

Come let us Grow Together: Alcohol

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” (Eph 5:18) Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit of God? This is what you need in your life. A relationship with Jesus Christ where you have been born again and have the Holy Spirit of God. Don’t spend your time getting drunk with wine or any other kind of alcohol. Rather be filled with the Holy Spirit of God! Being filled with the Holy Spirit of God is not a one time experience. You can be filled over and over again. Even as the scriptures teach us that it isn’t a one time experience.

The Apostles already had the Holy Ghost as we find in Acts chapter 2 where the birth of the New Testament Church began. “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:1-4)

Yet we read again where they were filled with the Holy Ghost. “But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:19-20, 23, 31)

The Apostle Paul when writing to Titus also tells us how we were saved and this included “renewing of the Holy Ghost”. “But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;” (Titus 3:4-6)

Finally, we also see that the Holy Ghost is not a one time experience in the book of Jude. “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” (Jude 20-21)

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” (Pro 20:1) “Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have

stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.” (Pro 23:31-35) “Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!” (Hab 2:15)

It’s time to “be filled with the Spirit” and leave off from getting drunk on alcohol. “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:” (1 Peter 1:13-14)