

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Remission of Sins



But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

—Romans 3:21-25.

The epistle to the Romans was written by Paul from the city of Corinth during his third visit there in the year A.D. 60. Its theme, as indicated in the first verse of the first chapter, is "the gospel of God" as given to *all* men, for Paul, more than any other of the disciples, was filled with the purpose of carrying the message of redemption through Christ, the Son of God, to *all* humanity. His was the broader vision which saw that the coming of the Christ was a *world affair*, to affect all human beings then living and yet to be born upon the earth. The Divinity of Christ and the universal aspect of His mission became the core of Paul's teachings.

The popular understanding of the doctrine of remission of sins has come to be simply that Christ died for our sins and that in consequence belief in Him will bring us forgiveness. Many reasoning people have found it difficult to take this doctrine with blind faith as taught in the orthodox churches, and for them occult philosophy provides an acceptable explanation.

The Western Wisdom Teachings explain that at the time of the birth of

Jesus the majority of humanity was at the point of retrogression, and that Christ, highest Initiate of the Sun Period, offered to aid His younger brothers by becoming the indwelling planetary Spirit of the earth and thus provide the spiritual impetus needed by man for further progress. This significant event took place at the Crucifixion, the Christ Spirit leaving the bodies of Jesus which He had entered at the Baptism, and by means of the flowing blood entering into the earth and its vehicles. The regime of Law was henceforth to be superseded by the regime of Love.

The tremendous spiritual vibrations of the Christ cleansed the desire body of the earth, making it thenceforth possible for man to secure purer desire stuff for his desire body. Furthermore, the impelling urge of the mighty Love Power focused in the earth began to awaken and nourish the Christ within every responsive human being, encouraging each one to repent, make restitution, and to reform—and thus be "redeemed."

It should be understood that "sin" is simply disobedience to God's laws, and whether committed ignorantly or in full knowledge of the consequences, sets in motion causes which, according to the immutable law of cause and effect, inevitably bring results. However, these results may, by proper conscious effort, be mitigated or even erased.

"In the ordinary course of life, man passes into Purgatory at death and expiates the sins inscribed upon the seed atom. . . . However, the devout person realizes each day his shortcomings and failings. He examines the events of his daily life and prays from a devout heart to be forgiven for sins he has committed. Then the pictures (upon the seed atom) which have recorded the sins fade, and are wiped out of his life's record from day to day."