

You can be saved!

If you have never repented of your sins and been saved and feel the desire to do so now please say this prayer. This is how I was powerfully saved 20 years ago!

Say, "My Lord and my God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe Jesus the Christ died on the cross and shed His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins. I believe Jesus raised from the dead and ascended into heaven and is now on the right-hand side of God listening to this prayer. I open up the door of my heart and I invite You in, Lord Jesus. And I Thank You LORD, for saving my soul and I vow to serve you with all my heart which is the first and greatest commandment. Amen."

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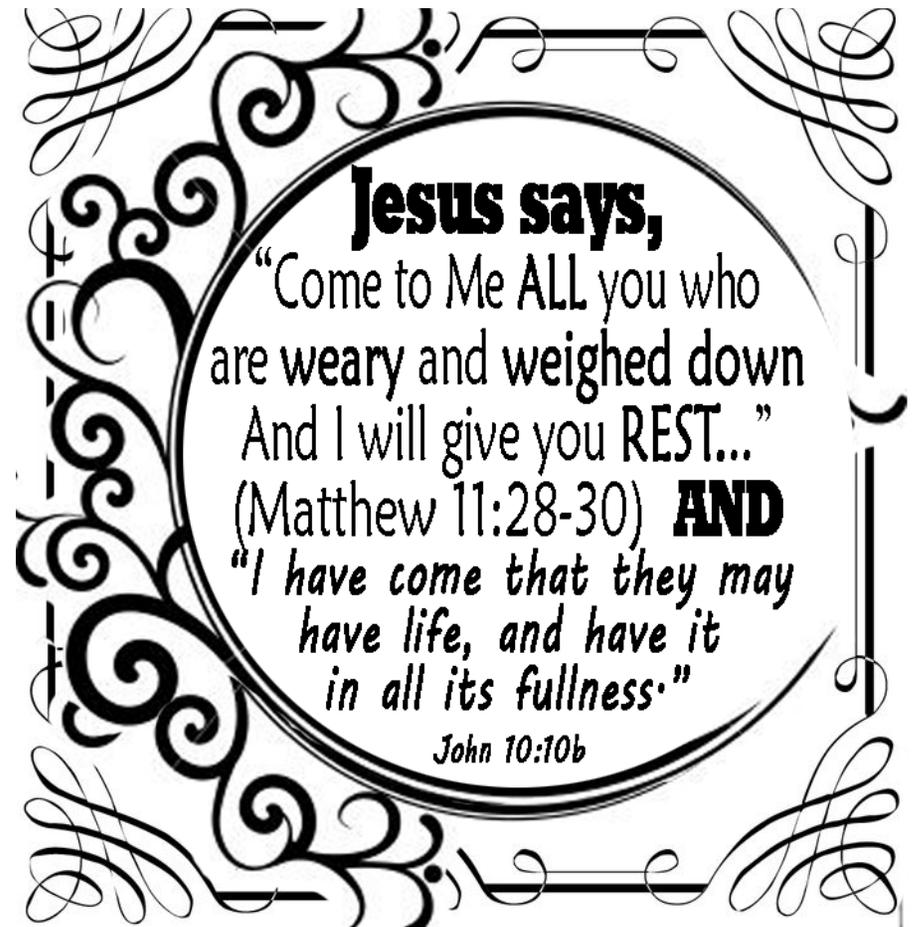
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We hurt because we are separated from our Creator.

Jesus completed the process to unite us to God. But we need to enter into an agreement (covenant) with Him. Please read on:

It's very important to understand that the Bible was written in ancient Greek. It was then translated into every language on earth. So, when we read the English translation of the Bible, we'll read Jesus allegedly saying, "My yoke is easy." (Matthew 11) "Easy" here is the English translation of the Greek word, **chréstos**. There are seven occurrences for this Greek word in the New Covenant writings, and in the eleventh chapter of Matthew is the only place where this word is translated into the English word "easy."

Greek dictionaries define chréstos as: **useful, gentle, pleasant, kind**. These words or synonyms add to the description of that word and *that* is very important.

Now we'll briefly go over the entire paragraph: Jesus says, "Come unto me, all that labor 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 you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke [is] easy (chréstos), and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30.

"Come to me, all [those] who **kopiaó**..."

kopiaó: Definition: (a) I grow weary, (b) I toil, work with effort (of bodily and mental labor alike).

"...ALL YOU who are **phortizó**..." phortízō – overload (pack up), causing someone to be (literally) "weighted-

God doesn't leave us, initially. The Bible says, "If we deny Him, He also will deny us." (2 Timothy 2:12)

As Jesus says, No one can pluck you out of God's hands (John 10:28). No one, *except yourself!*

As God told king Solomon, the son of David:

"And you, Solomon my son, know that the God of your father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts: if you seek Him, He will be found; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever." 1 Chronicles 28:9

God is exactly this way with everyone. He is an impartial judge. And He forever proved His love for us by what He did through Jesus the Christ. We just need to go to Christ and learn from Him for the incredible rest and peace we receive through Him.

I ask that God bless you all with wisdom and understanding in the revelation of God's love and power. In Jesus' name/reputation. Amen.

When we do this, **then** (and **only** then), the promises are given. Those are the terms of the New Covenant (Testament). And we gladly agree to these terms when our eyes have been opened to God's reality!

All flesh (humanity) is offered salvation through Jesus (Yeshua) the Christ (Messiah) and through the "easy" yoke and light burden He promises us in His Word. All flesh has the opportunity to choose between good and evil, light and darkness, sin or holiness, God or the devil, Heaven or hell.

"Choose you this day who you will serve." (Joshua 24:15)

In following God with all your heart, and you make a misstep, God chastens you.

And, IF you endure (IF IF IF), you ENDURE His sometimes "grievous" chastisement "then" God deals with you as His sons and daughters. (Hebrews 12:7)

If you go astray, God seeks your return. **You** should seek your return. Pray and fight your way back to God. Force yourself back into His word and in prayer. And Pray God extend mercy to you. "So keep watch at all times, and pray that you may have the strength to escape all that is about to happen and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36

-down and I will give you **Anapauó**, definition: I make to rest, give rest to; mid. and pass: I rest, take my ease.

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; **for I am meek and lowly in heart**: and you **shall** find rest unto your psuché."

psuché Definition: (a) the vital breath, breath of life, (b) the human soul, (c) the soul as the seat of affections and will, (d) the self, (e) a human person, an individual. ~Matthew 11:28-30

What beautiful promises of God through His Christos (Anointed) Son. So much more precious when we are in desperate need (Luke 7:47). Those are the people God is actually talking to the most. And they are the ones who hear God's gospel the most. Jesus said He came to save those who were lost (Luke 19:10), the sinners (Matthew 9:13) and the sick (Mark 2:17). Aren't they the ones who cried out to Jesus more earnestly than anyone else? And Jesus had compassion and healed them all (Mat 4:23, 12:15; Luke 9:11).

In the book of James, he says something very similar to what Jesus is recorded as saying in Matthew 11. He says, **Submit** yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

I want to encourage everyone to LOVE God with all your heart like we are commanded to do (Matthew 22:36-40; Luke 10:25-28). Jesus said "My yoke is easy,

pleasant, gentle, kind". Therefore, we are without excuse.

God allowed His Son to die and shed His blood for us and be a sacrifice for our sins.

And then Jesus raised from the dead.

And He stayed with the apostles for 40 days;

"For 40 days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. He appeared to his apostles and spoke to them about God's kingdom. (Acts 1:3)

Then, He gave instructions to His disciples that they would receive POWER.

God's POWER.

"But you shall receive power, after that the holy Spirit enters into you: and you shall [then] be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."
Acts 1:8

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." Acts 1:9

Jesus "ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

"And He gave some, *apostles*; and some, *prophets*; and some, *evangelists*; and some, *pastors* and *teachers*;" Ephesians 4:8

These *titles*, no one may claim on their own. Their love/obedience to God, claim these titles. The proof (or "fruit") being as follows:

"For the *perfecting* of the saints, for the *work of the ministry*, for the *edifying of the body of Christ*:" Ephesians 4:11

So, ask yourself, "Do I **strive** for "perfection" by crying out to God and seeking Him with all my heart? And do I teach others the same?" That is **the** "*work of the ministry*" Paul says! And do you edify or build up the members of the Body of Christ? No? Then we **cannot** claim any of these titles Paul mentions!

The promises of God are to those who love Him with all their heart. And if we have truly been allowed to understand what God has done for us in and through Christ, we would do just that! And we would love our neighbor as ourselves. We would reflect God's love to EVERYONE. Even our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48)