wine (I Pet 4:3-4).
- Drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom (I Cor 6:10).
- Works of the flesh are ... drunkenness (Gal 5:19-21).
- Don't keep company with a ... drunkard (I Cor 5:11).



# Wine Commended - 1

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

Psalm 104:14-15

# Wine Commended - 2

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish,  
and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and  
remember his misery no more.

Proverbs 31:6-7

# Wine Commended - 3

And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

Deuteronomy 14:26

# Wine Commended - 4

33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil.

34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking;  
and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

Luke 7:33-34

# Wine Commended - 5

- Abraham and Melchizedek shared wine.
- Isaac blessed Jacob with plenty of wine.
- David provided wine for every family.
- Nehemiah served it to King Artaxerxes.
- The priests drank the best of it.
- Job's family drank wine.
- Solomon recommended it for pleasure.
- Wisdom is described as preparing wine for men.
- Jesus provided a lot of it for a wedding.



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Now Carry Our  
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Is Ruining Our  
Merchant Marine  
600 AMERICAN VESSELS  
ARE TIED TO THE DOCKS

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AMERICAN SOLDIERS  
FOUGHT FOR LIBERTY  
AND WERE REWARDED  
WITH PROHIBITION  
HOW COME ?

**TO CONGRESS !**  
YOU CARE FOR OUR  
CRIPPLED SOLDIERS  
OUR MORALS WILL  
CARE FOR THEMSELVES !

# Is Wine Wine? - 1

- Is the Pope a Catholic?
- Some lie with very flagrant circular reasoning.
- Every scriptural context of wine is really wine!
- The Hebrew YAYIN is the same.
- The Greek OINOS is the same.

# Is Wine Wine? - 2

- Noah ... Melchizedek ... Lot ... used same “wine.”
- David ... Esther ... the “wine” not to be seen.
- Solomon ... Abigail gave ... “wine” that mocks.
- Jesus ... Timothy ... used the “wine” Paul feared.
- Why is “wine” associated with strong drink?

# Is Wine Wine? - 3

- Why were bishops/deacons not to be given to it?
- Why was Timothy told to use a “little” of it?
- Why is reference made to an “excess” of it?
- Did the Good Samaritan pour juice in wounds?
- Did juice burst old bottles or dull crucifixion?

# Is Wine Wine? - 4

- No one calls grape juice, wine!
- No one calls wine, grape juice!
- You cannot even order grape juice in a restaurant!
- Using grapes for grape juice wastes a vineyard!
- A child with Strong's Concordance can prove it so!

# Is New Wine Wine?

“Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine” (Acts 2:13).

“Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart” (Hosea 4:11).

What is new wine? ... the current vintage ... duh!

What is old wine? ... of an older vintage ... duh!

# Is Sweet Wine Wine?

“And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob” (Isaiah 49:26).

What is sweet wine? ... like Zinfandel ... duh!

What is dry wine? ... like Cabernet ... duh!

# Did the Jews Dilute Wine with Water?

“Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water” (Isaiah 1:22).

If generally diluted, why did it get so many drunk?

If generally diluted, why many warnings against it?

Diluting wine is as stupid as adding dross to silver!



# Does Drunkenness Condemn Wine?

- Or ... does wine cause drunkenness?
- Does food cause gluttony?
- Do guns cause murder?
- Does property cause stealing?
- Do animals cause bestiality?

# Does Wine Cause Drunkenness?

- No, because what goes in your mouth is not sin.
- Anything in your mouth ends up in the draught.
- Drunkards drink too much ... a heart issue.
- It is the heart that defiles a man ... not a drink.
- Sin is rebel man's choice to abuse God's creation.

# 75 Bible References on Drinking

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LIPS THAT  
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# 1. Gen. 9:20-26

*The first drunkenness and the attendant immoral behavior.*

- Noah sinned by drinking to excess.
- The verse says nothing about moderate drinking.
- One of God's great men made a vineyard a priority!

## 2. Gen. 19:30-38

***Drinking results in Lot's debauchery of his own daughters.***

- Lot sinned by drinking to excess on two nights.
- The verse says nothing about moderate drinking.
- He was so drunk he did not know what happened.

### 3. Gen. 27:25

*Isaac was drinking when he mistakenly blessed Jacob.*

- Rebecca and Jacob deceived blind Isaac, not wine.
- The verse says nothing about moderate drinking.
- A special meal like on this occasion includes wine.

## 4. Lev. 10:9

*An express command not to drink.*

- This verse only applied to Aaron and his sons.
- And it only applied to them in the tabernacle.
- Otherwise, priests drank the best wine (Num 18:12).

## 5. Num. 6:3

### *The vow of the Nazarite.*

- It was only for Nazarites ... only for a short time.
- It also prohibited raisins, haircuts, and funerals.
- The Nazarite then drank, like Jesus (6:20; Luke 7:33-34).

## 6. Deut. 21:20

***Drinking leads to stubbornness, rebellion, gluttony and brings dishonor to parents.***

- Drunkenness was one sin of this young fool.
- It was caused by his stubbornness and rebellion.
- It is what comes out of a man, not what goes in!

## 7. Deut. 29:2-6

***Abstinence assures a closer walk with God.***

- Abstinence from what? They did not eat bread!
- To walk with God requires manna and rock water!
- If you buy shoes, you forfeit walking with God.

## Wait a Minute!

How did this Teetotaler  
get to Deut 21 and 29  
and miss Deut 14:26?

What might it teach?

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# How Could a Man Do This?

- He surely used a concordance to find his verses.
- But he ignored the verses that commend wine.
- God warned about men partial in his law (Mal 2:9).
- What other verses did he ignore? ... Judges 9:13; II Sam 6:19; Psalm 104:14-15; Eccl 10:19; Luke 7:33-34; John 2:1-11; I Tim 5:23; etc.

# Conclusion

- Love your Bible and how it covers all subjects.
- Never, ever abuse God's precious gift of wine.
- Think of someone you could show God's way.
- Defend every man's right to his own liberty.
- Read God's word carefully to find the true sense.

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# For Further Study

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