

The Cup of Sanctification

Exodus 6:6-7 (NIV) “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.”

Significance of First Cup

1. Salvation is God’s **rescue** plan.

Galatians 1:4 (NLT) Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.

✓ God initiated our salvation; He just asks of us to **believe** and **receive**.

✓ Salvation is the starting point – not the **destination**.

2. Salvation is about **identity** and calling.

1 John 3:1 (NIV) See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

John 17:3 (NIV) Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

✓ Salvation changes **position** before it changes behavior.

Romans 8:15-17 (NIV) The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

✓ God didn’t just save us **from** something – He saved us **for** something!

3. Salvation is a **gift**.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

✓ Unopened gifts don't transform lives—**used** ones do.

✓ Being “saved” is not the **full** promise.

4. Salvation is the testimony of God's love.

1 John 4:10 (NIV) This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

✓ God loves us for who we **are** not what we **do**.