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Luke 22:20: Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

The cup of wine we drink at the Lord's Table symbolizes the believer's communion with God accomplished by Christ's shed blood. How amazing that we have friendship with holy God and enjoy the blessings of grace such as righteousness, peace, and forgiveness! But never forget, in order for his children to drink of this cup of communion, our Head had to drink that bitter cup of wrath dry. (*Zec 13: 7; Ps 22: 1-3*) In the total darkness of the cross, there could be no communion with the Father for our Substitute until he had suffered all the consequences of sin to the full satisfaction of divine justice. (*Rom 8: 32; Lam 1: 12; Zec 12: 10; Is 53: 8*) But by making satisfaction, Christ took that bitter cup out of our hands and gave us this sweet cup of communion.