**Book of John Series Vol 3 Chap 2
Be Not Drunk by John McGlone**

**Joh 2:1-25** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." 4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do *it.*" 6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it.* 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" 11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

This passage is one of the most oft quoted and misinterpreted by sinners especially those that are partying and getting drunk. This is the only recordation of this miracle that Jesus performed. They actually use this as an excuse when the Bible leaves no reason to be a drunkard. We will respond that usually they are not drinking wine so how can they justify drinking hard liquor or beer based on that passage? I have often thought of God allowing this miracle or to be remembered in the Bible as a test to people to see what they would allow into their lives in regards to partying/drunkenness and a demonstration of how people twist His Word to their own destruction.

**SEVEN AREAS TO TALK ABOUT: 1. Be Not Drunk 2. New Wine vs. Old Wine 3. Concerns 4. Standards 5. Medicinal Purposes 6. Church Govt 7. Conclusions/Testimonies**

**BE NOT DRUNK:**

***1 Cor 6:9-11*** *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous,* ***nor drunkards,*** *nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

***Pro 20:1*** *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*

***Gen 9:20*** *And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: 21* ***And he drank of the wine, and was drunken;*** *and he was uncovered within his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. 23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.*

***Mat 24:48-51*** *But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to* ***eat and drink with the drunken****; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

***1Pet 4:3*** *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:*

***Pro 23:29-35*** *Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? 30 Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine.31 Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; 32 At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. 33 Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. 34 Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: 35 "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"*

***Eph\_5:18*** *And* ***be not drunk*** *with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

G3182 methuskō *meth-oos'-ko*

A prolonged (transitive) form of G3184; to *intoxicate:* - be drunk (-en).

When does one become intoxicated?

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| 1. *verb (of alcoholic drink or a drug) cause (someone) to lose control of their faculties or behavior.*
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*Archaic to poison (someone).*

 **New Wine VS Old Wine View**

***Mat\_9:17*** *Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.*

***Mar\_2:22*** *And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.*

***Luk 5:32-39*** *I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." 33 Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?" 34 And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? 35 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days." 36 Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old.* ***37*** *And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. 38 But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. 39 And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.' "*

The carnal appetites for drunkenness are always more appealing than the Holy Spirit or new wine if you are not born again.

***SIDEBAR:
Act\_2:13*** *Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.*

We often hear this when we preach, that we have been drinking.

**CONCERNS:**

So, basically there are two concerns about four views concerning wine or drinking alcohol:

First concern is what type of wine is being spoken of new or old wine? Secondly, if we are allowed old or fermented wine how does it relate to how much alcohol content?

**First concern:** When Jesus spoke of new wine into new skins we understand he was metaphorically talking about the Holy Spirit into new creatures born again from above. That the Holy Ghost will not come into ‘old’ skins in the sense you’re still living in your body they way you lived previously in your carnality of drunkeness

Practically, is there any applicability for new wine or grape juice vs. old wine or fermented juice which may get a person drunk?

***Isa\_65:8*** *Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.*

**Second Concern:** What is the limit for alcohol content; drunkenness. How much does it take to get drunk? The world calls alcohol, high spirits. This is the problem when you drink. It changes your spiritual condition and makes you susceptible to drinking more and outside influences on behavior; demons, other sinners, situations.

**Factoids:** A. Unrefrigerated grape juice with natural yeast from the skins turns into 4% wine within a week. B. To get more alcohol you must add more sugar/yeast, neither of which was the custom by most in that day.

**DIFFERING STANDARDS**1. Believers must abstain from drinking any alcohol.
2. Believers may drink some alcohol or just wine as long as they don’t get drunk. Which begs the question when does drunkenness set in?
3. If drinking wine is allowed is drinking; beer, whisky, rum etc okay as well, as long as you don’t get drunk?
4. Believers may drink whatever they like because they have liberty. Which begs the question, IF I get drunk can I be forgiven?

Whatever your standard, if it stumbles another brother, you are to cut it off. Since Rom 14 applies as a doubtful thing the context of this verse leads us to understand we should make such concessions in a behavior even is we oppose such conduct of drinking wine.

 ***Rom\_14:21*** *It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*

**Medicinal Purposes:**
***Luk 10:33-34*** *But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

Obviously used as an antiseptic for the wounds.
 ***1Ti 5:23*** *Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.*

Obviously the instruction from Paul to Timothy concerning his stomach assure us that we can at least drink new wine or grape juice for medicinal purposes

For water purification, the alcohol kills harmful bacteria, an archaic water cleanser. We know that sailors did the same thing with rum making what is called grog.

***Pro 31:4-7*** *It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink; :5 Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted. 6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to those who are bitter of heart. 7 Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.*

*This passage is often abused by those who know the Bible to support the idea as long as we have a physically mortal condition, bitterness, poverty we can get drunk. But, it doesn’t say that.

If we are dying, then strong drink would help us to deal with the pain. If we are bitter or poor in heart, wine can give us merriment. But, that must be tempered with not getting drunk. Beware brethren of the leaven of drunkenness.*

**CHURCH GOVT QUALIFICATIONS**
*1Ti\_3:3 Not given to wine, no patient, not a brawler, not covetous; striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but*

*1Ti\_3:8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;*

*Tit\_1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;*

*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;*

**CONCLUSIONS & GIVE TESTIMONY OF DRUNKENESS**What say each of you?

What will be your standard for your life and family?