

Pass the Cup

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There used to be a time that we would pass the cup full of spirits.
We would crack jokes and laugh so loud anybody nearby could hear it!

But the cup I want to talk about is a cup Jesus took and looked in.
What He saw when He looked inside was not wine, beer "Henney," or gin.

He saw all manner of sin that resided in the world.
Not one soul was exempt; not any man, any woman, any boy or any girl.

He prayed to the Father, "if you are willing, take this cup from me...."
Then He said "Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done," just so you and I could be free!

He was not coaxed or tricked or bribed to give His life.
He gave it wholeheartedly as a willing sacrifice.

Ever thought about what would have happened if He hadn't taken the cup?
If He had never been crucified, buried and three days later got up?

You and I, we would have had to bear our own cross!
We would have had to endure the pain and agony of still being lost!

Even now, we'll walk around people being mean and nasty not wanting to forgive them.
We want to beat people down with unforgiveness, but we want God to forgive us again.

We come to church and hear the word and act like we haven't heard a thing.
We can see a homeless person out on the treacherous streets and not even a meal we will bring!

We have men who come to worship but go home and abuse.
We have women who spew out such hatred, but come each Sunday to teach Sunday school.

We're supposed to train up our children in the way they should go.
No wonder they are acting out and coming against their parents because of the bad example that we show!

The world should be a better place because followers of Christ are in it.
Instead, a lot of what happens in the world is because we joined in with it!

What if Jesus saw all of this dysfunction and decided to pass the cup?
What would have happened if He decided not to die or to get up?

Let's strive to be doers of the word and not just hearers, and to the word give birth.
Let's be the light and salt and citizens of the Kingdom who have dominion on earth.

Let's walk in the fruit of the spirit, and forgive and hold righteousness up.
Let's glorify God in our lives and act like we are glad that Jesus did not pass the cup!