

Cup of Praise and Hope GLORY!!!

Romans 8:1-25

Revelation 19:1-10; 21:1-8

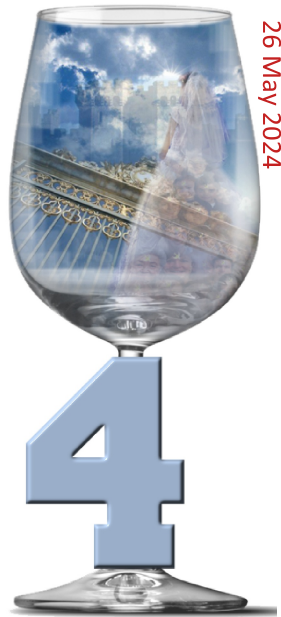
Christ's Promise of Glory (John 17:20-26)

Four Cups

- Christ was celebrating the Lord's Feast of Passover (Exodus 12; Leviticus 23) before He would become "our Passover" (1 Corinthians 5:7) when He commands us to REMEMBER!
- The four cups of the Passover are God's means to help us REMEMBER all that Christ accomplished for His brethren/His people.
- Each of the cups remind us of four major doctrines of GRACE:
 - ① **Cup of Sanctification** - being set apart by God for God's purpose - the Doctrine of Election. (Ephesians 1:4; Romans 8:28-30; 1 Peter 2:9)
 - ② **Cup of Judgment/Propitiation/Reconciliation** - Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10; Colossians 1:21; 2 Cor 5:18-20.
 - ★ Christ did not share this cup with His disciples. He would drink this cup alone - see the cup of God's wrath in the Garden (Luke 22:42).
 - **Unleavened Bread** - Substitution (Isaiah 53:6)
 - ③ **Cup of Redemption** - Galatians 3:13; Colossians 1:14; Romans 3:24-26; Hebrews 9:12; 1 Peter 1:18-21; Titus 2:14; Revelation 5:9)
 - ④ **Cup of Glorification** - Romans 8:17-25; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Colossians 3:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; Ephesians 1:8; 1 John 3:1-3

The Missing Fourth Cup

- The INCOMPLETENESS of the mission of Christ.
- The focus of the evening was the CROSS! The CROSS was the work that He came to do! (John 18:11)
- The fourth cup points to the glory AFTER the cross. Christ understood that the CROSS came before the CROWN. (Remember Romans 8:17)
- But He never lost sight of the JOY after the Cross. (Hebrews 12:2)



Paul's Prayer for the Saints (Ephesians 1:17-19)

- The hope of God's calling
- The riches of God inheritance in the saints.

Fourth Cup: Cup of Praise, Hope, Completion

- Last cup in MEMORIAL FEAST.
- Covenant Promise: "I WILL take you as my own people and I WILL be your God."
 - We are GOD's SPECIAL TREASURE! (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9)
 - PECULIAR; belonging exclusively to one person
 - We WERE bought with a price. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - We are His GREAT PEARL. (Matthew 13:46)
 - We are His INHERITANCE! (Psalm 33:12; 94:14)
 - WE ARE HIS!!!
- This cup is a cup of **PRaise!** You can't help but praise when you MEDITATE on ALL He has done for US!
 - Psalm 136:1-16, 23-26 – "His LOVE endures forever!"
- This cup is a cup of **COMPLETION!**
 - God made a COVENANT and HE ACCOMPLISHED IT! (John 17:4-5)
 - "IT IS FINISHED!" John 19:30; "IT IS DONE!" (Revelation 21:6; Philip 1:6)
 - ALL of God's PROMISES (all 7 in the New Covenant) are "YES" in Christ.
 - He OBTAINED ETERNAL redemption for us! (Hebrews 9:12)
 - There is **NOW NO CONDEMNATION** for all who are IN CHRIST who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:1, 4)
- This cup is a cup of **HOPE!** (1 Thessalonians 2:19)
 - The NEW JERUSALEM – to sit with Christ at the marriage feast of the Lamb. (Remember Luke 22:18; Revelation 3:12; 21:2, 10; Hebrews 12:22-23)
 - This is an EAGER HOPE. (Philip 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 1:7; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; Rom. 8:19, 25)
 - This is a GROANING HOPE. (Romans 5:1-5; 8:23-25)
 - This is a HOPE in ALL that God has done! (1 Peter 1:3, 21; Acts 24:15; Eph. 1:18; Col. 1:5)
- This HOPE points to the saints' eternal glory in heaven. (1 Peter 5:10)
- This HOPE is **GROUNDED** in the truths of election, predestination, God's calling, justification, adoption, forgiveness, and the sealing of the Holy Spirit – all of which Paul expounded upon in Ephesians 1:3-14 and Romans 8:28-30.
- Our glorification (our HOPE) is **SURE** because it is GOD's work and He will complete His work. (Philippians 1:6; Psalm 138:8; Romans 8:30; Job 23:13)
- Our glorification is SURE because it is "anchored" in the PAST in the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. ("It is finished." – John 4:34; 6:38-40; 6:44, 65; 9:4; 17:4; 19:30; Romans 5:1)

- Our glorification is SURE because it is “anchored” in the PRESENT in Christ’s **work** today for us. He intercedes for His own. (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)
- Our glorification is SURE because it is “anchored” in the WORD of GOD. (1 Thess 5:23-24; Isaiah 14:24-27; Matt 24:35; Titus 1:1-2; 1 John 2:25)
- Our glorification is SURE because it was “ordained” before the ages. (1 Corinthians 2:7; Romans 9:23; Ephesians 1:4-5)
 - ★ God’s Eternal Purpose. Whatever God purposes He does! (Isaiah 14:24; 46:9-11; Proverbs 19:21; Psalm 33:10-11; Ephesians 1:11)
 - ★ Our glorification is SURE because it is in Christ, the executor of God’s eternal purpose! (Ephesians 3:8-11; Colossians 1:27)
- This “glory” is the **same** glory Christ had **before** He became man. It is the same glory as Christ!! (John 17:22; **2 Corinthians 3:18**)
 - God has **predestined** believers to be **conformed** into the image of Christ, who is the expressed image of the invisible God! (Romans 8:29, Hebrews 1:3; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
 - God is the POTTER! God working in us to will and do for His pleasure - His pleasure is our conformity to His Son. He is working today! (Philippians 2:13; Romans 9:21-23; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16)
 - Completion at the coming of Christ. (Philippians 3:20-21)
- ★ (Romans 5:1-2) “we rejoice” is καυχῶμαι which means “to glory in”; “to boast in”; “to rejoice in”; “to be jubilant”; **“to express an unusually high degree of confidence in someone or something being exceptionally noteworthy”**.
 - It is an expression in the **confidence** we have **in** God. It really is a boast in God and what He has done, is doing, and has promised to do! (Jer 9:23-24; John 17:2; 1 Cor 1:29-31; 2 Cor 10:17; Gal 6:13-14; Philip 1:6; 3:3)
- ★ “hope” is **NOT** an unsure expression as it is normally used in human affairs. Rather Biblical **hope** is **grounded and anchored in GOD** and therefore an absolutely SURE looking forward!
- ★ The “hope” is SURE because this hope is NOT grounded in **our** works but is actually CHRIST HIMSELF - OUR HOPE! (Hebrews 6:19-20; 1 Timothy 1:1; Colossians 1:27)

The Riches of His Inheritance

- Because we are the children of God we are HEIRS of GOD and COHEIRS with Christ. (Romans 8:16-17)
- This inheritance is **already** ours! (Ephesians 1:11)
- This inheritance is **reserved** for us in heaven. (1 Peter 1:3-4; Colossians 1:5)
- This inheritance is **guaranteed** by God Himself. (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- Our inheritance:
 - ❶ **A City Built By God** (Hebrews 11:13-16)
 - We are “strangers and pilgrims” “seeking our homeland”

- “to seek” is ἐπιζητέω epizeteo {ep-eed-zay-teh'-o} and means “to diligently seek”; “to crave”.
- “homeland” is πατρίς (patris) and literally means “fatherland”.

❷ **A City With Many Mansions** (John 14:1-6)

- (v. 2) Christ, our Bridegroom, ascended into heaven “to prepare a place for us”.
- (v. 3) He promised that He would return to take us to this place! (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)
- (v. 6) No one comes into the city that God has prepared except through Christ!!

❸ **A Feast/Banquet** (Luke 12:37)

- Revelation 19:7-9; Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:15-24; 15:11-32; 25:1-3.

❹ **No More Pain/Death/Temptation/SIN!** (Revelation 21:3-5)

❺ **To Sit with Christ and Reign with Him** (Revelation 3:21)

- See 2 Timothy 2:11-12-13; Luke 19:11-27; 1 Corinthians 6:3)

❻ **New Bodies** (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

- We are promised that our natural bodies will be . . .
 - ① Buried in corruption but raised up in incorruption.
 - ② Buried in dishonor but raised up in glory and honor.
 - ③ Buried in weakness but raised up in power.
 - ④ Buried as a natural one but raised up a spiritual one.
 - ⑤ Buried an image of the first man, Adam, but raised in the image of the second man, Christ.

❼ **GOD HIMSELF!** (Psalm 73:25-26; Matthew 5:8; 1 John 3:2)

DO YOU HAVE THIS HOPE?

Those Who Have this Hope

- Groan (2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Romans 8:23)
- Eagerly await (Romans 8:23; Hebrews 9:28; Philippians 3:20)
- Persevere/Endure (Romans 8:25; Hebrews 6:11-12)
 - Disciples/Saints Endure to the End (Matthew 24:13; 10:22; Romans 2:7; Hebrews 3:6, 14)
- Purify themselves *just* as He is pure. (1 John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 7:1)

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