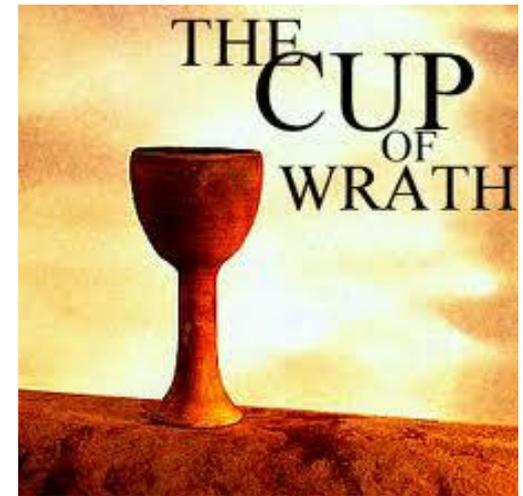


DAILY DOCTRINE: The Cup
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1. First use of the word cup is in Matt. 26:39; it is a reference to the cross.
2. The cup of Christ contained the sins of the world for which He would be judged, 2 Cor. 5:21.
3. God the Father judged those sins on Christ, Isaiah 53:4-6.
4. Christ drinking from the cup is a picture of Him willingly accepting the judgment of God's wrath, cf. John 18:11.
5. The Father's wrath, which is composed of His righteousness and justice, fell upon the Son when He drank the cup—bore the sins of the world.
6. God's wrath is against sin, but the sins were poured out on Christ. He drank the cup to the bottom: He bore the sins of the whole world, 1 John 2:2. Therefore, the Father's wrath was poured out on Him.
7. The Father rejected human good for future judgment (believers at the JSJC; unbelievers at the GWT).
8. If someone rejects the divine good of Christ's work on the cross, they stand on their own human good, "merit."
9. Anyone standing on human good will have a cup from which he will drink, containing the wrath of God.
10. The most important decision of life and eternity: Either accept Christ drinking the cup for you on the cross or accept the wrath of God on yourself. If you reject the cross, then the alternative is the wrath of God. Either let Christ drink God's wrath for you, or you drink it yourself.
11. In the tribulation Jesus Christ becomes the judge and He pours out the vials (drinking cups) of judgment on religious unbelievers.
12. When Christ came (1st advent): He drank the cup for the remission of sins, Luke 22:20. When He comes at the 2nd advent, unbelievers will drink the cup of God's wrath because they did not accept His drinking of the cup for them.