

Chapter 1

Burdens are lifted by glorious good news

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest ... , My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28,30).

Under the reign of grace it is just as easy to do right as under the reign of sin it is easy to do wrong. This must be so, for if there is not more power in grace than there is in sin, there can be no salvation from sin.

But there is salvation from sin. No one who believes Christianity can deny this.

Salvation from sin depends upon there being more power in grace than there is in sin. It cannot possibly be otherwise. Wherever the power of grace can have control, it will be easy to do right.

No one ever naturally found it difficult to do wrong, because man is naturally enslaved to the power of sin that is absolute in its reign. And so long as that power has sway, it is not only difficult, it is impossible to do the good that he knows, and that he would.

But let a mightier power than that have sway, then is it not plain enough that it will be just as easy to serve the will of the mightier power as it was to serve the will of the other power when it reigned?

But grace is not simply more powerful than is sin. If this were all, even then there would be good cheer to every sinner in the world. But there is much more power in grace than there is in sin. For "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

So [there is] much more hope for every sinner in the world! Whence comes grace? From God. "Grace be unto you ... from God our Father, and

from the Lord Jesus Christ." Whence comes sin? From the devil, of course. Well, it is as plain as ABC that there is much more power in grace than there is in sin, as there is more power in God than there is in the devil.[1]

Note:

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