

John # 31 “The Wedding Guest” Part 2 *John 2:1-12*

Drunkenness and drinking are not the same and drunkenness is ALWAYS condemned as a sin in Scripture.

Drinking of alcoholic beverage is allowed under certain conditions as Paul told Timothy in *1st Timothy 5:23*

“Stop drinking only water and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.”

Medicinally speaking, a limited amount of alcoholic beverage is considered beneficial in certain circumstances.

But the adverse effects of alcohol MUST be considered;

It can easily lead to impulsive and often abusive behavior because as a depressant, it lowers one’s inhibitions, dulls one’s reflexes and amplifies one’s tendencies toward mental attitude sins.

Alcoholism leads to national disaster, economic depression and mass frustration; *Joel 1:5-6*.

As a result of their lives becoming so meaningless, they started drinking heavily and shortly became a nation of alcoholics and the underlying reason for their drinking was to escape their conviction.

Whenever anyone is negative to biblical truth, he always creates a vacuum in his soul into which is drawn a multitude of mental attitude sins producing self-induced misery.

And part of this vacuum is boredom which all too often is drawn to alcohol as an escape from the pain.

Anyone who depends on alcoholic beverage to escape cannot face reality and the weeping that follows is a sign of disorientation to life.

Since their beer and wine is removed, what do they have left? Because their crutch is removed they are completely off-balance and whole-heartedly believe they have nothing left at all.

When believers convert biblical truth into their own spiritually mature status through daily learning, understanding, believing and applying the Word; these believers then know fully that God is more than willing to share His happiness with them.

And the water pots represent believers filled with water or by analogy, biblical truth which is converted into joy through God sharing His happiness with them.

So this miraculous sign not only focused attention on the God-man but also illustrated the way in which biblical truth in the soul converts the believer into his joyous spiritually mature status.

Our Lord's M.O.

- 1.) To appear at an important event**
- 2.) To use the symbols connected to the event to reveal something about Himself**
- 3.) To provide much more than the event promises**
- 4.) And yet, He'll be misunderstood every time**

The purpose of the sign was to declare the Lord Jesus Christ's glory.

The value of a sign is what it teaches about Christ.

God's plan is perfect and it's a plan of grace with no place for human talent or credit.

It is always the religious crowd that criticizes the social life of the relaxed grace crowd.

All members of society in biblical times drank wine with the exception of the Nazarites.

Hebrew 1. Yayin 2. Theeroush 3. Shaikhor; Greek 4. Oinos

The Bible does not condemn eating or drinking alcohol but gluttony and drunkenness are sins!

Proverbs 20:1 "Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler, whoever is led astray by them is not wise."

Proverbs 23:20-21a "Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor."

Isaiah 5:11 "Woe to those who rise early in the morning to run after their drinks, who stay up late at night till they are inflamed with wine."

To be married in a church adds nothing to the union or the compatibility afterward.

Marriage is a Divine institution not a Christian institution; however Christian marriage is designed to emulate the union of the Lord Jesus and His church.