

Song of Solomon 1:2: “Let Him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine”

Solomon opens his Song, writing of a woman, (a bride) expressing her deep love for her Man, (the bridegroom). I believe Solomon to be speaking of a woman ~ his bride, but I also believe the relationship expressed here to be prophetic, allegorical and symbolic of the church of Jesus Christ expressing her deep love for Christ, and her ardent desire to be whelmed and immersed in His love!

The love of Christ for His church is a very special love!

What is a kiss or the touching of the lips of a husband and wife but the outward (physical) expression of love!

The Apostle Paul/Peter ended some of their epistles by encouraging the saints to “greet one another with a holy kiss”. If the love of Christ is in you, express it to one another!

Now back to our text, THIS BRIDE, THIS WOMAN did not desire the kiss of any man, but from “One Man”; she longed for the unwavering and special love of Christ! And the kisses of His mouth were the expression of that special love! In Song 4:10 we find the bridegroom seeking the same love from His bride!

“How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! How much better is thy love than wine! And the smell of thine ointments than all spices!”

When you consider the love/kisses of a man and woman in marriage, it ought to be a special love! Ephesians 5:32

“For thy love [saith the bride] is better than wine”

A few Biblical facts about Wine: In the OT, (H3196: Yaw-yin), in the NT, (G3631: Oy-nos): Wine in the scriptures is associated with rejoicing, favor, joy, and blessings from God. It was poured out to God as a drink offering. (Exodus 29). Would God accept a sacrifice that was sinful?

Jesus turned water into wine, if wine is inherently evil, why would the Lord Jesus turn (6) water pots full of water into (6) water pots full of wine at the wedding feast in John 2?

Yet, the same wine of rejoicing and blessings from God [when abused] is associated with drunkenness, sorrow, misery, and sin.

In the hands of fallen and sinful man, [which is where the responsibility lies] that which God meant for a blessing, usefulness, and lawful pleasure (wine) is often abused when taken in sinful excess.

Noah [after the flood] drank too much wine, and passed out in his tent, naked and intoxicated. Genesis 9:18-24

Lot’s (2) daughters gave him wine to intoxicate him so that he would not know what was going on; so that they might have sexual relations with him to raise up sons after Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. They thought, “There are no more men for us to marry”! Genesis 19:30-36

There are other examples, David getting Uriah drunk.

Christians are all over the place in their opinions about drinking wine or strong drink, but we must make sure the bible is our standard.

The scriptures [in fact] warn us of the ill effects of too much wine, of over indulgence and excess. Proverbs 23:29-35

We must be ever so careful in the use of it! Yet, for all the warnings, wine (is ALSO spoken of) in the scriptures as created by God for man's use and as a blessing from God. Paul told Timothy to "Take a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities".

Psalm 104:13-15, Ecclesiastes 9:7, 10:19

The love of Christ is better than wine! Think about it, if Christ's love is spoken of as being BETTER than wine, wine here is being spoken of in a good sense and as a blessing from God:

Drinking wine may ALWAYS be questioned and warned against (and should be) because of the dangers of taking too much and becoming intoxicated, but there is no danger at all of partaking of as much of Christ's love as you can! The truth is NOT PARTAKING of Christ's love and mercy is WHAT SHOULD BE QUESTIONED and warned against!

Ephesians 5:18: Not drunk with wine, but filled with the Spirit!

If you tarry long at the wine, the more prone you will be to fall into some sin or worldly lust. But when you TARRY LONG with Christ, when He kisses you with the kisses of His mouth, [which is the expression of His special love for you]...THE MORE you will turn away from and hate your sins!

There are bad and ill effects to drinking wine in excess, but there are never any ill effects to partaking (heartily) of the Christ's love and drinking in as much as you can! The more we partake of Christ's love, the more we are sanctified and cleansed in our inner man! The MORE we love Christ, the MORE we will have that which caused His death, our sins!

Too much wine [as we've seen] will cause you to descend into sin and wickedness; TOO MUCH of the love of Christ [if there is such a thing] will cause you to ascend above this earthy and filthy world, away from sin, and into the pure and holy presence of God! When Christ kisses you with the kisses of His lips, you are [instantly immersed] in the river of heavenly, sanctified pleasures! Song 5:13, 16, Psalm 45:2, Luke 4:22.

Psalm 36:5-9, Romans 5:8-10, Ephesians 2:4-5, 3:14-21, 1 John 3:1-2, 4:9-10

Wine will sour and turn bitter over time, but not the love of Christ, it is always sweet, fresh, sanctifying, and never-ending! Wine is dangerous when one drinks it in excess, but not the love of Christ, in fact, the more we have of it, the better we are! The over-use of wine may cause you to descend into many foolish and hurtful sins, but not the love of Christ, for by it we are able to partake of heavenly pleasures, by it we are able to put off many foolish and hurtful sins!

Do you remember what Boaz told Ruth after he found her in his field gleaning after his servants?

Go not to glean in any other field, neither go from hence, but abide fast here by my maidens". Beloved of God, park yourself here under the loving affections of your Lord...say with Solomon:

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