

## EARLY CHRISTIAN MARTYR'S

This narrative delivers an epic adventure of a man who goes by the name of Victor. Displaying much piety in his character, this man who lived in the lands of modern France, was manifested as benefactor for others. He cared especially, for the less fortunate souls, who were commonly empty-handed Christians.

This epic tale takes place during a period referred to by historians as the tenth persecution which started in the year 303A.D; under the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Victor had been arrested for being a Christian. During this period, a person being of Christian faith interns you're involved in behavior, that of which being threatening to the Empires security and overall unity. He was thrown into prison, but only after being tied-up and magnetized (most likely naked) through-out the streets of the village where he was found. This was an act performed from time to time on criminals throughout the Roman Empire. Typically rope tied around the ankles, with the other end of the rope fastened to a horse. This cruel act was meant to discourage others from devotion into this religion, one catching on with a relentless rapidity.

This man like many others who felt the truth through Christ, stayed devotedly attached to God. Victor relied on the ease of His Spiritual solacement, no matter how abhorrent the circumstance might have appeared to be. Upon imprisonment, Victor now survives numerous torture tactics, always keeping his head held up high whence praying, throughout his long duration of confinement to the reclusive and dark dungeon. Courageously in manner, Victor even survives the 'rack', one of history's most notorious torture devices. His three-jailers with guardianship over him, soon become enlightened, hereafter becoming much inspired, these men blissfully become converts to the unbroken faith of Christianity.

Unfortunately, for these three new Christians who replaced their idols of worship with the one true God of the Trinity, would soon have doom cast over their lives. If the Emperor heeded the information of their conversion, this he could only view as the most treacherous of acts. Soon word would make its travels, all the way to the high courts of Rome. At this point the three were ruthlessly ordered beheaded, upon the cold-hearted Emperor's discovery, of their decorous to Christianity.

The next prodigious event to unfold in Victor's life full of anguish, but counteracted with great piety, was the moment his notorious survival lead to being

personally confronted by the now Emperor - Maximian. As forerunner of this vast Empire, he had Victor placed in front of an altar with a pagan God, in form of statue standing on top. Maximian demanded that Victor place the incense that he now handed him, on top of the altar as an act of idol (pagan) worship. So now Victor walks up to the altar just as he was ordered to do so, only suddenly he then kicks it with all his might, which results in knocking the altar right over.

These Early Christians, perpetuum in their behavior to withhold any disobedience towards God, howbeit in the presence of an Emperor, the Christians typically found a more, subtle approach at throwing up a big middle finger at the Empire. Maximian, at first pondering this unyielding to believe he was witness to such an act of disobedience, in consequence orders to the kicking foot of Victor to be severed from his leg.

Thereafter, Victor is thrown into a mill, dismembering him completely. Never once, did Victor beg his captives for leniency, nor ask forgiveness. He never discredits Jesus either, and this is a man which I will occasionally mention in my prayers, to convey to me strength needed, to set a strong example for others.

How providential are we in the young twenty-first century, to have had men and women in similar nature to that of Victor who were born over seventeen-hundred years ago? Men and women (even children) who sacrificed not just their own lives on earth to give us Christianity presently, but in almost all cases enduring a ruthlessly most painful and prolonged period of torture, in order to achieve this goal.

If Victor can do that for us, we can perform a lot more for others. Remember the next time a person of our now *secular society* tells you to be an atheist, you can kick over their 'altar'. Do not stray away from the truth, because it can only cause damage to you, and damage to others; even the people who currently have a different belief system than our own.