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The Lamb and the blood are pictures of Jesus - He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and it is His Blood that is shed for our sins. It is the only <sup>best</sup> all the family takes

So Jesus chose the Passover meal to commemorate His death for us - He establishes Communion - and calls it the New Covenant

- the wine is symbolic of His blood shed for us

- the bread is symbolic of His body broken for us

~~The next~~ After the Passover meal Jesus leads the disciples to Gethsemane

Here is the place where ~~He~~ He is under terrible oppression - (Lu. 22:39-46) Here in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed to His Father His struggle became so intense that He sweat drops of blood - his capillaries broke under intense emotion and He actually sweat drops of blood.

What was this terrible struggle about?

What was this "cup" He was facing?

Jesus knew what was in that "cup" - He came to earth for this very reason - to give His life a ransom for us.

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The lamb is the blood and grace of God - the substitution of God who takes away the sin of the world - and it is His

blood that is shed for our sins - and it is His blood that changes the Passover meal to communion - and calls it the New Covenant.

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"EHP" in "EHP"

② Let's think about what was in that cup:

① Was it the physical suffering?

That was a terrible ordeal - beaten  
= the cat-o-nine-tails, face beaten beyond  
recognition, the agony of crucifixion - the worst  
death man has ever invented!

I'm sure he dreaded the physical suffering -  
after all, he was human.

But through it all Jesus "uttered not a  
word" - No! - it was not the physical suffering  
~~He~~ in that cup

② Was it because He was going to come  
into intimate contact = sin - He was God

He had never sinned and now He was  
voluntarily taking all the sins of all mankind  
of all time upon Himself - He became sin

I Pet. 2:24 "He bore our sins in His own Body  
on the Cross" - sin is a part of our own  
body - + Jesus took that on His own Body -

He became guilty for every sin of every person

"The wages of sin is death" - Jesus took those  
wages - all of them for all of us.

This was no doubt part of the reason for  
His terrible dread - but the sins were not  
the "cup" -

③ Jesus knew what was in the "cup" - it  
was full of the WRATH of God - the infinite anger  
of a Holy Righteous God against sin  
"at His WRATH the earth shall tremble" -

So Jesus was going to bear the DIVINE WRATH of  
GOD on all my sins & all your sins -

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God

... think about what was in that cup.  
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 ... that was a ...  
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turn

God

sin

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... He became sin - He became sin  
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His own body

... the ...  
 ... the ...  
 ... the ...  
 ... the ...

sin

God

"God"

... the ...  
 ... the ...  
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turn

③ Jesus Christ was even going to separated from His own essence - that's why He cried out "My God, My God why have you forsaken me?" - we cannot fathom the agony He faced! But HE COULD!! He knew what the wrath of God was like - and He dreaded it terribly

→ Why would He do it? Why would He go through it? Because He so yearned for a love-relationship with every human being that He was willing to bear the consequences of His OWN JUSTICE → He stood in the 'gap' between us & our unright and His perfect +R In order to set Himself free to LOVE and FORGIVE everyone of us.

There was no other way that we could be brought back to God.

In (Isa. 59:2) "your sins have made a separation between you & God & you so that He does not hear you"

(Rom. 4:25) "He was delivered up because of our sins"

God cannot sacrifice <sup>His character</sup> His Justice + His +R - they have to be satisfied → sin has to be paid for.

That's why PROPITIATION is the Greatest LOVE - word in the Bible

This act of LOVE on the part of God is called PROPITIATION - it means to satisfy the JUST demands of a +R GOD against sin. "This is LOVE not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the PROPITIATION for our sins" (1 Jo. 4: 10)

OUR OWN

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do it? so far now Love through it

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Back To God way

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