

Cup #2

Cup of Judgment

Romans 3:21-26

Jeremiah 25:15-38

Luke 22:39-46



Pressing Forward into 2023

- Using God's commanded means for growth.
- Catechism & Meditation

God's Eternal Purpose

“SO”

(John 3:16; Romans 8:32)

The Four Cups of the Passover Meal

- Cup #1 - Cup of Sanctification
- Cup #2 - Cup of Judgment
 - Also called cup of plagues, cup of wrath, cup of thanksgiving, cup of joy, cup of love.
- Cup #3 - Cup of Redemption
- Cup #4 - Cup of Praise, Hope and Joy
- ★ Four cups of the glorious gospel.
- Missing cups from the Gospels - #2 and #4

God's Cup of Judgment in Scripture

- (Isaiah 33:22) God is our King, our Lawgiver, our Judge.
- (Psalm 75:7-10) (v. 8) Cup of red wine; fully mixed; and HE pours it out. Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down.
 - “in the hand of the LORD” - the Judge; the one offended! (“Vengeance is mine!” - Deut 32:35; Rom 12:19; Heb 10:30; Nahum 1:2; **Isaiah 61:2**)
 - Definition of who does God sees as wicked and who He sees as righteous. The BLACK and WHITE judgment in God's courtroom.
 - Romans 2:5-11
 - God attitude toward the wicked. (Psalm 5:5; 7:11-12; Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23a; Psalm 11:6-7; 21:9; Job 36:18)
 - “Red wine” - consider Revelation 14:19-20; 19:15; **Isaiah 63:1-4**
 - “fully mixed”; “blended with spices” - spices were added to intensify the wine - consider Romans 2:5 - sins, ignoring God's commandments and warning, complacency, laziness, ignoring God's messengers, etc.

- “dregs” - at the bottom; most undesirable; the worst of the worst
- God’s wrath is just as much of who He is as is His love.
 - ★ You cannot know God’s love without knowing of His holy wrath.
 - God loves some and hates some. (Psalm 5:5; 11:5; Malachi 1:2-3)
- **God is unashamed of His hatred and anger.**
 - God sent His Son into the world because He was angry at sinners.
 - GOD HATES SIN and SINNERS. BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY, HOLY, HOLY HE MUST PUNISH SIN WHEREVER HE FINDS IT! GOD WILL NOT AND CANNOT LET EVEN ONE SIN GO UNPUNISHED. (Be in awe of Romans 8:32)
- All unbelievers are sinners and enemies of God (Romans 3:23; 5:8-10)
 - Everyone is born a sinner and enemy of God because Adam sinned! (Romans 5:12)
 - ❶ All sinners **deserve** to die as the penalty of sin.
 - ★ (Ezekiel 18:4) “The soul that sins, **it** shall die.”
 - ★ (Exodus 34:7; Numbers 14:18) “by no means shall I clear the guilty”
 - ❷ All sinners **deserve** to bear God’s wrath for their sins.
 - ❸ All sinners are **alienated** or **separated** from God by our sins.
 - ❹ God and sinners are **enemies!** (Rom 5:10; Col1:21; Rom 8:7-8; James 4:4; **JOHN 3:36**) **NOT FRIENDS!** (John 15:13-14)
- God’s very nature DEMANDS that He punish SIN (ALL SIN).
 - Listen to God’s own words in Deuteronomy 32:39-41.
 - God has reserved and promised to pour out His wrath on His enemies - Nahum 1:2-6.
- (Jeremiah 25:15-38) (v. 15) “Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.”
 - (v. 28) “If they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “You shall certainly drink!”’
 - (v. 29) READ and tremble.
- (Revelation 16:19) Cup of the fierceness of His wrath.
- (Revelation 6:16; 14:10) The wrath of **the Lamb**. (The One slain - Rev 5:6)

God’s Wrath Given to Christ (Matthew 26:36-44; Luke 22:40-46)

- (John 12:27-28) “My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour?’ BUT for this PURPOSE I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.”
- (Luke 22:44) Being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.
- (John 18:11) “The cup which My Father has given Me, shall I not drink it!”

Cup #2 - God's Cup of Wrath

- "CUP" - a measured out portion by a righteous completely impartial JUDGE.
 - "storing up wrath" (Romans 2:5) same as Psalm 75:8 "mixed with spices" - to intensify!
 - When Christ finished drinking all the dregs of God's wrath due **His** people He said, "**IT IS FINISHED!**" (John 19:30) (**PERFECT TENSE**)
 - **THE REST:** the wicked, the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers (Matthew 5:21-22; 1 John 3:14-15), sexually immoral (by God's standard), drug abusers, sorcerers, idolaters, covetous, drunkards, revilers, self-centered, self-righteous, proud, those who shed innocent blood, those who do not confess and repent of their sins, the deceived, those who do not love (obey) Christ and all liars. (Revelation 21:8; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Psalm 1:4-6; Luke 9:23; 14:26-33; Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Corinthians 16:22)
 - ★ Those who say they are Christians but do not live their lives in doing the will (word) of God. (Matthew 7:21; 1 John 2:17; James 1:22)
- ☆ Meditate of Romans 8:32 with Isaiah 53:6; Hebrews 7:22; Psalm 69:5.

Cup #2 - Cup of Thanksgiving, Love and Joy (1 John 4:10)

- **THIS IS LOVE (as defined by GOD) :**
 - GOD, the Father chose us because He loved us! (Deut 7:7-8; Eph 1:4-5)
 - GOD, the Father, sent His own Son to be **the propitiation** for His people's sins. (1 John 4:10; Romans 3:25)
 - A biblical understanding of the doctrine of propitiation allows one to more fully understand God's love. A misunderstanding or no understanding of this doctrine will give one a FALSE understanding of God's love, grace, mercy, and the Gospel.
 - Man can do NOTHING to SATISFY God's anger and wrath toward him/her, a sinner. (Psalm 49:7-8; Luke 18:26-27)
 - ★ **GOD TAKES THE INITIATIVE!!!** Our RIGHTEOUS enemy takes the initiative to appease Himself!!!! **Propitiation is a WORK of GOD.**
 - God demonstrated HIS LOVE (1 John 4:10) and His RIGHTEOUSNESS (Romans 3:25) in sending His Son to be **the PROPITIATION** for His people's sins.
 - ONLY a **PERFECT SACRIFICE** would SATISFY God's justice! So, **GOD** made His Son who knew no sin to be sin for us! (2 Cor 5:21)
 - "**set forth**" (Romans 3:25) – God did not do this in secret but in full view of the world on Mount Calvary.

- **God took all His people's sins and placed them on Christ.**

- (Isaiah 53:6) God took His enemies' sins (ALL of THEM) and transferred them to His Son and then He poured out His wrath on His Son! (Isaiah 53:10; Romans 8:32)
- (Psalm 69:5; **40:12-13**; Heb 7:22) Our sins became Christ's sins!
- (2 Corinthians 5:21) God made Christ SIN who knew no sin!
- (Romans 8:32) Where God sees sin He **MUST** judge it – EVEN if He finds it on His own SON! (**MEDITATE ON THIS AGAIN!**)

- **GOD SACRIFICED HIS OWN SON FOR HIS PEOPLE.** (Also see Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 69:26; Zechariah 13:7; Galatians 3:13; 2 Cor 5:21)

- GOD sent HIS SON to **APPEASE His holy anger** and **wrath for HIS people.** (Matthew 1:21)

The ONLY Proper Response to a Love SO Great

✘ What it cannot bring about - careless and lawless lives! (Romans 6:1-22)

• LOVE LIKE THIS OUGHT TO STIMULATE:

- ★ GREAT HUMILITY
- ★ GREAT LOVE for GOD - the triune GOD
 - ☆ GREAT LOVE for our brethren - 1 John 4:10-11
- ★ GREAT COMMITMENT TO LOVE, OBEY and SERVE GOD.
- ★ HEARTS FILLED WITH THANKSGIVING.
- ★ HEARTS FILLED WITH INDESCRIBABLE JOY.
- ★ HEARTS and MINDS FILLED WITH AWE at God's GREAT love for His own. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5)

Two Cups Offered Today

- One that was emptied by Christ for His special people who bow in submission to Christ as Lord. (Romans 10:9-10; Mark 1:14-15)
- One that is still filled with the fierceness of God Almighty's wrath and **WILL be drunk by all unbelievers - "You shall certainly drink it!"**

"We love (obey) God because He **first** loved us."
(1 John 4:19)