

# THE CHRISTIAN & ALCOHOL

Question:

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

# I Peter

- 1:13-15
  - Sober (nepho)
    - Strong: to be sober, abstain from wine
    - Vine: free from the influence of intoxicants
  - Not Conforming
    - Rom 12:1-2
  - Be Holy
    - 2:9
    - Col 3:10-11

# I Peter

- 2:11-12
  - Abstain from fleshly lusts
  - 2 Timothy 2:2
  - Titus 2:11-14
- 3:10-11
  - Turn from evil
  - Do good

# I Peter

- 4:1-4
  - He who has died has ceased from sin
    - Gal 2:20; 5:24
  - No longer live for the lusts of men but for the will of God
    - Rom 8:2

# I Peter

- 4:1-4
  - Former manner of life
    - Drunkenness
    - Revelling
    - Drinking parties
      - “potos” – “the drinking bout, the banquet, the symposium, not of necessity excessive...but giving opportunity for excess” (R.C.Trench)
      - Thayer – a drinking, carousing
      - Derivative of word in Mt 10:42

# I Peter

- 4:7
  - Be watchful
- 5:8
  - Be sober

# Exhortations

- I Thess 5:6-9
- Rom 13:11-14
- Phil 1:9-11
- Prov 4:14
- I Thess 5:21-22
- I Cor 6:19-20

# Worldliness & Purity

- I Jn 2:15-17
- Jas 1:27
- I Jn 3:3
- Eph 5:26-27

# Your Influence

- Makes us relatable to the world ?
  - But not godly influence
  - Godliness
    - Tit 1:1
    - 2 Pet 1:2-3, 6; 3:11-12
- Drink privately?
  - I Cor 8:10
- Drink publicly?
- Your children
  - Mt 18:6-7

# Your Influence

- Other Christians
- The lost
- The church
- I Timothy 4:12
- I Peter 5:3
  - Heb 13:7
- Mt 5:13-16

