

## “JESUS CHRIST MADE PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERINGS”

*“Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation** unto all them that obey him;” ([Hebrews 5:8-9](#))*

There is the story of the man who had a **cocoon of an Emperor moth**.

Now he thought he would help the poor insect in its struggle to get out of the very small hole when exiting out of its shell ... and so he did an **experiment**.

So he snipped away the confining cocoon to make the insect’s exit more easy ... and **it worked!**

With perfect ease there emerged the moth dragging a huge swollen body behind it ... and little shrivelled wings.

But the man’s **false tenderness produced nothing but a stunted abortion** that could only crawl through a very shortened life.

You see the pressure that is exerted on the moth’s body, in passing through the very small opening, is necessary to force the body’s juices into the wings for a proper and full development.

Now God the Father, with true loving tenderness, allowed Christ to suffer the pressure of suffering, distress and sorrow, in order for his Son, through obedience, to be made perfect through sufferings and much tribulation.

*“Who his own self **bare our sins in his own body** on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” ([1 Peter 2:24](#))*

God’s far sighted love was too true to be weak with a false tenderness.

Because he perfectly loved his Son he spared not his **two requests** to have the cup pass from him ... at his ultimate sacrifice on the cross.

"And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, **let this cup pass from me**: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt ... He went away again **the second time**, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." ([Matthew 26:39, 42](#))

Indeed because God the Father loves those **in** Jesus Christ, he **chastises us** that we may be partakers of his holiness ... and **sparing not our crying**.

Through many **trials and temptations**, as sons of God, we must also be **trained up to obedience**.

"My brethren, **count it all joy** when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your **faith worketh patience**. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be **perfect and entire, wanting nothing**." ([James 1:2-4](#))

"Wherein ye **greatly rejoice**, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:" (1 Peter 1:6)

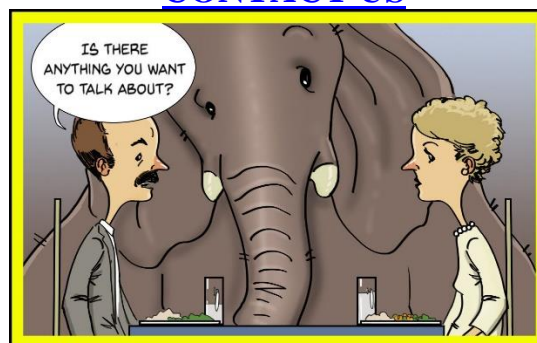
"**The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations**, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:" (2 Peter 2:9)

If Christ had not been made perfect through obedience by the things which he suffered, redemption, that is, eternal salvation, would have not been made available to man.

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