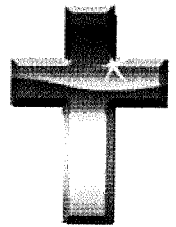


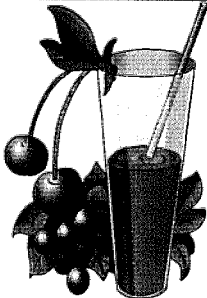
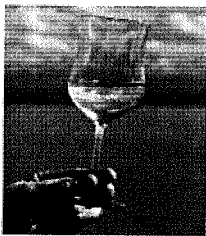
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THE FRUIT OF THE VINE



Fermented or unfermented

CHOOSE TO DRINK: you choose: CIRRHO-SIS OF THE LIVER, ULCERS IN YOUR STOMACH, ALCOHOL POISONING, MORAL BEHAVIOR IS REPLACED BY VIOLENCE, ERRATIC SEXUAL ACTIVITY, DRUNK DRIVING. ANY PERSON THAT ADVOCATES EVEN MODERATE DRINKING IS NOT FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT OF GOD. The unborn is even affected by a social drinking mother! Is this the message of Godly, holy teaching? NO WAY! What teaching will you promote after reading this?

DON'T BE DECEIVED BY STRONG DRINK

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17-If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." We are seeking to overcome a very perverse teaching that is prevalent in the Churches today. The idea that the use of alcoholic beverages by Christians is permissible and even approved by God in today's World. When Jesus completed his earthly ministry many of the Old Testament scriptures were fulfilled in him! No person ever lived above sin till Jesus accomplished this feat and now today we too can live above sin through Christ our Lord. There are many ways a person can defile his temple which is his body. Certainly all will agree that the use of drugs even prescription drugs harm the body. That is why in this present day we are warned of the side effects before using any drug so the medical community can avoid lawsuits while treating patients. Alcohol is a drug, make no mistake about that. It is the #1 drug problem of teens and children. It is a mind altering drug which affects the central nervous system and liver. It is a depressant that decreases your awareness of things and inhibitions cease to exist. Luke 1:15 "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb." These words were literally spoken about John the Baptist, yet as a Christian shouldn't our goal be a person that is pleasing to God? A way to accomplish a life pleasing to God is to abstain from wine and strong drink. Revelation 1:5-6 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6-And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Do you want to be destroyed by God because you followed the worldly, carnal teachings of the Bible by men who can't see past their own lusts? I don't and neither should you! We are to be a holy people and how can we properly reflect God's image and uphold the sanctity of Christ while drinking? I am not speaking of drunkenness or the overindulgence of alcohol for that should be known of all that excess is definitely a no-no. The true doctrine of Christ is to make us kings and priests and in the Bible it says in Proverbs 31:4-6 "It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: 5-Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. 6-Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts." Aren't we perverting others when we drink? Maybe I can be a person that doesn't overindulge. Maybe I don't get drunk but what have I become to my brother who can't hold his liquor? I have just become a stumbling-block. Romans 14:13, 15, 21 "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his

brother's way. 15-But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. 21-It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." We are not to cause any person to fall because of our liberties. The person who was an alcoholic, now saved, may return to his destruction because some ungodly preacher or some ill advised lay-member teaches them that it is okay to drink alcohol and think they are so wise when they quote the scriptures where Jesus turned the water into wine! We can find that story in John Chapter 2:1-11. The point to make here is that the wine Jesus made here DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO FERMENT! We find cases in the Bible where there were miracles, yet the miracle didn't alter the laws of nature when the miracle was done. Jairus had a daughter who dies and after Jesus took her by the hand and says in Mark 5:41,43 "And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 43-And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat." The girl though raised from the dead needed to EAT in order to get her body back to working order! Once the power of God is displayed all returns to normal as God created the natural processes. The water turned into wine though tasting great didn't have the time to ferment, simple! This all agrees with the fact that Jesus was of Nazareth which means he was a Nazarite. One thing Nazarites didn't do was drink wine or strong drink. Judges 13:7 "But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death." Everyone in the Bible received their strength and power from God and Jesus who existed in the bosom of God before he was born of a woman. Jesus was the greatest man who ever lived and we are to follow him, not others! The fact that Jesus himself was of Nazareth goes virtually unnoticed by the unlearned because their mind is preoccupied with finding loopholes in the Bible instead of seeking its truth, holiness, righteousness and the real message of living in grace. If we follow the Spirit of God we will live a life that won't cause others to stumble. The Fruit of the Vine can be non-alcoholic or totally toxic depending on the stage of fermentation. Alcohol has devastating effects on the human body without a doubt. It can cause cancer, break down our immune system leaving us vulnerable to infections, diseases and all kinds of disorders, not to mention causing us to act unwisely. Over half of all car and motorcycle deaths are alcohol related. Do not even be a moderate partaker of alcoholic beverages. Is this what we want to do, hurt those who are vulnerable? I don't think so! Don't be deceived by the lies of men. Choose to obey the Spirit of God. Be an example on living a life of godliness. AMEN