

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

Conference call:

302-202-1110 /Code: 418875

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- * New Member Orientation - Sunday, April 8th (11:30am)
- * House of Rahab (HOR) Sista Swap - April 21 (10:30am)
- * Youth Sunday & Deacon Fish Fry - April 22 (9am & 11am)
- * Men of Purpose (MOP) Fellowship - April 28 (9am)
- * Racial Bridge Building Sunday - April 29 (9am)
(Youth Take-Away Tacos Fundraiser after service)

IMPORTANT:

Please send emails, announcements, and appointment requests to info.nmccenter@gmail.com
Please visit www.nmccenter.com for more information and to give online.

NOTES:

Please continue to pray over these issues:

- Ownership & transition into our building
- The Physical Health of NMCC members
- Marriages/Family/Legacy
- Environmental Conditions facing our kids in school

New Millennium Christian Center

Our Vision: A multi-faceted ministry that equips people of all races in pursuing, capturing and developing a mature personal relationship with Jesus the Christ.

Our Mission: To walk in the Spirit of God, so that others may know Him, to make disciples and to spread the gospel of Christ.



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**NEW WINE IN
NEW WINESKINS**

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“Lord, Send Us New Wine!”

Commentary

In lieu of the most recent blessings that our church has received, it should be noted that Our Father in Heaven has acknowledged the prayers, petitions, and the actions of HIS people. The outpouring of these blessings has followed many days of labor and challenges from the world. The cry, “Lord send us New Wine” captures a vulnerable moment; however we must continue to cry out because we need the Holy Spirit to complete this work. There is a great transition that must occur in order for the Church to receive the New Wine (which equates to the fullness of the Holy Spirit). The Church must recognize that she cannot have the New Wine if there is no evidence of real change. If old habits (or in this context the old wine) are still available then the new wine (in this context the Holy Spirit) cannot and will not flow (1 Corinthians 1:28-29). In the Gospel according to Luke 5:36-39, our Lord Jesus references new and old wine to draw the Pharisees to a conclusion concerning the quest to make a life style change. This kind of change can only be facilitated by the Holy Spirit.

Scriptures: (Isaiah 43:18-19), (Psalms 40:3), (Jeremiah 31:31),

(Ezekiel 11:19), (Ephesians 4:22-24), (Matthew 26:27-29), (Rev 21:1-3).

Teaching:

Point:

The new patch will shrink and pull away the threads from the already stretched garment that’s older. The new and the old cannot go together. In the same way, old wineskins cannot take the stretching that new wine will cause because it will burst the old wineskins. They are not compatible with one another so the Old Covenant is not compatible with the new and better covenant brought about by Jesus Christ.

Question:

What is the difference between new wine and old wine in the Bible? Why does Jesus talk about the new wine and the old wine?

The Old Wine:

When the Bible speaks about old wine, it may be referring to the Old Covenant teachings and the new wine, the New Covenant. (Luke 5:34-39)

The New Wine:

During the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came over the believers, they began to speak in other languages and those who heard them speak in other people’s language accused the believers of being drunk, saying “These men are full of new wine.” (Acts 2:13)

It was an insult to be sure. Today, non-believers are still insulting believers by accusing them of being under some influence. Yes, we are under the influence...of the Holy Spirit and that is the new wine of the new age of grace that Jesus paid for with His own blood.

The Differences:

The differences between the Old and the New Covenant is given in Hebrews 8:6 where it says “Christ has obtained a ministry that is much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you” (Luke 22:20) “Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant” (Hebrews 7:22). This was long ago prophesied and repeated for emphasis by the author of Hebrews when he wrote that “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah” (Hebrew 8:8-24)

Conclusion:

The Holy Spirit Comes as Wine!!!

Note: The gospel of Jesus Christ cannot be fit into the Old Testament’s Mosaic Law and covenantal sacrificial systems because these are insufficient to take away sins. This explains Jesus’ statement that “Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wine-skins, and so both are preserved” (Matt 9:17). Just as “new wine is for fresh wineskins” (Mark 2:22b) the New Covenant is for new converts and those who have repented and trusted in Christ and have not trusted in their own righteousness by the deeds or works of the law like the scribes and the Pharisees did. They cannot be saved by the old wine. There is only one way to be saved and that is through Jesus Christ and Him alone. (Acts 4:12) “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2nd Corinthians 5:17)

Ephesians 5:18 draws an analogy for the symbolism of the Holy Spirit as wine. In the Gospels, Jesus describes the new work of God, conveyed by the ministry of the Spirit, as new wine coming into old vessels.

The Bible doesn’t say we are disallowed from enjoying a number of the things that come with life, but you can find out how much a person is living the Jesus life by how much they need the stimulants of the world. The separated, holy Christian life is not a call to isolation but to insulation. You live in the world, but His Spirit in you keeps out the world’s pollution.

Corporate Prayer, Invitation, Second Offering, Benediction