

Deacon's Beacons

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For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, Philippians 1:29

It is very interesting how these randomly generated Scripture passages relate. This one tells us that by believing in Jesus, we are accepting suffering for Him. Not much in the way of wiggle room here. Maybe the reason that many Christians do not take their commitment that seriously is because we have had the misfortune of being the “state religion” even though that is supposed to be forbidden by our Constitution. However, once Christianity was embraced by the Roman Empire, it was no longer dangerous to be a Christian. While danger is not a good thing, it does call forth a level of commitment that is often lacking. Maybe if we look at the suffering as less physical and more subjecting our will to God’s, it may have more application. How many of us do that to the extent of inconvenience much less suffering?

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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