



Easter Series, Part 2 - Pastor Will Mackey – April 17, 2011

Why are the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus so Important? (Part 2)

Quick Review: **The Problem**

Sin brought death into humanity. Anti-life (death) began to work in our self-appraisal (guilt/shame), in our view of God (fear), in our interpersonal relationships (distrust), in our self-awareness (selfish/irresponsibility), in our world-view (compete/ not cooperate), and in our mortality (loss of eternal life).

Today's Study: **The Plan**

The Night Jesus Took What Rightfully Belonged to Us! (Matthew 26:36-44)

1. On that night, God the Father gave Jesus a “cup” to drink from. (42)

What is the “cup” Jesus referred to?

- It is the cup of judgment that all who reject God will drink from. (Ezekiel 23:32-35)
- It is the cup of punishment that God will give to those who have sinned and done wickedness. (Psalm 75:7-8)
- It is the cup of double reaping for the evil choices people made in their lives. (Rev. 18:5-7a)
- It is the cup of torment for those who sided with the enemy. (Rev. 14:9-11a)

2. On that night, Jesus began to drink the contents of the cup, so we didn't have to. (42)
 - Luke 22:42-44
 - 1 Peter 2:22-24
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - Isaiah 53:6, 10-11
 - John 3:16
3. When we repent of our sins, trust the Father, and ask Him to apply the sacrifice of Christ to our lives, our lives are infused with Himself (life).
 - Our self-appraisal changes from guilt/shame to being forgiven and accepted/new beginning.
 - Our view of God changes from fear to trust, gratitude, love and a desire to be with Him.
 - Our interpersonal relationships and self-awareness *can* change from distrust and selfish irresponsibility to true honesty/integrity, taking full responsibility for our attitudes/actions, and the earning of mutual trust.
 - Our world-view *can* change from always trying to be better than everyone else to learning to cooperate with the rest of God's creation to get His job done.
 - Our mortality is changed from loss of eternal life to receiving the gift of eternal life.