



Rock Creek Baptist Church
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The Cup Poured Out For Us
He was poured out in His coming,
so that He could be poured out in
His dying, so that He might spare
us the cup of wrath, and instead
offer us the cup of redemption.

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Story: The importance of a certain cup and what it signifies
Cups in the Bible have various meanings

Can be a cup of wrath:

Jeremiah 25:15-16

This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from my hand this cup filled with the wine of my wrath and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. When they drink it, they will stagger and go mad because of the sword I will send among them."

Isaiah 51:17

Awake, awake! Rise up, Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath, you who have drained to its dregs the goblet that makes people stagger.

Revelation 14:9-10

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb.

To avoid the cup of God's wrath, you could offer a drink offering with your offering of the spotless lamb

Numbers 28:7

The accompanying drink offering is to be a quarter of a hin of fermented drink with each lamb. Pour out the drink offering to the LORD at the sanctuary.

God offered up a sacrifice, a drink offering and spotless lamb, to end all sacrifices

Philippians 2:6-8

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Instead of a royal chalice, love was poured down into a feeding trough
 There were constant reminders of the cup of wrath Jesus would one day drink: at His dedication, the wise men's gifts
 Jesus tells His disciples that He will have to drink this cup...but they don't understand

Matthew 20:20-28

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 26:27-28

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Illustration: the betrothal cup and the cup of redemption

Satan tried numerous times to stop the mission of Jesus by killing Him and probably thought he had won

Story: sitting at the finish line waiting for everyone else to catch up

The manger scene doesn't LOOK like victory, the devil might have seen Jesus as vulnerable in that moment, but there is more power in that moment than the enemy would realize!

Song Lyrics: Here With Us by Joy Williams

It's still a mystery to me
That the hands of God could be so small
How tiny fingers reaching in the night
Were the very hands that measured the sky

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Heaven's love reaching down to save the world
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King
Here with us, You're here with us

It's still a mystery to me
How His infant eyes have seen the dawn of time
How His ears have heard an angel's symphony
But still Mary had to rock her Savior to sleep

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Heaven's love reaching down to save the world
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King
Here with us, You're here with us