



PART TWO INTRODUCTION

The Passover cup is one of the central symbols of the Easter holiday. When Jesus and His disciples observed the Passover, drinking a cup during the meal was an official part of the observance. An ancient rabbinic source, the Mishnah, instructs those celebrating to drink from the cup four times during the Passover meal. The tradition remains to this day. What is the significance of the cup Jesus uses during His Passover observance? In fact, there is not one cup but four - each time the cup is filled, it has a different name which links to a unique promise.

Last week, we looked at the first cup - the promise of rescue. This week, we look at the second cup of the Passover meal which is also known as the “Cup of Deliverance”. God does not only want to rescue us but He wants to deliver us from the bondage of sin. Our souls are meant to be renewed. He gives us a promise with a guarantee if only we are willing to receive it.

We can live the life He called us to live by applying and obeying His Word and by receiving the empowerment of His Spirit. The same power that is in Jesus is in our life if we allow God’s Spirit to renew us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you experienced circumstances in your life that caused you to feel “trapped”? How did it affect your life?
2. Why do we find it difficult to obey and follow God’s Word? How can we overcome these difficulties?
3. Briefly explain the difference between being rescued and delivered from a bondage. Is there anything in your heart that needs to be changed or renewed?
4. How can we keep ourselves (and each other) from falling into the deception of the enemy - believing lies when we feel as if God hasn’t delivered?
5. Read Galatians 3:15-29. Do an inductive bible study (observations, interpretation and application). You can use the following as a guide.
 - i. Posture your heart. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. Open your heart to the Lord to speak to you.
 - ii. Read the passage aloud
 - iii. Ask some context questions of the passage:
 - What sort of writing is this? (a letter, a poem, a narrative etc?)

- Are there any clues about the circumstances under which it was written?
 - What has happened so far in this particular book of the Bible?
- iv. Some observation questions of the passage:
- Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the passage?
 - What is the main point or points?
 - What surprises are there?
 - What are the key words? What words or ideas are repeated?
- v. Some leading questions of the text:
- How does this passage relate to other parts of the book?
 - How does the passage relate to Jesus?
 - What does this teach us about God?
 - How could we sum up the meaning of this passage in our own words?
- vi. Some application questions of the passage:
- How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
 - Is there some attitude I need to change?
 - How does this passage call on me to change the way I live?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Renewal is a process. Let's learn to yield and submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit, by denying ourselves, taking up His cross daily, and following Him.

Jesus promises that He will rescue and renew our life to experience His presence, peace, purpose and power. Let us also remember that as the Father sent Him to rescue and renew us, He is sending us to accomplish His Great Commission (John 20:21).

CHANGE YOUR MINDSET

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ~ Jeremiah 31:33 (ESV)