

*"All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." **Matthew 11:27-30 KJV***



The yoke shares the burden betwixt two. What one animal bears, they both bear. They are joined for the task at hand. Each is inseparably bound to the load. When we enter into Christ's yoke, our burden becomes His and since He has no burdens, neither do we. He walks beside us, step for step, lending His infinite power to our "light affliction." We have no sorrow or disappointment that He does not bear. If we stay in step and "learn" of Him, we will find we have no burdens. When we strain against the yoke to go our own way, we not only fight the power of God, but we pull the full weight of our burdens. When we walk hand in hand with the KING, we become "mighty like an ox." Together with God, we can pull any load. "God is light and in Him is NO darkness at all. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship." It is when we walk alone that we become powerless. Sin so easily besets us that it is a constant irritation. When you fall, instead of giving up, get up. "A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief." Quit focusing on the load and focus on your Companion. When confessing sin, tell God what you did, He already knows, and He forgives then forgets. "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Confession is agreeing with God about your deeds and thoughts. It is the first step of repentance. Repentance is simply turning back to God.

Sins confessed are all forgot,
Although just done, remembered not,
Robes washed clean without a spot,
The page is clean without a blot. ~CGP

It's a new page; "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened (made alive) together with Him (Christ), having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross." Keep short accounts with God. Don't confess sin once a day or week. Confess your sin to God as soon as the Holy Spirit pricks your heart about it. They don't put erasers on pencils for decoration. Mistakes will be made and need to be erased. Confession is the believer's eraser. Satan loves to throw our past up before us to hinder us and discourage us. The Apostle had a tormentor assigned especially to him. It was so grievous he asked the Lord three times to rid him of it. God replied, "My grace is sufficient for thee." In other words, "Don't worry about it! Your confessed past is forgotten." We should take a lesson and forgive others "seventy times seven;" in other words, completely. A wrong remembered is not forgiven. God truly forgives and walks with us to bear our burdens with His strength.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:7-9 KJV