

The Cup of Deliverance

✓ Salvation gets you out of Egypt; deliverance gets Egypt out of **you**.

Romans 6:1-4 (NIV) What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Significance of the Second Cup

1. Jesus didn't just forgive the prisoner—He opened the **prison door**.

John 8:34-36 (NIV) Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin... So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV) It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

✓ Grace doesn't just forgive the crime—it frees the **captive**.

Romans 6:14 (NIV) For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

2. Transformed lives require **renovated** minds.

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV) You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

✓ Freedom happens when truth evicts the **lies** living in your mind.

John 8:31-32 (NIV) To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

3. Community is God's delivery system for **life change**.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

✓ God may save you individually, but He transforms you in **community**.

✓ The best tool for deliverance is **confession**.

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 (NIV) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

✓ Life change happens in **circles**, not rows.

Hebrews 3:13 (NIV) But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.