



CrossRoads Notes:

Turn your Bibles to Psalms 75:8-9

Title: Three Cups of the Lord

Theme: The Blessings of Being Under the Blood

Introduction: Today's passage of Scripture sets in a Psalm that has the characteristics of a Hymn of Thanksgiving. Several passages of Scripture in Psalm 74 were prayers of Asaph. This song of Asaph, Psalm 75 is a song of deliverance, of triumph and it is a Psalm of faith. It is a song for the saints and a Hymn that proclaims the wonderful deeds of God.

Psalms 75:1

Proposition: I would propose to you that the blessings of being under the blood of Christ are many. For is by coming under His blood we are found righteous. The shedding of his blood paved the way for us to miss the wrath of God, purchased our salvation, and enables us to enjoy the blessings of God. The Bible tells us to partake in the Lord's Supper, Communion.

1 Corinthians 11:16

The word "cup":

Psalms 11:6; 75:8

Revelation 14:10

Matthew 26:39

Matthew 20:22

Psalms 16:5; 23:5; 116:13

Dr. Dewight Jones claims: 32 cups mentioned in the Word of God.

- 1.) The Cup of Wrath
- 2.) The Cup of Salvation
- 3.) The Cup of Blessing....

Listen as I read Psalms 75:8-9 / Pray!!!!

Interrogative Sentence: Just what are the blessings of being under the blood of Christ? Just what are the wonderful deeds done by Christ out love for His Father and for us?

Transitional Sentence: Before we can fully enjoy those blessings we must remember just what the blood of Christ redeemed us from. There is a "cup of wrath." John 3:36

“Wrath” (*orge*) here is “referring to divine judgment to be inflicted upon the unrighteous.” This wrath of God is not an uncontrolled, unthinking, or a violent reaction. It is a deep, sometimes permanent, can be permanent, thoughtful, controlled righteous anger that is good and deals justly with all who reject Christ.

1.) Romans 2:5 / 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

2.) Romans 1:18 / Romans.1:21)

3.) Ephesians 5:6

God's wrath (*orge*) here is a “decisive anger, a deliberate anger that arises from His very nature of holiness

“Disobedient” (*apeitheia*). Those unbelievers. They have a willful unbelief and are in the condition of being unpersuadable. They have an obstinate rejection of the will of God for their lives. They live in defiance.

Ephesians. 5:6

Ephesians 5:7

Romans 1:18

“Wrath of God ‘abides’ (*meno*) means to continue, to live in or rather sin remains upon or more accurately they remain in their sin.

Romans 1:24

Romans 1:28

Romans 1:18

Illustration: Walter B. Knight wrote about a burglar.

Transitional Sentence: There is undisputable fact. There is a judicial judgment of God here and now as well for the future. There is a cup of wrath for those who choose not surrender to the Lordship of Christ. There is another Biblical fact, the Lord has a “Cup of Salvation.”

Psalms 116:13

Psalms 116 :1

Passover liturgy

Psalms 113-114

Psalms 115-118

Something else must be noted about Psalm 116. This appreciative believer wrote. Psalm 116:12-14

Application: The illuminated child of God knows who delivered his soul from eternal damnation, he knows who sees his tears and can keep his feet from slipping. That is why he takes time to examine himself before partaking in Communion. He ask the

probing question, “Am I living in a way that is worthy of the gospel I claim before my Lord and in the eyes of others?”

Being under the precious blood of Christ brings salvation and this salvation has purchased much for the child of God.

1.) Salvation brings assurance: John 6:37-40

Adoniram Judson: You may never be put into prison; however, there will be times in your life that you will question God’s willingness to intervene, and maybe even your salvation. Christ blood purchased you and that all you need to stand upon.

2.) Salvation brings joy: Psalms 132:16

Illustration: “The Pioneers, A Narrative of the Bengal Mission.”

3.) Salvation brings seasons of refreshing: Acts 3:19

4.) Salvation changes masters: Romans 6:17-18

5.) Salvation gives one an abundant life: John 10:10 NAS

“Abundantly” (*perissos*) meaning in superabundance, more than enough.

6.) Salvation sets one apart unto God: 2 Thessalonians 2:13

“Sanctification” (*hagiasmos*) in its practical application refers to separation unto God... produced by the Holy Spirit.”

7.) Salvation saves one to the uttermost and puts the child of God under the continual intervention of Christ before God: Hebrews 7:25)

The verb “to save” (*sozo*) is used absolutely, which means that Christ will save in the most comprehensive sense; he saves from all bondages that humanity may have gotten themselves into. Christ’s salvation is complete deliverance, no matter what the need of the sinner is.

Philippians 1:6

Transitional Sentence: There is a wonderful cup of salvation and there is “The Cup of Blessing.”

Psalm 16:5

Ainsworth called it “David’s Jewel, or Noble Song.”

Application: The illuminated child of God approaches Communion, saying, “Let me have the love and favor of God and be accepted of Him. Let me enjoy the comfort of communion with the Lord and the satisfaction of understanding His graces and sustaining love. Just let me be captivated by His promise of eternal life and rest in my eternal state. What else is there to desire, what more can a man achieve and what

surpasses the blessing of being under the blood of Christ?"

The heart of the man who wrote that Paschal Hallelujah Psalm should be in the heart of everyone wanting to participate in Communion today....

Psalm. 116: 12

1 Corinthians 11:27-28

1 Corinthians 10:16

Illustration: Thorwaldsen, "The hand that carved the form of Christ can never carve the form of a heathen goddess."

Application: What is true in Corinth is true today the Christian who has handled the sacred things of Christ cannot soil his soul with things that God calls wickedness. Idolatry was the sin the apostle Paul contended with often. "Idolatry" (*eidoloatrisa*) means both the worship of false gods and the failure to have a right relationship with God. In practical terms, an idol is anything that consumes a person's mind, heart and soul and body. It is what ever gets your extra money, time, adoration and strength.

In Closing: The prince of preachers, Charles Spurgeon, wrote in his exposition of Psalm 116 the heart of the today's message. He writes, "Personal love fostered by a personal experience of redemption is the theme of this psalm. In it we see the redeemed answered when they pray, protected in times of trouble, resting in their God, walking at large sensible of their obligations, conscious that they are not their own but purchased with a price, and joining with all the ransomed company to sing hallelujahs unto God."

Illustration: Walter B. Knight

Too often we have let Communion become a religious ritual, thus forgetting how much God and Christ loves us.... Therefore we miss out on the joy that is available to us.... Let the Holy Spirit place so deep in your hearts that which was in the heart of Jeremiah, "Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." (Jeremiah 3:22-24)

Let Us Pray!