

JESUS DRANK THE CUP TO THE LAST DREGS OF THE WRATH OF SIN

Tom Whedbee 2022 My response to SBC failures.

At the Cross, the sins of all people of all times came against Jesus and killed His physical body. Jesus was sinless and should not have experienced physical death. God placed upon Jesus the knowledge of all sin and Jesus allowed the weight of all our sin to crush life from His physical body. The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all means that God allowed sin to abuse and kill the physical body of Jesus. The cup that Jesus drank to the last dregs was the cup of the wrath of sin which is against God. Since Jesus was sinless, all sin is condemned to the utmost by the atrocious deed (Romans 8:3; Isaiah 53:10-11). Jesus was killed by our sin allowing sin to condemn itself. The sinless death of Jesus defeated sin and Satan giving Jesus the right to remove all sin from creation. All judgment against sin is given to Jesus. We know that the cup that Jesus drank was not the cup of the wrath of God because the cup of God's wrath against sin is still full. The wrath of God is still revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness (Romans 1:18; 2:5,8,9; Rev. 6:16,17; 14:10,19; 15:7; 16:1). We know that the cup that Jesus drank was not the cup of the wrath of God because the way sinners escape the wrath of God is to believe in Jesus (John 3:36). Believers receive life in the Spirit and are made new creations. Jesus changes the believing sinner. Jesus did not absorb God's wrath at the cross and change God in our favor. We know that the cup that Jesus drank was not the cup of the wrath of God because the apostles drank the same cup that Jesus drank (Mark 10:39). And that cup was the wrath of sin. The cup that Jesus drank condemned sin to the fullest making His cross effective in defeating sin and bringing redemption (Matthew 20: 18-19). The cup that the apostles drank was of the wrath of sin producing suffering and death. The cup that Jesus drank made Way for the regeneration of believers. The cup the apostles drank inspired the furtherance of the gospel to spread throughout the world. The cross and His drinking the cup of the wrath of sin made it possible for us to be saved from God's wrath. But until an accountable person repents, believes, and receives Jesus he is not saved from the wrath of God.

Jesus did not drink the cup of God's wrath. People who say this are horribly twisting the following Scriptures to produce their gnostic beliefs: (Isaiah 53; Matthew 26,27; Romans 5; 2 Corinthians 5; 1 Peter 2).

Believing Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath is a doctrinal error which is conducive to moral failure. The following page is my attempt to reveal how this is happening to church leaders.

There is doctrinal error which is conducive to moral failure. Believing that God poured His wrath upon Jesus in our place so that He could see us as favorable to Him, is believing that God changed Himself, whereas the Bible declares that God changes cooperating believers in Jesus to make us acceptable to Him. This doctrinal error undermines our sense of responsibility to cease personal sin. It makes personal sin seem to be more excusable and even unavoidable. It diverts our focus too much on God's responsibility toward our sin rather than our corrective stance against our sin. It lends itself to our thinking that God has ordained our sin as a prescription for experiencing His grace.

It is true that believers continue in a state of self-discovery concerning our sins of commission and our sins of omission. Our discovery of sin is led by Holy Spirit conviction and is beneficial only through our repentance and living in the power of the Spirit as opposed to living in the flesh. Without conviction and repentance, the believer will drift deeper into sin leading to moral failure.

The cup that Jesus drank to the last dregs was the cup of the full wrath of sin which crushed Him and led to His physical death, the shedding of His blood for us. The wrath of sin upon Jesus allowed sin to condemn itself for killing the sinless, holy, Son of God. The cross condemned sin to the utmost and sentenced sin to removal from all creation. The cross demonstrates the atrociousness of our sin and should alarm us as to our need for sin removal through the graciousness of God. The cross demonstrates the great love of God for making the Way for sin removal and new birth which allows for righteousness in the life of the believer. Righteousness is produced in consecutive acts of the believer under the power of the Holy Spirit. Moral failure can be avoided through cooperation with the Spirit through conviction and repentance. Righteousness is credited to the account of the believer at new birth because God promises to complete the work He began in us.

It is true that Satan is out to lie, steal, kill, and destroy. It is Satan who has propagated doctrinal error even to the extent of infiltrating our Christian literature and even translations of the Bible. Satan has planted gnostic beliefs throughout the history of the church even in the day of the Apostle Paul.

JESUS PAID THE RANSOM SO THAT YOU MAY ESCAPE SIN AND DEATH

1 Timothy 2:5-6 Jesus gave Himself a ransom for all.

Colossians 1:13 Jesus delivered us from the power of darkness.

Titus 2:13-14 Jesus gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify us to do good works.

1 Peter 1:18-19 We were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.

Romans 8:3 God sent Jesus to be the sin offering by which sin is condemned.

The ransom is the high price that Jesus paid to condemn sin and sentence sin to removal from all creation. The sinless death of Jesus allows God to remain righteous and remove sin, death, and Satan from creation. The ransom Jesus paid allows those with the readiness of mind to cooperate with the Spirit and follow Jesus in death to sin and resurrection to new life in Him. Jesus is the Way by which we follow and die to our sole relationship to Adam and sin, and arise to a new relationship with Jesus Christ and righteousness.

The ransom paid by Christ is the means by which we are redeemed. The ransom frees believers from the law of sin and death because we have new life in the Spirit. Romans 8:2

Participation in union with Christ and His death and resurrection does the following:

Allows us to live a new life in Christ Romans 6:4,5

Allows us to no longer be slaves to sin Romans 6:6,7

Frees us from condemnation and wrath Romans 8:1 John 3:36

Delivers us from death to eternal life Romans 6:23

When true born again believers are taught later in life that Jesus absorbed the wrath of God in their place and paid the debt for all their sin past, present, and future, this false teaching gets their minds off of repentance and their walk of righteousness in the Spirit. This false teaching causes believers to think that God's forgiveness is a "pat on the head" and just one sin will be alright because Jesus paid for it in their place. This false teaching leads believers into moral failure.

When professing people start out believing the false gospel and the false Jesus, they cannot be truly born again until that false gospel is unlearned and the true gospel made clear. The false gospel says that the false Jesus became sin, incurred the wrath of God for us, paid the penalty for our sin debt, and was punished in our place. None of these statements are found in the Bible. The true gospel and true Way is that we cooperate with Spirit conviction concerning our sin and our need of a Savior, we are then born again, and we follow Jesus and participate in death to sin and resurrection to new life. Keeping our minds on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, means that we remember the price He paid for our redemption and focus on living like He lived, without sin, and with dependence on the Spirit to guide our decisions in cooperation with His will.

