

Verses that Need Thought and Consideration, not Avoidance

How do we reconcile the obvious warnings in the scriptures regarding drunkenness and wine with the passages below?

Deut. 14:26 (“similar” is literally “intoxicating”)

Psalm 104:15

Proverbs 31:6-7

John 2:1-10

Matt:26:26-29

I Cor. 11:17-22

I Tim. 3:8

Titus 2:3

I Tim. 5:23

Wine in the New Testament

Strong's 3631 oinos {oy'-nos}

Found in 33 verses in the Greek NT

Wine, winepress, sometimes a metaphor for the fiery wine of God's wrath

- Matt. 9:17 (all three words)
- Mark 2:22 (all four words)
- Mark 15:23
- Luke 1:15
- Luke 5:37 (two words)
- Luke 5:38
- Luke 7:33
- Luke 10:34
- John 2:3 (two words)
- John 2:9
- John 2:10
- John 4:46
- Romans 14:21
- Eph. 5:18
- I Tim. 3:8
- I Tim. 5:23
- Titus 2:3
- Rev. 6:6
- Rev. 14:8
- Rev. 14:10
- Rev. 16:19
- Rev. 17:2
- Rev. 18:3
- Rev. 18:13
- Rev. 19:15

Strong's 1098 gleukos {glyoo'-kos}

Found in 1 verse in the Greek NT

New wine, the sweet juice pressed the grape, sweet wine

- Acts 2:13

Strong's 3943 paroinos {par'-oy-nos}

from 3844 and 3631;; adj

Found in 2 verses in the Greek NT

Given to wine, drunken

- I Tim. 3:3
- Titus 1:7

“New” in the Context of Wine

Unlike the Hebrew texts, Greek has adjectives that were often times used to describe the status of the wine.

Strong’s 3501 neos {neh'-os} including the comparative neoterōs {neh-o'-ter-os}

Recently born, young, youthful, new

- Matt. 9:17
- Mark 2:22
- Luke 5:37
- Luke 5:38
- Luke 5:39
- Acts 2:13

Sober

Be Sober

I Thessalonians 5:6-8

I Tim. 3:2

I Tim. 3:11

Titus 1:8

Titus 2:2-6

I Peter 1:13

I Peter 5:8

Strong’s 4993 sophroneō {so-fron-eh'-o}

To be of sound mind, to be in one's right mind, to exercise self control, to put a moderate estimate upon one's self, think of one's self soberly, to curb one's passions

- Mark 5:15
- Luke 8:35
- Romans 12:3
- II Cor. 5:13
- Titus 2:6
- I Peter 4:7

Strong’s 3525 nepho {nay'-fo}

To be sober, watch, to be calm and collected in spirit; to be temperate, dispassionate, circumspect

- I Thes. 5:6
- I Thes. 5:8
- II Tim. 4:5
- I Peter 1:13
- I Peter 4:7
- I Peter 4:8

Strong's 3524 nephaleos {nay-fal'-eh-os} or nephalios {nay-fal'-ee-os}

Sober, temperate; abstaining from wine, either entirely or at least from its immoderate use; of things free from all wine, as vessels, offerings

- I Tim. 3:2 (“temperate”)
- I Tim. 3:11 (sober)
- Titus 2:2 (“temperate”)

Strong's 4998 sophron {so'-frone}

Of a sound mind, sane, in one's senses 2) curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate

- I Tim. 3:2 (“sober”)
- Titus 1:8
- Titus 2:2
- Titus 2:5