

## SERMON NOTES

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### What does the Bible have to say about drinking?

*“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”*

Ephesians 5:18

The Curious Conversation question **“Is there room for drinking at all for a believer?”**

We are not to allow anything to take our mind off Christ. That is called an \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 20:5-6 *“God is a jealous God visiting iniquity of the fathers on the children to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation of them who hate me; But showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep my commandments.”*

Deuteronomy 5:9-10 *“... I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.”*

Notice again, *“... I lay the sins of the parents upon their children... the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.”*

We are all \_\_\_\_\_. But there is something called having an \_\_\_\_\_ personality where you can not stop.

For a follower of Christ, God’s \_\_\_\_\_ can set a person \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

1 John 2:12-17 *“I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of His name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”*

What happens when a person gets drunk and loses all inhibition?

Proverbs 20:1 *“Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.”*

Proverbs 23:29-32 warns against lingering over alcohol to the point of drunkenness, noting that in the end it *"bites like a snake and poisons like a viper."*

The Bible does \_\_\_\_\_ say, "Thou shalt not drink a drop of alcohol."

Ephesians 5:18: *"Do not get \_\_\_\_\_ on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."*

Debauchery = excessive, unrestrained overindulgence

We are not \_\_\_\_\_ from drinking in moderation.

Psalm 104:14–15: God brings forth *"wine that gladdens human hearts."*

Ecclesiastes 9:7: *"Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has already approved what you do."*

1 Timothy 5:23 Wine can have \_\_\_\_\_ value. *"Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses".*

However, there are serious complications and \_\_\_\_\_ to drinking in excess

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Billy Graham: Do not be dominated by alcohol but be Spirit-filled or \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit of God's presence and power.

Ephesians 5:18. *"As believers in Christ we're to be under the influence of God's Spirit".*

To "be filled with the Spirit" pictures a \_\_\_\_\_ filling.

John 7:38 *"He who believes in Me ... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water"*

The supply of joy and service to others is never exhausted because it has its source in the Holy Spirit who is \_\_\_\_\_.