

NEW WINE IN OLD SKINS



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- ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

ABUSES / WRONG USES

- **Change Agents**

- Want everyone to accept their NEW teaching
- The conservatives are the old skins and old shirts
- The change agents claim to be the new skins and new shirts

- **Social Drinkers**

- Teach that this passage allows social drinking

WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

- New cloth (unwashed, not shrunk) on an old (washed and shrunk) garment.
- Dye will bleed over, new patch will shrink and rip the old garment more.
- New wine = fresh grape juice
- An old skin with dregs inside, cracked and brittle outside
- Grape juice was not put in to ferment, but to prevent fermentation.

PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF PASSAGE

- **Psalm 119:83a** For I have become like a wineskin in smoke
- **Matthew Henry Commentary** – “He has become like a leathern bottle, if hung up in the smoke, is dried and shriveled up.”

OLD GARMENTS / NEW PATCHES

- Baptism is not a new patch on circumcision
- Communion is not a new patch on the table of shew bread
- Church is not a new patch on Judaism
- New Testament is not a new patch on the Law of Moses
- Law of Christ is not a new patch on the 10 Commandments
- Sunday is not a new patch on Sabbath worship

APPLICATIONS FOR TODAY

- You do not mourn or fast at a wedding, but a funeral
- Jesus did not come to patch up the old, worn out Judaism
- He did not come to preserve this old system with a new patch

APPLICATIONS FOR TODAY

- Jesus is teaching a brand new religion, new laws, new faith, new hope, new salvation
- Christianity is not an old patched up, fixed, repaired version of the Law of Moses
- The religion of Jesus Christ is **BRAND NEW!**