



Daily Verse and Comment

[Matthew 20:23](#)

(23) Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

[1 John 2:6](#)

(6) Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

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If we, as the elect of [God](#), believe in “[Christ](#) crucified” and all that it entails ([I Corinthians 1:23](#)), then we must recognize the need for suffering and trial—to drink of the cup that God has prepared for each of us just as He did for our Savior. The apostle Peter encourages us that, if we partake in Christ's sufferings, it will be well worth the effort at His return ([I Peter 4:12-13](#)).

We should also realize that in comparison to what was required of Christ, our cup of burden will pale in magnitude; we will only be drinking from the cup He had to empty ([Matthew 11:30](#); [Romans 12:1](#)). While these two verses should not be taken to mean that our burdens will be undemanding, we should always keep our personal sufferings in perspective by remaining aware and appreciative of the staggering effort required for our Creator and Savior to make the sacrifices He made.

— Martin G. Collins

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