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All Recreational Alcohol Use is Sinful, Says Southern Baptist Minister in New Book

GARLAND, TX – While all Protestant denominations once declared alcoholic drinking sinful, many church and denominational leaders and members today can be seen sipping a glass of alcoholic wine or beer. They often tout moderate social drinking as a way to connect with the culture.

Peter Lumpkins, popular blogger and Southern Baptist minister, says, on the contrary, that all recreational drinking is incredibly detrimental and is, in fact, a sin against God. In his new book, “Alcohol Today: Abstinence in an Age of Indulgence”, Lumpkins creates an overwhelming argument for the sinfulness of any recreational alcohol use.

In this exhaustive look at one of the most debated topics in the evangelical community, Lumpkins begins with a powerful intellectual and biblical examination of the historical and modern stance on alcohol use in both society and the church. He briefly discusses the truths and lies regarding Prohibition and introduces his reasons for writing on this controversial topic – including his own experience with alcohol.

With a method and depth that are unparalleled in modern times, Lumpkins then examines the five main views on alcohol use. He dissects each view with a scholarly approach in easy-to-understand language. Last, Lumpkins includes an inspection on the biblical view of wine and explains the meaning of multiple Scriptures that are often used by Christians in the debate on alcohol use.

“Dr. Peter Lumpkins has dropped a bombshell in the current climate of laxity relative to Christians and alcohol. This excellent book is a thorough, thoughtful, scholarly presentation of the arguments for total abstinence.”

Jerry Vines, President, Jerry Vines Ministries, Inc. and pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL
Twice-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention

“Peter ... gives a clear case for how committed believers are to approach this subject.”

Dr. James T. Draper Jr., president emeritus, LifeWay Christian Resources

“Peter Lumpkins provides an exhaustive, in-depth investigation into the use of alcohol as a beverage.”

Jim Richards, Executive Director, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention; and past first vice-president, Southern Baptist Convention

“Alcohol Today is a vital resource for Christians committed to excellence in life ...”

Jack Graham, Pastor, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

“Replete with scholarly evidence, Peter Lumpkins’ book will change minds and save lives.”

David R. Brumbelow, pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Highland, TX

Peter Lumpkins is a Southern Baptist minister living in West Georgia. For more than 20 years, Peter served as a pastor in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. Presently he serves as editor of a developing small-group Bible study series. Peter has degrees in religion and philosophy (B.A.), theology (M.Div.) and expository preaching (D.Min.). He also completed graduate work in bioethics. He writes a popular blog, SBC Tomorrow, which can be found at www.peterlumpkins.com.

Paperback copies (\$14.95) of the book are available through online bookstores such as Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com.

Hannibal Books also offers the book through 800-747-0738 and www.hannibalbooks.com. (ISBN: 978-1-934749-52-4)

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