

All Bible believing Christians agree that drunkenness is a sin

- Clear Biblical evidence for this
- Deuteronomy 21:20, Ecclesiastes 10:17, Matthew 24:29, Luke 12:45, 21:34, Romans 13:13, 1 Corinthians 5:11, Ephesians 5:18, 1 Peter 4:3
- Priests were commanded not to drink alcohol while performing duties of a priest, Leviticus 10:9, Ezekiel 44:21
- The same priest, though, could consume wine while not working, Numbers 18:12, 27, 30
- Kings not permitted to drink while judging the law, Proverbs 31:4-5
- Elder cannot be a drunkard, 1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7
- No drunkard will inherit the Kingdom of God (shows that you are not a child of the King), 1 Corinthians 6:10, Galatians 5:21
- Many sins associated with drunkenness, including incest (Genesis 19:32-35), violence (Proverbs 4:17) adultery (Revelation 17:2) many other sins

The Bible though, teaches that alcohol itself is not an evil

- Psalm 104:14-15
- John 2:1-11 (Jesus first miracle recorded in Book of John DID NOT give license to get drunk, but CLEARLY can be seen that Jesus (who is God) did not think that wine/alcohol was evil in itself, when used as created, in moderation)
 - The Greek word used here is (Oivos) wine which is the very same word used in other verses such as Ephesians 5:18 'don't be drunk with wine, that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit'
 - The word Oivos, ALWAYS means fermented wine in scripture, and was not just unfermented grape juice, this drink (oivos or wine) could clearly produce a drunken state.
- Matthew 11:19 'same word' oivopotas used to describe Jesus, they accused him of wrong because he did eat and drink wine. This was the same fermented wine seen above. So obviously Jesus did not get drunk (although they wrongly accused him of this.) BUT He did drink wine (oivos) which was fermented wine. (Although never drank in excess- which is clearly sin).

Other scripture proofs that alcohol is not wrong in itself, but only when abused or drunk in excess (alcohol consumption is not condemned only drunkenness is condemned)

- Used for communion in scripture (Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:25, Luke 22:18) medical reasons (1 Timothy 5:23) Old testament worship (Numbers 28:14)
- Deuteronomy 14:26

Many people should completely abstain from alcohol, being addicted to it or given to it as an unbeliever. Everyone should act in accordance to their conscience in this matter, before the Lord. Those believers that do choose in good conscience to have an alcoholic beverage (never in excess) are commanded as well to be very sensitive to other believers, especially to those who have sinned in alcoholism or addictive behaviors in the past.

(Luke 17:1-2, Romans 14:1-23 VERY IMPORTANT SCRIPTURE) Romans 14:21 'It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble' (wine here is same Greek word- oivos meaning fermented wine or alcohol)