



1 – Believe because of miraculous transformation

John 2:1-12

**1. The essence of transformation is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*The ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine... v.9  
Mark 7:1-7, 20-23; Hebrews 9:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 7:37*

*After the manner of the purifying of the Jews... v.6*

Numbers 19 prescribes the purification for things that were unclean. The priest would prepare the “water of separation” by mixing water with ashes of heifer, cedar, hyssop, and scarlet.

The Jews went beyond the ceremonial cleansings commanded in the law and added their own customs – the manner of the Jews.... the tradition of the elders: washing of hands, washing of plates. All these – whether the OT Law of purifying with the water of separation or the tradition of the elders of outward washings – they all focus on the external, but Jesus purifies the INSIDE.

**2. The exercise of transformation is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. v.5  
Ephesians 5:25-26 (Cf. John 15:3; 17:17)*

- **Obey** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them... v.7*
- **Obey** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*And they filled them up to the brim. v.7*
- **Obey** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Draw out now... v.8*
- **Obey** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. v.8*

**3. The effect of transformation is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. v.11  
Cf. Lu 10:13; 16:31; Mt 17:1-5; 2Pe 1:16-18*

## ***Determining liberty for alcohol (or anything else)...***

Sometimes the Bible portrays wine positively, and sometimes the Bible portrays wine negatively, but always the Bible plainly condemns drunkenness. So the obvious question arises, “Is it sin to drink alcohol if you never become inebriated... senses never diminished... inhibitions never compromised?” Because the Bible doesn’t expressly forbid or condone, it is considered an issue of LIBERTY. In the NT, issues of liberty include whether to marry (1Co 7), eating meat sacrificed to idols (1Co 10), head coverings and hair length (1Co 11), observing feasts and sabbaths (Ro 14), and eating unclean meat or drinking wine (Ro 14).

Liberty doesn’t mean that you should to partake. Liberty in substances includes whether you should partake of Fentanyl in British Columbia (where it’s legal), but liberty governs a myriad of issues which the Bible neither explicitly condones or condemns.

Below are Scripture’s test to determine the use of your liberty:

- 1) **The Motivation Test:** Is this an attempt satisfy my lusts, to spite others, or to get as close to sin as I can without crossing the line? *Pr 21:2; Ga 5:13; 1Pe 2:16*
- 2) **The Power Test:** Could this control my words, attitude & behavior or become addictive? *1Co 6:12*
- 3) **The Expediencie Test:** Does this bring me closer to God and move me toward His purpose? *1Co 10:23*
- 4) **The Glory Test:** Can this bring glory to God? *1Co 10:31*
- 5) **The Testimony Test:** Would this give cause for a lost person to reject Christ? *1Co 10:32-33*
- 6) **The Thanks Test:** With clear conscience, can I give thanks in & for this? *Ro 14:6*
- 7) **The Offense Test:** Could this cause someone a brother to sin? *Ro 14:21; 1Co 8:10-13*
- 8) **The Faith Test:** Am I fully persuaded from Scripture, or does my conscience have doubts? *Ro 14:14, 22-23*

The Holy Spirit uses Scripture’s tests to determine your use of liberty.