

Would Jesus Endorse Beer?

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The Bible plainly says of Christ: "...Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (1Peter 2:21-22). "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). "...Who is holy, harmless undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Heb. 7:26). "...Who knew no sin..." (2Cor. 5:21). "...In him is no sin" (1John 3:5). "...this man hath done nothing amiss." "...This was a righteous man" (Luke 23:41,47). Jesus lived above sin. He also teaches us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1Thes. 5:22). Therefore, in light of these passages, Jesus would not endorse beer or any other alcoholic beverage

Alcohol as a beverage is condemned in the Bible from cover to cover. "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it showeth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright" (Prov. 23:29-31). "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame thern" (Isa. 5:11)! "And be not drunk with wine..." (Eph. 5:18 cf. Gal. 5:21; Rom. 13:13). The word "drunk" here has to do with the process of becoming drunk. That involves even beer and the so-called "social" drink

Jesus promotes the family and family values (Matt. 19:3-9). He does not support any evil thing regardless of how much money it may bring in. It amazes me how many will run to the defense of beer, wine and liquor. TV beer ads lead us to believe how much joy and merriment their product brings those who imbibe it. They show scenes of laughing and having a good time. But they never show the reality of mangled bodies on the highways, in the emergency rooms and funeral homes. They don't want you to see the broken homes and battered children. All they seek to do is run to the bank with their pockets full!

Our town's annual festival is a time for fun, joy and amusement. But having a "beer tent" and "beer stage" in the midst of a family oriented gathering is teaching reverse morals and contradicts everything the Lord taught. Who can defend it?

Sin Is Not A Sickness

The following is a quote from G.K. Chesterton's book "Orthodoxy," page 147. The book was first published in 1908, which shows that this idea of sanitizing sin is not at all a new one. It is profound.

"It is a large matter and too much to one side of the road to be discussed adequately here; but this is the real objection to that torrent of modern talk about treating crime as disease, about making a prison merely a hygienic environment like a hospital, of healing sin by slow scientific methods. The fallacy of the whole thing is that evil is a matter of active choice whereas disease is not. If you say that you are going to cure a profligate as you cure an asthmatic, my cheap and obvious answer is, "Produce the people who want to be asthmatics as many people want to be profligates." A man

may lie still and be cured of a malady. But he must not lie still if he wants to be cured of a sin; on the contrary, he must get up and jump about violently. The whole point indeed is perfectly expressed in the very word which we use for a man in hospital; "patient" is in the passive mood; "sinner" is in the active. If a man is to be saved from influenza, he must be a patient. But if he is to be saved from forging, he must be not a patient but an impatient. He must be personally impatient with forgery. All moral reform must start in the active not the passive will."

Jesus On Every Page

The Lord Jesus Christ fills the pages of the entire New Testament.

In Matthew, He is the King of the Jews.

In Mark, He is the Beloved Son of God.

In Luke, He is the Perfect Son of Man.

In John, He is the Servant of Jehovah.

In Acts, He is the Ascended Lord.

In Romans, He is our Righteousness.

In 1Corinthians, He is the Firstfruits from the dead.

In 2Corinthians, He is made Sin for us.

In Galatians, He is the End of the Law.

In Ephesians, He is our Armor.

In Philippians, He is the Supplier of Every Need.

In Colossians, He is Preeminent in the Church.

In 1Thessalonians, He is our Returning Lord.

In 2Thessalonians, He is the World's Merciful Judge.

In 1Timothy, He is the Mediator.

In 2Timothy, He is the Seed of David.

In Titus, He is our Great God and Savior.

In Philemon, He is the Father's Partner.

In Hebrews, He is the Rest of Faith and Fulfiller of Types.

In James, He is the Lord of the Sabbath.

In 1Peter, He is the Theme of Old Testament Prophecy.

In 2Peter, He is the Longsuffering Savior.

In 1John, He is the Word of Life.

In 2John, He is the Target of the Antichrist.

In 3John, He is the Personification of Truth.

In Jude, He is the believer's Hope.

In Revelation, He is the Loving King and Lord.

The Church and You

If you want to work in the kind of a church

Like the kind of a church you like,

You needn't slip your clothes in a grip

And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind,

For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock the church;
It isn't the church -- It's you.

Real churches aren't made by men afraid,
'Lest somebody else goes ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks
You can raise the church from the dead.
And if while you make your personal stake,
Your neighbor can make one, too,
The church will be what you want to see;
It isn't the church, it's you.