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THE PURPOSE OF THE WINE

Matthew 9:17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Review: The Purpose of the Wineskin

The wineskin is a container to hold, carry, and pour out wine deliberately.

The Wine is to be drank by people.

The Wine is drank for a reason.

The Purpose of the Wine:

Look at N.T. uses of wine in the natural and compare to wine in the spiritual. Represents the ministry of the Holy Spirit (Eph.5:18)

1. Celebration
2. Fellowship
3. Comfort (Easing Pain)

THE PURPOSE OF THE WINE (Continued--Part 4)

Today we will see three more purposes of the wine:

4. Cleansing and Healing

Luke 10:34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

-He went to him (We often expect people to drag themselves to church. We even commend people when they come sick)

-He bandaged him—Bandaging means he covered his wounds. This is one way we stop the bleeding. Keeps more dirt from being added to the wound.

-He poured oil and wine (Took what he had and used it to help. We all have oil and wine)

-He set him on his own animal (He set him implies that he had to lift and carry him in order for him to recover)

Remember the religious guys left him in the ditch to die. He was willing to be seen with the wounded one.

-When you help the wounded you often get blood and dirt on yourself. You have to risk being accused or criticize because of your association with the person. Jesus was accused of being the friend of sinners.

-brought him to an inn (got him to a place where he could get help and recover)

-took care of him (continued to help him and even paid for what others did)

it is interesting to note that nothing is mentioned of looking for the guys that beat him up. The mission was to help the wounded.

1 Timothy 5:23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES TO BE Poured INTO WOUNDS AND TO MEND THE BROKEN

- Cleansing removes the dirt—no longer feel guilty and dirty
- hurts but it is necessary (I remember as a little guy when Mom would pour alcohol over my skinned knees. It was painful but necessary.
- Keeps you from becoming infected. Deals with those foreign things that are not good for you.

5. Boldness

-Day of Pentecost

The same people who ran now took a stand. The wine did it. It made them brave.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GIVE COURAGE AND BOLDNESS TO ACCOMPLISH GOD-SIZED ASSIGNMENTS

-Note it was outside where the boldness was needed

-Out side the temple

-outside the gate called beautiful

-In the natural as people drink, they become uninhibited and the walls come down and they tell you everything they think. The new wine also causes all kinds of walls to come down and we have the courage to face things and do things we would not normally face or do.

6. Affects Judgment

Rev, 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." 19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs. Revelation 19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

-The winepress is a symbol of a place of wrath. This is the meaning of the term in Steinbeck's novel and the Scripture in Revelation THE GRAPES OF WRATH.

-The wine that flows out of the such a winepress represents something that has been judged.

-We drink the new wine (represented in the New Covenant when we partake communion) that has already been through the winepress of God's wrath. In other words, we do not carry God's condemnation on our lives and therefore will not pass it off to others. This is an awesome quality of the new wine.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL LEAD US TO OPERATE FROM A PLACE OF NO JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION

THERE ARE TWO BASIC CAMPS ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE—

- 1.The church needs to be more holy. Meaning—more separated—meaning detached from the world.
- 2.The church needs to be more holy. Meaning so full of love and grace that she can wade into the worst of places the world has to offer and release the fragrance of grace and forgiveness.

1. Results in finger pointing, accusing, condemning, criticizing, hating, discriminating and judging
2. Results in becoming more broken over people's sin, more compassion, more desire to touch them, more desire to understand them in order to reach them, willing to bear reproach to get to them.

1. Results in building our own fortress cities where we can live our lives more unaffected by the everyday world. We spend all our time together talking about how the world needs what we got. For the most part, it is a private party.

2. Results in building an open-house where people constantly come and go in order to get bread and drink to carry to the hungry and thirsty. Spend a lot of time going to the people who don't yet know about the good stuff you have found. Wants everyone at the party.

Which one would Jesus join?

Conclusion—Imagine with me for a moment such a place, such a people. We choose to allow the Holy Spirit to move us away from all our religious baggage and become vessels through which the new wine can be poured

out.

Across this city the wounded, bruised, bad, and broken cross our paths each day. Through pouring giving them a drink of the new wine and pouring it into their wounds we begin to see a people and place: celebration, fellowship, comfort, cleansing and healing, boldness, and no judgement.

We must become this way with each other and then pour it out all over this city!

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