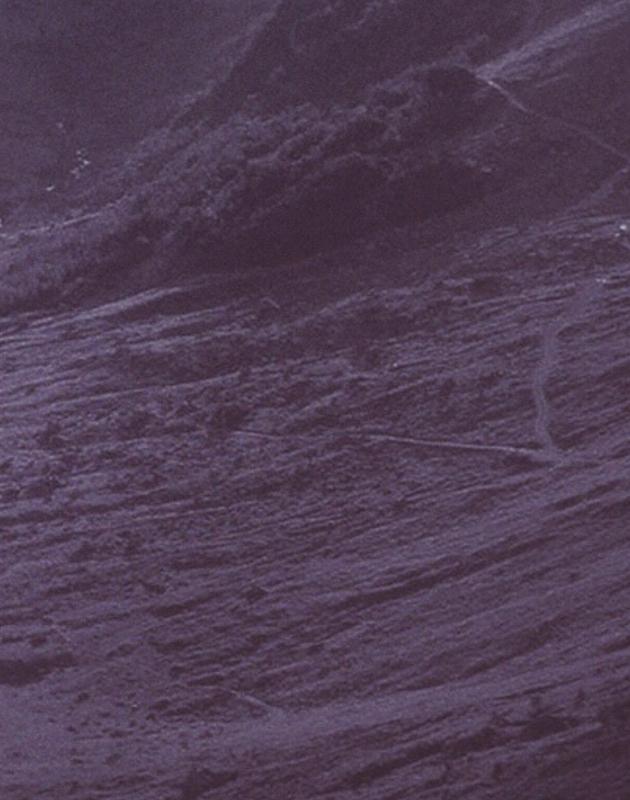
LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION

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- God set His love on us before we had done anything to deserve it
 - His love is eternal, incomprehensibly vast and rich and available for us to experience
 - We have access to it in Jesus and in Him it is unconditional
- He has forgiven us our sins and cleansed us eternally in Jesus
 - Our confession is now Jesus Christ and who we are in Him - it is not a review of our sins which have been erased

Righteousness and sanctification are a gift from God not something that we still have to attain by our efforts

• Its grace from first to last and by faith from beginning to ending

• We don't have to gradually change by works into better humans, we were born again and have become new in Him

• We are not on the treadmill of trying harder, struggling, wrestling and vain performance effort - we believe, find rest and peace, we surrender and trust Jesus

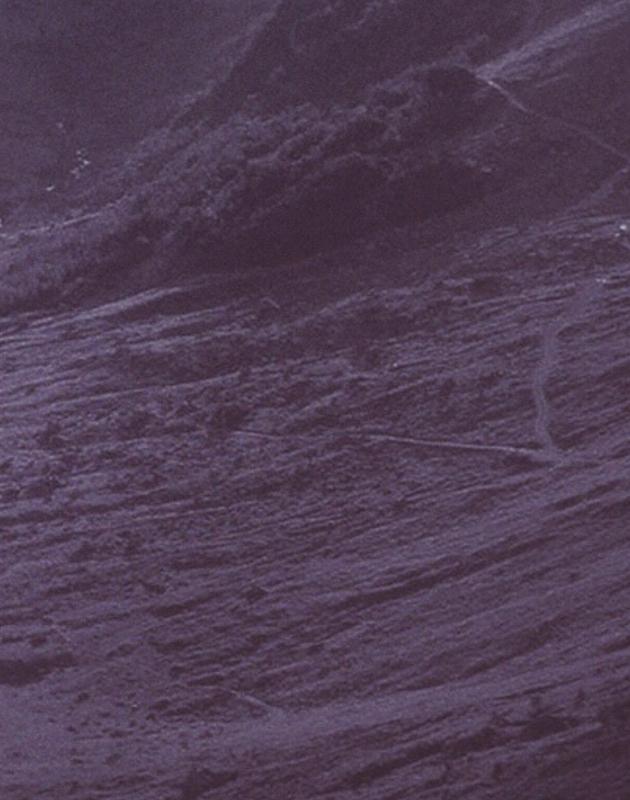
• We're no longer slaves but sons, not objects of wrath but beloved children, not far from God but brought very near, not orphans but adopted, not rejected but accepted

Our focus is not on how much we can give up for God but how much He gave up for us

- The Holy Spirit convicts us about God's goodness to us and about our "Sonship"
- We are focussed on God's goodness and promises, we're not sin conscious
- He has changed our nature and stature

5 The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. 6 The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me. 7 Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. 8 For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, 9 that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living. . . . 12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. 14 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Psalm 116:5-13



This is a continuation of the Paschal Hallel, and therefore must in some measure be interpreted in connection with the coming out of Egypt. It has all the appearance of being a personal song in which the believing soul, reminded by the Passover of its own bondage and deliverance, speaks thereof with gratitude, and praises the Lord accordingly. We can conceive the Israelite singing, "Return unto thy rest, 0 my soul, "as he remembered the going back of the house of Jacob to the land of their fathers; and then drinking the cup at the feast using the words of Ps 116:13, "I will take the cup of salvation."

To take the cup of salvation was in itself an act of worship, and it was accompanied with other forms of adoration, hence the Psalmist says, and call upon the name of the LORD. He means that he will utter blessings and thanksgivings and prayers, and then drink of the cup which the Lord had filled with his saving grace. What a cup this is! Upon the table of infinite love stands the cup full of blessing; it is ours by faith to take it in our hand, make it our own, and partake of it, and then with joyful hearts to laud and magnify the gracious One who has filled it for our sakes that we may drink and be

refreshed. We can do this figuratively at the sacramental table, we can do it spiritually every time we grasp the golden chalice of the covenant, realizing the fulness of blessing which it contains, and by faith receiving its divine contents into our inmost soul.

Charles H. Spurgeon The Treasury of David Bible Commentary an offering of praise for temporal salvation, and for spiritual and eternal salvation; in allusion to a master of a family, who at the close of a feast or meal, used to take up a cup in his hands, and give thanks

> John Gill Exposition of the whole Bible

In the Law they used to make a banquet when they gave solemn thanks to God, and to take the cup and drink in sign of thanksgiving.

> Calvin, Luther, Zwingli The Geneva Study Bible

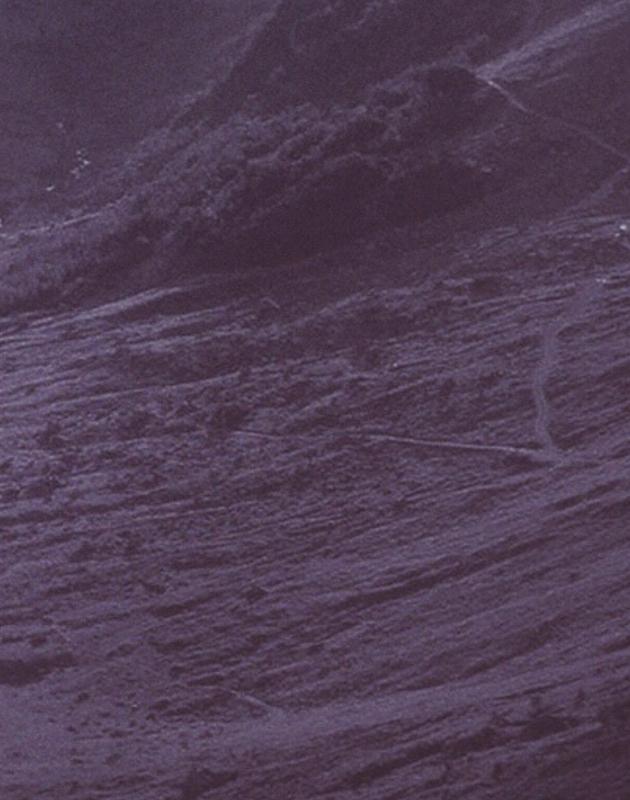
"I will offer the drink-offerings appointed by the law, in token of my thankfulness to God, and rejoice with my friends in God's goodness to me;" this is called the cup of deliverance because drunk in memory of his deliverance. The pious Jews had sometimes a cup of blessing, at their private meals, which the master of the family drank first of, with thanksgiving to God, and all at his table drank with him.

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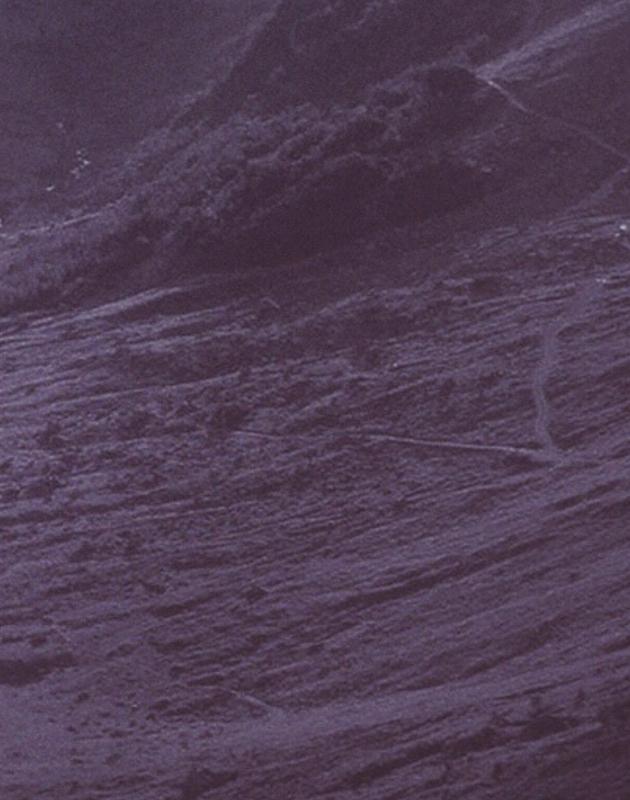
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1. Drink deep the cup of salvation



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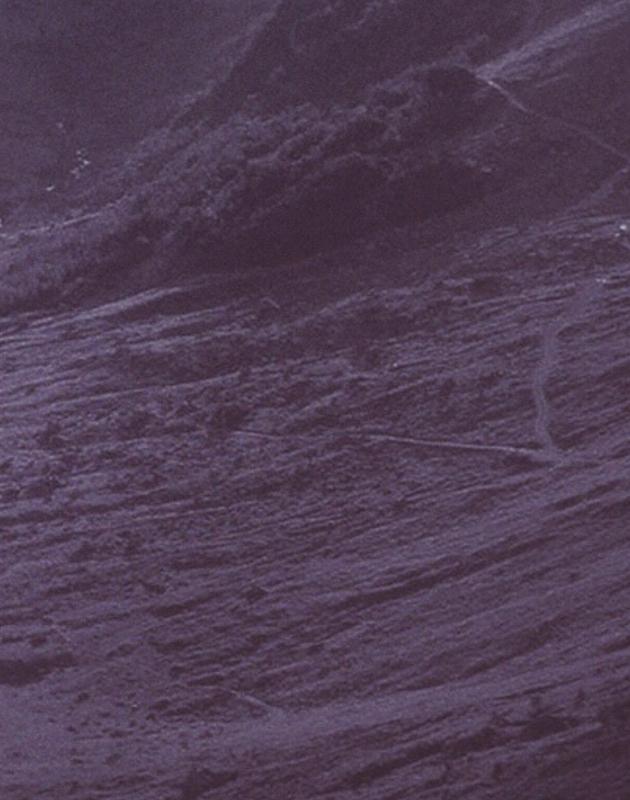
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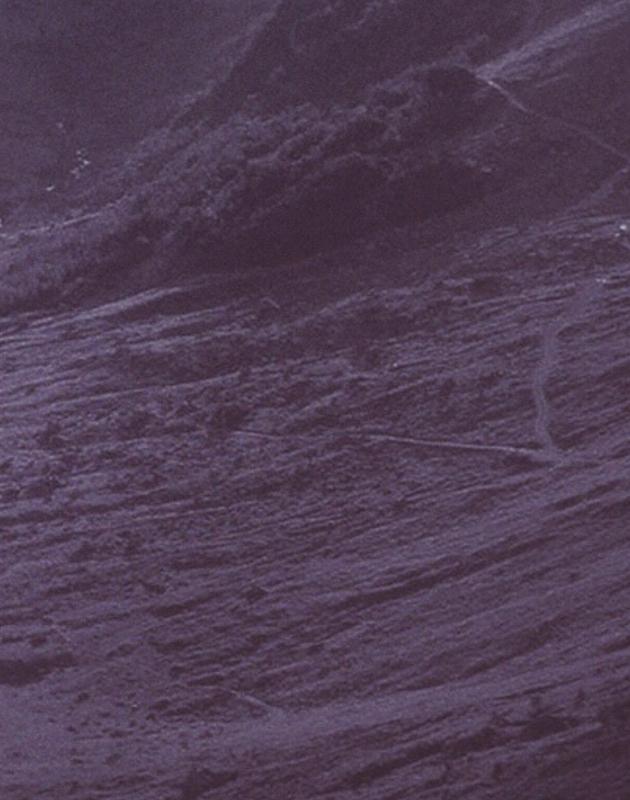
2. Share the cup of salvation with others



Personally

15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

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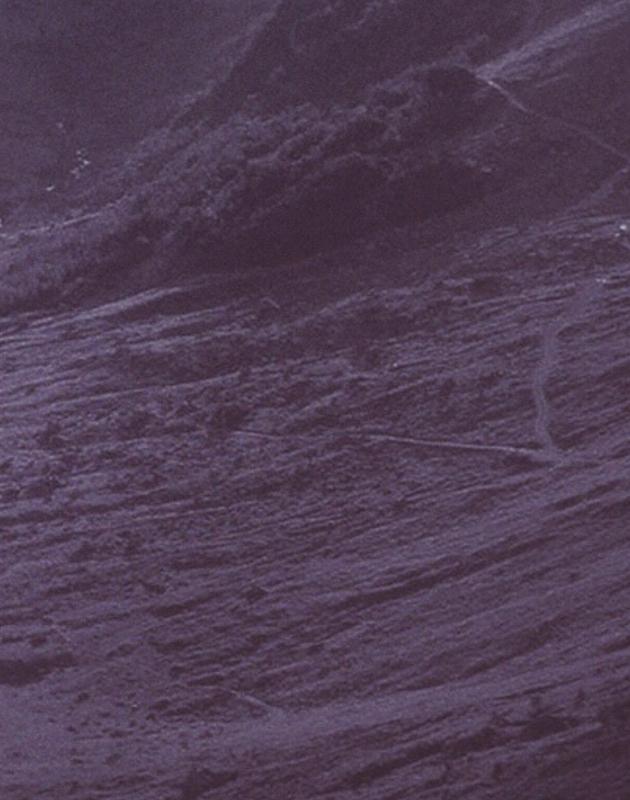
30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God —that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

In community

17 B Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

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2 Corinthians 10:17



In church

22 Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers. 23 So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? 24 But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, 25 as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

1 Corinthians 14:22-25

