

## **“If it be possible, let this cup pass from me.”**

Adding to the post of yesterday, while in the garden the night of His betrayal, Jesus cried out “if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.”

What was that all about?

Cup speaks of “fellowship”

“He that knew no sin, was about to become sin” At this point in His life, Jesus was about to become what the Old Testament Saints knew as the “serpent on the pole” that Moses was commanded to lift up in the wilderness, so that all who looked upon it would be healed.

John 3 and 14 tells us as “Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man (Jesus Himself) be lifted up”

It was at this time that the Man Christ Jesus was to be lifted up on the cross, and actually become all the nastiness that Satan represents, all of the sin that He embodies, all of the degradation that He incites, and become one with him.

Jesus Christ actually becoming sin. Wow think about that for a moment..

Fellowship with the Heavenly Father of which He had always known, to be cut off – separated if you will as Jesus took upon His own body all that sin is, does and represents to wit He cries out from this cross “My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me”?

Thank God we are reminded that before Jesus ever left the cross, He cried out not only that “it is finished” but relationship restored. He. cried out “Father into thy hands, I commend my spirit.”

Thinking as a man, in the garden Jesus was looking toward “becoming sin”

That is the reason for the sweat coming from His forehead while in the garden.

Not just the pain He was to endure, but the loss of fellowship with His Heavenly Father. According to Hebrews, Jesus was fully God and fully man.

You can see His humanity on display here. Also, you will note that while He was in the garden, His closest friends were there also, yet none of them were at His side. They were asleep nearby and He was all alone. Again you can see His humanity as he tells them, (paraphrase here) “come on man, can I get a little help over here” One of His closest friends on earth was about to renounce any association with Him, while the others claimed to “go to the ends of the earth” to be with Him could not bring themselves to sit with Him in His desperate time of need.

It kind of makes me “sick” at my stomach to see the separation within our churches between the laity and the church leadership. Between the pew and the pulpit – between the folks and the robed.

There is only one reason to be together beloved, and it is not to make some separation between the “reverend” and the people. Jesus spoke with disdain about those who hold themselves up as “religious” leaders who go around in long robes who love greetings in the marketplace and the best seats in the house” – Luke 20 vs 46.

Embrace the attitude of humility beloved, and discard the robes and oh by the way, MAKE MUCH OF THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.

We are all in this together beloved. Avoid those who hold on to the “doctrine of the Nicolaitans” and if you don’t know what that is, take the time to look it up.