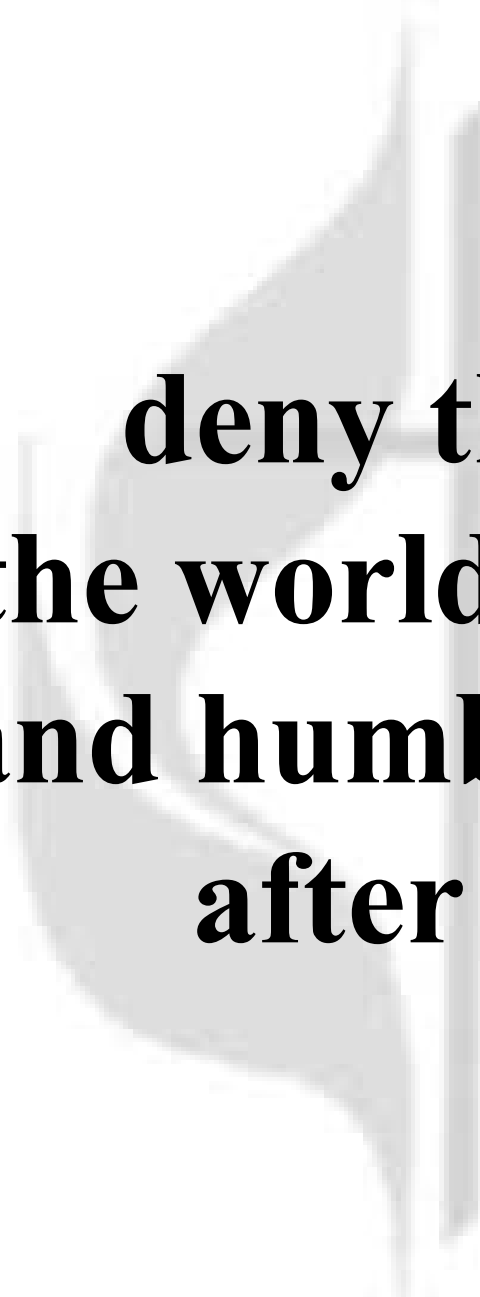


# Take Up Thy Cross


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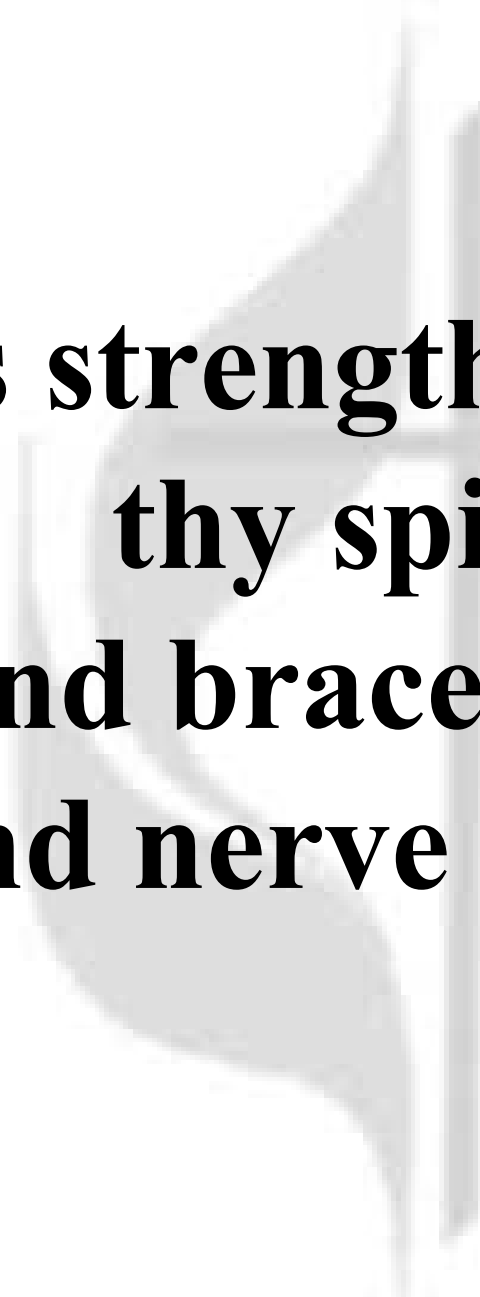
**1. “Take up thy cross,”  
the Savior said,  
“if thou wouldst my  
disciple be;**



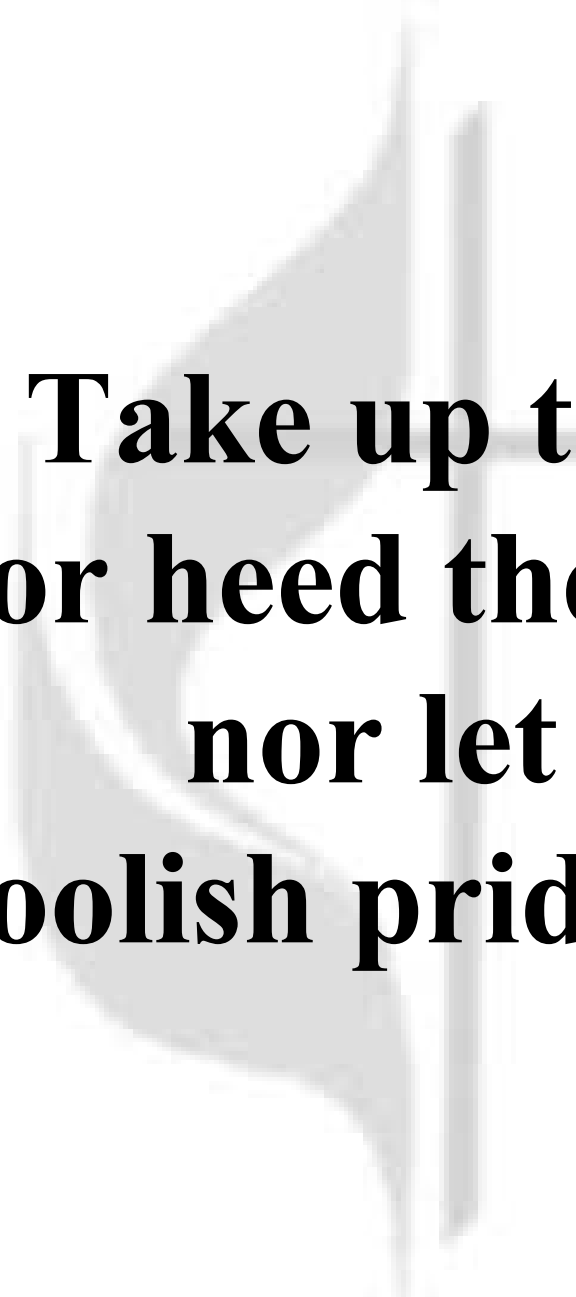
**deny thyself,  
the world forsake,  
and humbly follow  
after me.”**



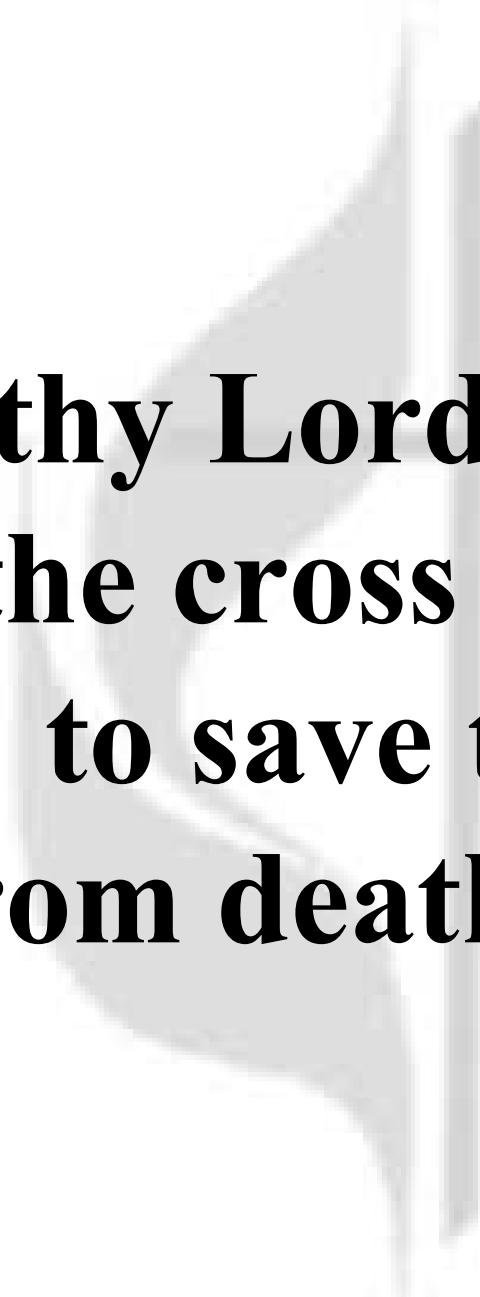
**2. Take up thy cross,  
let not its weight  
fill thy weak  
spirit with alarm;**




**his strength shall bear  
thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart  
and nerve thine arm.**



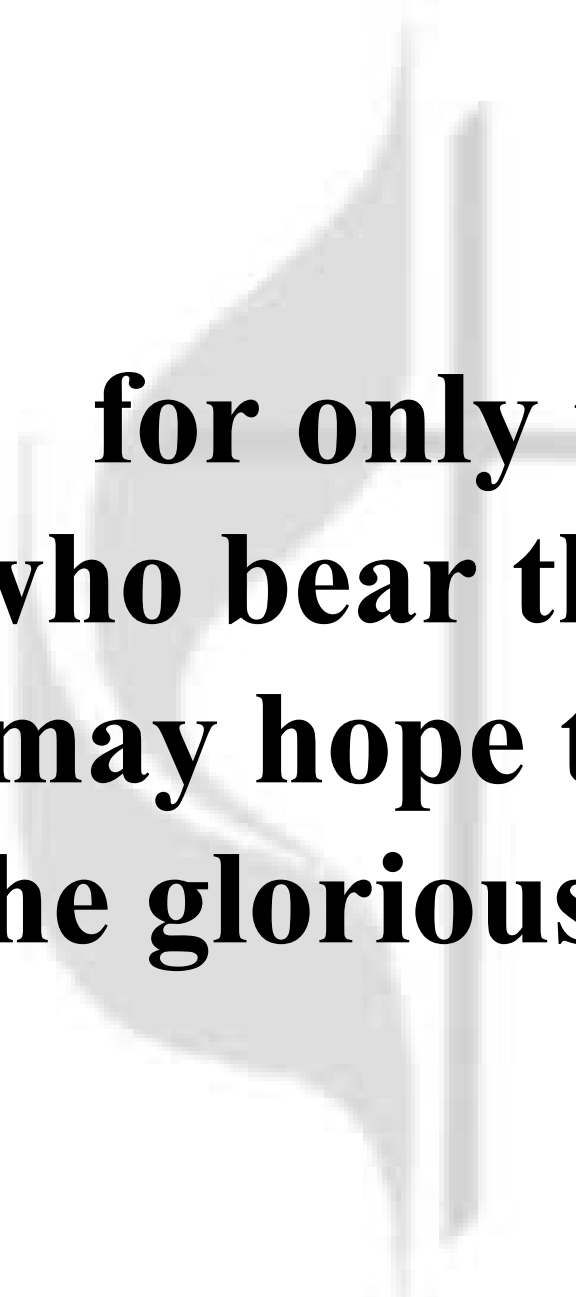
**3. Take up thy cross,  
nor heed the shame,  
nor let thy  
foolish pride rebel;**



**thy Lord for thee  
the cross endured,  
to save thy soul  
from death and hell.**



**4. Take up thy cross  
and follow Christ,  
nor think till death  
to lay it down;**



**for only those  
who bear the cross  
may hope to wear  
the glorious crown.**