



## Understand the Gospel - The Cup

**Foundational Truths from the previous study:** God, who is fully goodness (loving, merciful, patient, and gracious) and fully holiness (righteous, peaceful and just) will always act in ways consistent with His Glory (character).

- What we see unfold in scripture is that a Holy God of wrath, provides a mediator to stand in the gap for disobedient sinners and displays His Goodness through this man.
  - Our perfect mediator is Jesus Christ...
    - Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man in one person, and will be so forever. [**Colossians 2:9**]

...And for us He became a curse... [**Galatians 3:13**]

❖ The Cross shows...

- God's goodness [**Romans 5:8**]
  - God eternally loves His people.
- God's holiness [**Isaiah 53:5-10**]
  - Sin is too serious to be ignored.
- Jesus suffered our consequences [**1 John 2:2**]
  - His sufferings will be the sufferings of all of those who reject Him.

**How did the work of Christ, in His life and death, earn our salvation?**

Every spiritual need we have, He provided a solution.

- ❖ We are rebellious against God; Christ lived a life of perfect obedience. [**Romans 5:19; Philippians 3:9**]
  - He fulfilled every letter of God's law on our behalf. [**Matthew 5:17-18**]

- ❖ We live in a world often filled with pain and confusion; Christ also suffered His entire life. [**Isaiah 53:3**]
- ❖ We deserve to die as a penalty for sin; Christ was sacrificed and carried the pain and guilt of all of our sin. [**Hebrews 9:26-28; 1 Peter 2:24**]
  - On the cross, God the Father placed the liability for our sins on Christ. [**2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:6**]
- ❖ We deserve to experience God's wrath against our sin; Christ received God's wrath and drank the cup in full. [**Matthew 26:37-44; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15; Revelation 16:19**]
  - Jesus became the object of the vengeance against sin that God had stored up since the beginning of the world. [**Romans 3:25**]

Once again our human experience provides a very faint analogy that helps us understand what it means to bear the wrath of God. Perhaps as children we have faced the wrath of a human father when we have done wrong, or perhaps as adults we have known the anger of an employer because of a mistake we have made. We are inwardly shaken, disturbed by the crashing of another personality, filled with displeasure, into ourselves, and we tremble. We can hardly imagine the personal disintegration that would threaten if the outpouring of wrath came not from some finite human being but from Almighty God.  
– Wayne Grudem

- ❖ We deserve to be eternally separated from God; Christ endured total abandonment because of our sin. [**Matthew 27:46**]
- ❖ When the last drop from the cup of God's wrath was gone, Jesus voluntarily gave up the life that no one took from Him and committed His spirit to the Father.
 

**"The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." John 10:17-18**

  - His work now complete, Christ can justify (declare righteous) anyone who belongs to Him, destroying the consequences of The Fall.  
**'The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.' 1 John 3:8**

**...whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.  
John 3:36**