

# The Fellowship of Christ's Sufferings

by G. Campbell Morgan

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*The fellowship of Christ's sufferings brings us joy and intimacy with God, and is the outcome of our purity and love for Him.*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 53:3-5, Matthew 5:10-12, John 15:18-20, Romans 8:17, 2 Corinthians 1:5, Philippians 3:10, Colossians 1:24, 2 Timothy 2:12, Hebrews 4:15, 1 Peter 4:13

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## Description

G. Campbell Morgan emphasizes the profound connection between believers and Christ through the fellowship of His sufferings, illustrating that in our pain and struggles, we are never alone as Christ shares in our suffering. He explains that this fellowship brings a unique joy, rooted in the understanding of sin and the purity it demands, which leads to a deeper relationship with God. Morgan highlights that our emotional responses to sin, misunderstanding, and the plight of others stem from our intimate knowledge of God and His love, reinforcing that our suffering is intertwined with His. Ultimately, he presents the paradox that true joy can be found in the shared experience of suffering with Christ.

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## Transcript

"That I may know him...and the fellowship of his sufferings..."

(Phil. 3:10).

Do not miss the blessedness of the fact that the fellowship of His sufferings means that He has fellowship with us. When I enter into the fellowship of His sufferings I am not alone, for He is forever with me. I can endure no pain for Him that He does not share with me. When I stand in the presence of sin and suffer--if I have climbed high enough, in that moment He is with me, He is feeling the same pain, He is suffering with me. When my heart is moved with hot anger because God is misunderstood, He is suffering with me. My fellowship with Him means His fellowship with me. When through pity born of His love my heart breaks over the awful punishment that is falling on the head of the sinner, never let Satan suggest I have reached a higher level than the Lord, for He is having fellowship with me, my pity is born of His pity, and His love is suffering with my love.

Paradox of Christianity which no man can explain--there is no joy like the fellowship of His suffering! What is the sense of sin that causes you pain, dear child of God? It is the outcome of purity. The measure of purity is the measure of suffering in the presence of sin. In the infinite mystery of pain there is the deeper

heart and core of holy joy. What is that suffering of your heart in the presence of misunderstanding of God? It is born of your perfect satisfaction in God. Why are you angry when that man libels God? Because you know Him. Your hot pain and great sorrow come out of the quiet rest of intimate knowledge. What is that pity for the sinner that throbs through your soul, fills your eyes, breaks your heart? It is the outcome of the love of God shed abroad in your heart.

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