

# “The Empty Cup”

## Turning To The Liberating Power Of The Cross...Every Day - Pt. 5

Deut. 16:18-20; 2 Thess. 1:5-10

On the night of his arrest Jesus knelt among the olive trees of the Garden of Gethsemane: “If it is possible, may this cup be taken from me...” (Mt. 26:39) And later that night, “put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me” (John 18:11). Jesus statements lead us to the Prophets’ imagery of the cup of God’s wrath. Thank the Lord for PROPITIATION – that Jesus drained the cup of God’s wrath on behalf of his people. As a result, true believers will NEVER face God’s awesome wrath! (R.C. Sproul’s *The Prince’s Poison Cup*)

### I. The CUP is brimming over with God’s righteous ANGER.

1. Isaiah gave hope (51:21-22) to Jerusalem who drank God’s “cup of wrath” (v. 17)
2. Do you believe the law is “holy, \_\_\_\_\_, and good” (Ro. 7:12)?
3. “Contrary to popular opinion with God there is no such thing as \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. There is only justice.”

(Jerry Bridges, *The Gospel For Real Life* p. 43)

### II. Jesus drank this CUP of WRATH to its DREGS for God’s people.

1. The law contains \_\_\_\_\_ precepts and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. As \_\_\_\_\_ represented us in Eden, so \_\_\_\_\_ at the Cross.
3. Combat \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_!

### III. Come to the place where God’s wrath is ABSORBED by his SON.

1. Here there is no tension between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Love and share the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself \_\_\_\_\_.