

Doctrine of the Cup

1. The cup is used variously in Scripture as a metaphor.

2. Etymology:

2.1 Hebrew: **Kos** is the word for a simple pottery vessel used for drinking, more often than not it resembled a small bowl.

2.1.1 There were however various types and in later Jewish history ornate cups of metal often with jewels were used by the more affluent.

2.2 Greek: **Poterion** is the word used to describe our present day cup or small goblet.

2.2.1 They were made sometimes of iron, pottery, brass, and even crude glass.

2.2.2 The cups were quite often decorated with engraved likenesses of clusters of grape, trees or even pastoral settings.

3. The cup metaphors:

3.1 The cup of salvation

Psa 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

3.1.1 God is ready to pour for He is not willing for any to perish.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

- God has filled the cup of salvation and our job is to simply drink.
- This metaphor of drinking salvation is very descriptive of grace for you see we simply swallow and God graces us out.
- The liquid descends down the throat where the epiglottis shuts off the trachea and opens the esophagus permitting the liquid to enter the stomach rather unspectacularly, but most efficiently.
- Keep in mind there are all kinds of people who drink, the good, the bad and yes the ugly; so also with salvation.

- Swallowing liquid is rather non-meritorious and a superb example of grace. So likewise is God's grace gift, Jesus Christ on the cross.

3.2 The cup of capacity

3.2.1 The cup of capacity metaphor describes a mature believer ready for blessing because he has capacity, i.e., a cup, to appreciate and enjoy Divine blessing.

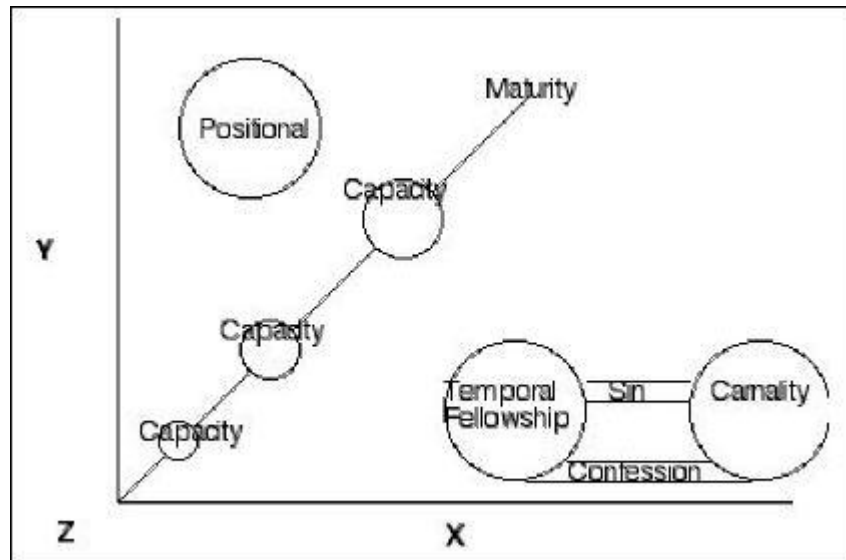
Psa 16:5 LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

Psa 16:6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

3.2.2 David says blessing has been poured into his cup because he has doctrine in his soul.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



3.3 The cup of discipline for the male who seduces a woman other than his right woman

Hab 2:15 "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies.

Hab 2:16 You will be filled with shame instead of glory. Now it is your turn! Drink and be exposed! The cup from the LORD'S right hand is coming around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory.

3.4 The cup of discipline for the wicked

Psa 11:6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

3.5 The cup of discipline for Israel

Isa 51:17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

3.6 The cup of suffering for Christ.

Mat 26:39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

3.7 The cup of remembrance

1Co 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

1Co 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

3.8 The cup of devils

1Co 10:21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

3.9 The cup of discipline upon the nations who attack Israel

Zec 12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

3.10 The cup of judgment on the false religious system

Rev 14:9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand,

Rev 14:10 he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb.

