

THE CUP THAT JESUS DRANK

God the Father allowed Jesus the Son to be crucified under the load of our sin, and Jesus' physical death condemned sin and sentenced sin to removal from all creation. The sinlessness of Christ was necessary to condemn sin. Jesus arose with all power and authority as the God-Man over heaven and earth. Jesus is the New Adam and He reestablishes in creation what Adam lost for humanity. Jesus is removing sin from born again believers freeing us from bondage to sin.

Born again believers are seeking God and are engaged in righteous acts initiated by the Spirit and empowered by the Spirit. These righteous acts belong to us for all eternity. Lost people don't have any righteousness, but saved people do.

The apostles drank the same cup that Jesus drank (Mark 10:39). The cup the apostles drank inspired the furtherance of the gospel to spread throughout the world. Whereas, the cup that Jesus drank condemned sin making His cross effective in defeating sin and bringing redemption (Matt. 28:18-19). In all cases, the cup is the wrath of sin against holiness which God allows.

It is wrong to say that Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath just like it would be wrong to say the Apostles drank the cup of God's wrath. Jesus 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.

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 (Isaiah 53:6,10,11). The wrath of sin upon Jesus allowed sin to condemn itself for killing the sinless, holy, Son of God (Romans 8:3). 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 of Jesus 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.