



DEVOTION

Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" - and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

To be able to confess our sin is one of the most wonderful gifts that God gives us. When we do so, we have the assurance that God forgives us completely (see 1 John 1:9). Jesus is our Advocate who speaks to the Father in our defense. He is the reconciliation for our sin (see 1 John 2:1-2).

Confessing sin does not mean that we can just continue to live in the same sinful way. No, confession of sin is to break with past. As we confess our sin, our life of yesterday must also become something of the past. It means that we commit ourselves anew to the Lord.

God does not abandon us. He helps us up again and says,

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you and watch over you" (Ps. 32:8). Confession of sin means that we will follow His guidance and counsel henceforth and not be like a stubborn mule following our own instincts (see Ps. 32:9). It simply means to be a Christian.