

2 Tim 3:12 YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION

Phil 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; (given – the Greek word *charizomai* – to grant as a favor)

John 16:33 --In the world ye shall have tribulation:

1 Th 3:3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

1 Th 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, --

2 Cor 4:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 -- we are always delivered unto death -- that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. -- So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny (aparnomai – utterly contradict) himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, CANNOT be my disciple.

The practice of "cutting asunder," mentioned in Matthew 24:51, has been known among various people in history. The writer of Hebrews mentions how some persecuted people were sawed in two (Hebrews 11:37), a practice here graphically illustrated by a sixteenth century artist. **SUCH WAS THE FATE THAT TRADITION HAS ASSIGNED TO THE PROPHET ISAIAH.**



Sawn asunder, torture death of Christians

Heb 11:35 -- others were tortured --

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, **THEY WERE SAWN ASUNDER**, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (OF WHOM THE WORLD WAS NOT WORTHY:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

Acts 14:22 -- we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

John 15:20 -- If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;

1 Pet 3:14 if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye

1 Pet 4:12 Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

18 And if the righteous **SCARCELY** be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? The word **SCARCELY** is the Greek word **MOLIS** from the Greek word **MOGIS** meaning "WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY"

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