Jesus Drank the Cup that Bought Your Freedom

Is 53:4, 5 *"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed".*

All you pain, all your sins, all your hurts, all rejection, every one from the day you were born till the day you die, were all poured into the cup that Jesus drank in the garden of Gethsemane. Not only yours, but all the sins, sickness, pain, rejection, hurts and torment of every man and every woman from the beginning and until the last day was poured into that cup. He who knew no sin, no sickness, instantly became sin and sickness with our sins, pains, sorrows, sickness and hurts. It killed Him. He became death.

Picture that scene in the garden. He who knew no sin, the Son of God incarnate in the flesh, the Holy One, reached out for you and for me and took that cup, that poison chalice, and drank of it all. Into Him was poured every bad thought you have had or every will have, every painful bit of rejection you have faced and will yet face, every unkind thing you have said or have yet to say, every one of your shameful acts, every painful headache, every bit of sickness you have suffered or will yet suffer, all your loneliness, all forms of torment you have or will yet suffer. Yes, all your sin and sickness was poured out into that cup and He lovingly reached out and drank of it all. Into His sinless perfect body was poured all your unrighteousness. All the sin, sickness and shame of the entire universe was poured into Him. He became a sacrifice for us, for our sin, sickness and disease and He perfectly atoned for our sin. He took care of it all. So you don't need to revel in your sin, or pains, or sit there and wallow in rejection, for He took care of it all.

If you dare believe His word, that *"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed"* ((I Pet 2:24), then you will be free. There's nothing you can do to fix your hurts, shame, sin, sickness, and torments of the past, present, or future, because Jesus has done that for you. For you to attempt to try and put these things right is self righteous works and that is seen by God as iniquitous. Walk in the freedom that Christ has provided for you. *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage"* (Gal 5:1). Focus on Him who is the answer, not on your shortcomings, or bondages.

Before you wallow in pity and say, "you don't know how much so and so hurt me", or "you don't know how bad I was and that I don't think God can forgive me for it, or "I don't think God can heal me of this or that", I ask you to just listen to the thud of the whips on His back, the sounds of His flesh being ripped by the scourges, the splattering of His blood and chunks of flesh on the walls of Pilates guard room, as the soldiers beat Jesus. Yes, think back on that and then ask yourself, "did He go through all that pain and suffering for nothing?"