



*...But Didn't Jesus Turn  
Water Into Wine?*

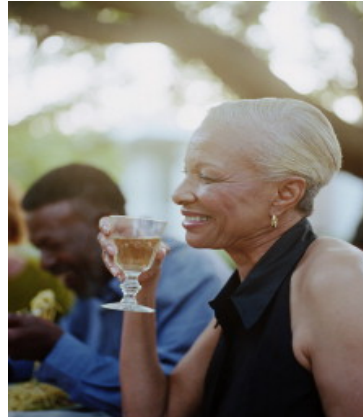
Exploring the Issues Surrounding the  
Christian and Drinking

*Did You Know That?*

- Approximately 35% of adults in America don't drink...
- The average adult who drinks consumes between *2 and 3 gallons* of alcohol per week...
- Statistics say that 10% of people who drink will become an alcoholic...

## Christians Debate...

Betty is having a glass of wine at a social function. Is *Betty* committing a sin?



## An Examination of Romans 14

- *A disputable matter is one in which people have different points of view...*
- Discuss the meaning and your interpretation of the following verses in Romans 14:
  - Verse 3
  - Verse 10-12
  - Verse 13-14
  - Verse 15
  - Verse 19-21
  - Verse 22-23

## Romans 14

- There are certain issues that Christians will debate and disagree upon.
- Each man and woman will have to be judged for himself or herself.
- If something that you're doing causes distress for your brother or sister you should not do it around them.
- If something that you're doing causes your brother or sister to stumble or fall you should not do it around them.
- Your actions should be based on your convictions. Be serious about your beliefs.

## *What the Bible says about Wine...*

- Proverbs 20:1
- Isaiah 5:11
- Ephesians 5:18



*Drinking too much alcohol can bring out the worst in you...*

## What the Bible says about **Drunkenness**

- Proverbs 23: 20-21
- I Corinthians 6: 9-10
- Galatians 5: 19-21



10% of drinkers become  
drunkards

*The Scriptures point to drunkenness or over-indulging in alcohol as a sin... However, by just drinking, the Christian does put himself or herself **at-risk** to becoming a drunkard.*

*The Christian must be careful  
that his or her drinking does not  
cross the line into drunkenness...*

*Drunkenness is sin...*

*You must know your own tolerance  
level. Drunkenness can also lead to  
other types of sin...*

*Name some of the bad things that  
happen when under the influence  
of alcohol...*



## Signs that You or Someone You Know May Be an Alcoholic

- Drinking to forget problems
- Drinking alone often
- Lying about drinking habits
- Losing interest in food
- Feeling unhappy or irritable when not drinking
- Losing memories of certain events  
(*blacking out*)
- Occasions of having a drink first thing in the morning

## *Factors that can increase the risk of alcoholism...*

- Children of alcoholics are 4 times more likely to become an alcoholic themselves than other people
- High Stress in one's life
- Psychological problems and issues such as low-self esteem and depression

## The Effects of Alcohol

...the more you drink...the more you progress towards **danger**...

- Level 1: Euphoria (*self-confident, daring*)
- Level 2: Excitement (*sleepy, uncoordinated body movements*)
- Level 3: Confusion (*dizzy, slurred speech*)
- Level 4: Stupor (*can barely move or stand, vomiting*)
- Level 5: Coma (*unconscious*)
- Level 6: Death (*stops breathing and dies*)

*Do you or someone you know  
have an alcohol problem?*

*Admitting that you have lost  
control of your drinking is the first  
step to seeking and getting the  
help you need...*

[www.alcoholics-anonymous.org](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org)