

The STORY CHURCH

Personal & Group Study Guide: May 15, 2022
Message Series: True or False: Fact-Checking Controversial Christian Claims
Message Title: DRINKING ALCOHOL IS A SIN

Series Intro: True or False: Fact-Checking Controversial Christian Claims. In this series we are digging into some pretty serious topics ranging from social media and climate change to drinking alcohol and God's preferred pronouns. Every week, you'll have the opportunity to tell us where you land on each "Christian claim" by answering *true, mostly true, mostly false, or false* and we'll share the results to start every message.

Okay, first question: do you think there will be alcohol in Heaven? Why/why not? And what about Hell? Do you think Satan will be serving any adult beverages? Why/why not?

In The Story's community survey, well over 90% of people said the claim, "Drinking alcohol is a sin" is either totally or mostly FALSE - far and away the most overwhelming consensus we've had on any topic in this series. Why do you think that's the case?

Recent reports show that heavy drinking has been on the rise since March 2020 (the beginning of the pandemic). How has your (and/or your household's) alcohol consumption changed over the past couple of years? What factors have contributed to that change?

The Bible has a lot of good things to say about alcohol (and wine in particular). Take a moment to read Deuteronomy 11:13-14, Psalm 104:10-15, Isaiah 55:1, Matthew 11:18-19, and 1 Timothy 5:22-23. Summarize the Bible's view of wine in these passages.

However, there is no shortage of warnings throughout the Bible about drinking alcohol. According to Scripture, drinking alcohol IS a SIN if YOU:

- _____ it. (*Ephesians 5:6-14, Luke 8:17*)
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_____ isn't always a sin, but in the Bible, _____ always is.

Although it is one of God's good gifts, alcohol has the potential to affect us all in negative ways. Even if you don't have a personal problem with drinking, you almost certainly love someone who does. With that in mind, name a few things that you, with God's help, can change about yourself to approach alcohol from a more biblical point of view:

For more resources or to get help with an alcohol-related problem, visit samhsa.gov or email pastors@thestory.church today!