

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 22, 2012



Alcohol: What Does the Bible Really Say? (Part 2)

by Clifton Angel

As we begin "Part 2" of our study of the Bible concerning its instructions in accordance with the use of alcohol, let us not forget "Part 1". The "parts" are not completely self-standing, rather intended to build upon one another.

Paul DID tell Timothy to use "a little wine" for his stomach. *"Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities"* (1 Timothy 5:23). Will you note with me a few things concerning this verse?

First, this was a direct instruction to Timothy; not to Titus, Barnabas, Peter, or Mary. Paul was addressing a specific situation concerning Timothy. To take this as direct instruction for us today would be an improper reading of the text, and with such logic, one may be led to build an ark from the direct instruction in Genesis 6:14, *"Make thee an ark of gopher wood"*.

Second, we do not know what characteristics this "wine" had. What was its alcoholic content? It has been said that alcoholic beverages today contain a far greater alcohol content than fermented beverages in the first century.

Third, the specific purpose Paul gave to Timothy for the use of this "wine" was for his "stomach's sake" and his "often infirmities". This was a medicinal prescription that Paul gave. It is interesting, that many will bring up medicinal uses of alcohol when trying to justify something far different--freedom to drink any time, as long as not getting drunk. Such is very different than using alcohol as medicine. It would also be wise for us to consider that we have ready access to so many medicines that do not require alcohol. Red grape juice will do the same for your heart as red wine (which many doctors prescribe), yet without the alcohol. Drinking plenty of water will aid in cleansing the kidneys, instead of resorting to...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
on 1st & 3rd Sundays at
4:15 p.m.

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...such a thing as beer. Do we REALLY need drinking alcohol for medicine today?

Fourth, if this is instruction for us to drink alcohol, it is also instruction for us to “drink no longer water”. Is this instruction for us today?

Finally, keeping things in context, we find in the previous verse that Paul says “*neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure*” (1 Timothy 5:22). Would such an admonition include drinking with others, or *like* others? May we all seek to read the Bible correctly and draw the conclusions God would have us to draw. *(To be continued)*

“Remember Now”

by Clifton Angel

When I’m 20 years old,
And looking back on my teens,
Will I smile on my past,
Or be ashamed of what I’ve seen?

When I’m 30 years old,
Looking back on the last nine,
Did I give glory to God,
Or make it all mine?

Once I’ve reached 40,
And making my trek through life,
Have I left a trail of blessings,
Or caused a myriad of strife?

When I’m 50 years old,
Looking back on the years,
Will I grin of the godly joy,
Or frown on the painful tears?

When I’m 60 years old,
And time is fleeting by,
Would I enjoy another forty,
Or would I rather die?

When 70 has come so quickly,
And my body is quite frail,
Have I prepared my spirit for Heaven,
Or am I still on the path to Hell?

When 80 is here at the drop of a hat,
But my mind is not at all,
Will my grandchildren know of the great life I led,

Or will they look at my life in appall?
If God provides that I reach 90,
And my life withers like a clover,
Will I thank Him for my longevity of life,
Or would I rather just start over?

When I’m 100 years old,
And the young stand amazed at my age,
Will I even have my memory,
While God remembers all the mistakes I’ve made?

Will you take heed to these words,
My dear and precious friends,
And begin preparing now,
For what your life will be in the end?

“Remember now your Creator
In the days of your youth,”
Such powerful words from the Spirit,
Who, for our lives, has provided all Truth.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth...

(Ecclesiastes 12:1).

Special Thanks

*We had a great workday with several workers!
We are thankful for all the efforts that went
into the work done around the church property.*

Keep up the good work!

This Week's Daily Bible Reading:

Sunday:	2 Kings 4-5
Monday:	2 Kings 6-8
Tuesday:	2 Kings 9-11
Wednesday:	2 Kings 12-14
Thursday:	2 Kings 15-17
Friday:	2 Kings 18-19
Saturday:	2 Kings 20-22

Mark Your Calendars!

Coldwater VBS

June 10 - 14

Sardis Lake Christian Camp

June 17 - 23

Sermon Review

I'm a Deacon...Now What?

(1 Timothy 3:8-13)

- I. SERVE
- II. SERVE OFFICIALLY
- III. SERVE WELL

A True Friend

(Proverbs 18:24; 13:20)

A True Friend is...

- I. GENUINE (Prov. 17:17)
- II. JUST (Prov. 22:24, 25)
- III. A JUDGE (Prov. 27:6)

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Angel Family: Clifton's uncle (dad's brother), James Angel, died early Saturday morning. The funeral is Monday at 2PM in Georgia.

Nora Boling; Herbert & Helen Bowman; Sue Cobern; Shirley Yarbro; Wiley Tuggle & Betty Tuggle.

**Far East Missions
OpenDoor Ministry
Fishers of Men**

Family & Friends

Andrew Hagel, 2-month-old infant that has already had a heart transplant, and body is rejecting the new heart. **Mary Brett Baird**, 8 yr old child experiencing multiple health issues. **Gary Daugherty**, cancer. **Sheena Hunt**, various health problems. **Sherry Brown. Terry DeBerry, Nicole Blagburn**, co-worker of Molly, has breast cancer at the age of 30. **Chuck Tharp**, prostate cancer. **Eli Williams**, and his battle with cancer. **Missy Kelsay**, battling cancer. **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, has cancer. **Renee Loya**, (cousin of Elizabeth Baker), has MS. **Ray Maples** undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia. **Janie Brister** has multiple health problems. **Lavon Holden; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; Charles Easley; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

April Birthdays

4/4 -- Nora Boling
4/6 -- Ainsley Moore
4/20 -- Aubrey Ratliff

April Anniversary

4/4 -- Ashby & Tammy Johnson

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

Get Involved!

Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2012

Let's continue to read and study together!!

Southaven Gospel Meeting -- April 22-26

Speaker: B.J. Clarke

Theme: "Back to the Bible; Prepared for the Future"

Olive Branch Gospel Meeting -- April 22-25

Different speaker each day--See flyer

Men & Children Campout -- April 27 - 28

Bible Bowl -- April 28 -- 5PM -- Acts 20-22

Looxahoma building -- ALL invited! Potluck meal!

Southaven Ladies Day -- May 5

See Announcement in Foyer.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, April 22

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Caleb Baker
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell

Assist

Jason Bayless
Joe Owens

Opening Prayer	Jimmy Yarbro
Sermon	Andy Ratliff
Closing Prayer	Clifton Angel

Jerry Davis

Evening

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell

Jason Bayless
Ron Johnson

Closing Prayer

Wednesday, April 25

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Wiley Tuggle