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Question:

Does God approve of
Christians drinking alcohol
for recreational or social
purposes?

Wine in the Bible

- Fermented wine not inherent in the word “Wine” in the Bible
- Without doubt, the Bible shows “wine” can refer to juice still in the grape all the way to a fermented, intoxicating drink
- Fermented
 - Maximum 12-14%
 - Palestine 8%
 - Dilution
 - Vs. Pagan practice

Wine in the Bible

- There is a wine that is a blessing from God, the first-fruits offered to the Lord, a drink bringing gladness of heart
- There is a wine associated with irreverence & profaning religion, arousal of unrighteous conduct, woe, perversion of judgment, enslaving of the heart, transgression, and drunkenness

Proverbs

- Instructs us concerning a wine and drink that
 - Is a Mocker
 - Is a Brawler
 - Should not be looked upon with desire to have
 - That has the power to cause one to forget the law and pervert justice

Wine in the New Testament

- John 2:1-11
 - Galatians 5:21
 - Habakkuk 2:15
- Matthew 11:16-19; Luke 7:30-35
 - Luke 1:15
 - John 8:48; 9:24
- Matthew 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39

Wine in the New Testament

- Luke 10:33-34
- Acts 2:12-16
- I Timothy 3:2-3, 8; Titus 1:7, 2:2
 - James 1:21
 - I Peter 4:4
- I Corinthians 11:17-22

Wine in the New Testament

- Ephesians 5:18
- Romans 14:21
- I Timothy 5:23
- Others:
 - I Peter 4:3
 - Mark 15:23
 - Revelation – 7 times

Wine in the New Testament

- We went through these NT Scriptures because they speak of wine and are often used to defend the drinking of alcohol for social and recreational purposes
- These Scriptures give no such authority

