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ALCOHOL

The Bible has many warnings against the consumption of alcohol [strong drink]. One such passage, of many, is found in Habakkuk 2:4a and 5a that says, ***“Behold, his soul which is lifted up [in pride] is not upright in him... yea also, because he transgresseth by wine...”***

Verses 15-16 say, ***“15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, [so] that thou mayest look on their nakedness. 16 Thou art filled with shame for glory. Drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered...”***

Nothing good comes from drinking alcohol of any kind. Jesus did not make alcoholic wine at the marriage feast in Cana. He made what the governor of the feast called “the best” wine, which meant fresh pressed grape juice, the “new wine.” The word for wine means anything from the grape. The new wine is fresh grape juice. Old wine was the fermented [the process of turning into alcohol] wine. What Jesus made at Cana was “new wine,” i.e., fresh grape juice.

Both the Old and New testaments have warnings against the consumption of the “old” wine [fermented grape juice] and “strong drink” which is alcohol.

No born-again, Spirit-filled Christian should drink alcohol beverages unless they have been taught wrong, or their “culture” permits it. And yes, I have seen geographical regions where the Christian culture permits it, but culture alone is not the arbiter of what is good or bad, right, or wrong.

If you have concerns about this, seek the Lord in prayer and let the Holy Spirit show you the truth. Let the Holy Spirit be your counselor and guide. This is not written to condemn anyone. It is written to open your mind to what God teaches in His word.

If you are bound by alcohol, ask the Lord to set you free, and start over fresh and anew.