



The Use of Alcoholic Beverages

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The purpose of Chisholm Baptist Church is to:

By God's grace, make a difference in our community for the glory of God.



The Bible is our final authority in all matters of faith and conduct. The Scriptures clearly teach that drunkenness and abuse of alcohol are sin. However, total abstinence from drinking alcoholic beverages is not mandated by Scripture.

Over the years, Christians have disagreed over whether or not moderate consumption of alcohol was appropriate conduct. As a Church, we recognize the liberty of each adult believer to make his/her own decision as to whether or not he/she will drink alcoholic beverages in moderation. For the following reasons, however, we believe the best choice is to totally abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages:

1. Drunkenness is sin, and leads to other sinful behavior. Alcohol abuse has an extremely destructive impact upon individuals, families and our society as a whole. This is especially evident in our local community. Many people seem to be unable to distinguish between moderate and excessive drinking. Total avoidance of alcoholic beverages is the easiest way to avoid this problem.

2. The Bible teaches that we are to avoid being a stumbling block to other Christians (Romans 14:1-21; 1 Corinthians 8:9-13). Moderate use of alcohol by "stronger" Christians can be a negative model, which could influence "weaker" Christians (especially young people) to fall into alcohol abuse. In some circumstances, any use of alcohol by a Christian may harm our testimony for Christ to unbelievers.
3. Our desire to be good stewards of the bodies that God has entrusted to us, makes even moderate use of alcohol a questionable practice (Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20).

Taken from the Chisholm Baptist Church Constitution, Article IV. #7 - Use of Alcohol.

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