

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## The Gift of Grace

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.

—*Ephesians, 2:4-10*

The transcendent beauty and power of the Christian religion is based upon the fact that it offers those who embrace it an opportunity to forsake the circumscribed life of law and enter into the more abundant and soul-satisfying life of love, mercy, and grace. These attributes come particularly under the influence of the Christ, the second Aspect of the triune God—our Creator.

Occult philosophy teaches that at the beginning of our septenary period of manifestation God differentiated *within* Himself a host of Virgin Spirits, each possessing potentially the powers of its Creator, and sent them forth to unfold their inherent powers into dynamic faculties. This original plan made no provisions for sin and death.

However, during the Lemurian Epoch of our present Earth Period there came a time when: "A brain was needed for the evolution of thought, and a larynx for verbal expression of the same. Therefore, half of the creative force was turned upward and used by man to form these organs. Thus man became single sexed and was forced to seek a complement when it was necessary to create a new body to serve as an

instrument in a higher phase of evolution."

"While the act of love was consummated under the wise guardianship of the angels, man's existence was free from sorrow, pain, and death. But when, under the tutelage of the Lucifer Spirits, he ate of the Tree of Knowledge and perpetuated the race without regard for interplanetary lines of force, he transgressed the law, and the bodies thus formed crystallized unduly, and became subject to death in a much more perceptible manner than had hitherto been the case. Thus he was forced to create new bodies more frequently as the span of life in them shortened. Celestial warders of the creative force drove him from the garden of *love* into the wilderness of the world, and he was made responsible for his actions under the cosmic *law* which governs the universe."

At the time of the coming of Christ the majority of humanity had become so crystallized that they were at the point of retrogression. Help had to be given, and the Christ, Highest Initiate of the Sun Period, voluntarily came to the Earth and entered into it at the Crucifixion, thenceforth radiating from its center tremendous vibrations of the unifying Love-Wisdom Power. The etheric and desire worlds about the Earth were thus cleansed and purer desire stuff made available for the desire bodies of humanity.

This great sacrifice (still in effect) made it possible for human beings to become so imbued with the power of the Christ love that they could transcend the law, or temper law with love, and enter into the sphere of life blessed by "the exceeding riches of His *grace*." This beneficent "gift of God" thus beckons to all to embrace the life of purity and service and be "saved."