

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Christ in All



If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affections on things above, not on things on earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Colossians 3: 1-13, 9-11.

In the midst of all the cross currents of a vast complexity of forces at work in the world today there is observable to sensitive people a pronounced trend which is a source of tremendous inspiration and satisfaction: a trend toward the realization of the fundamental unity of each with all and a consequent formation of the Kingdom of Christ in the hearts of an increasing number of men and women of all nationalities. The age of the Race Spirits, with all its separateness of language, religion, ethics, government, economics, etc., is definitely on the wane, and intelligent people all over the world are fast realizing that to "set our affections" on the things of the earth is but to encourage wars and other impediments to progress and invite a retardation in our evolution. So it is that we find more and more individuals, consciously and unconsciously, beginning to "put off the old man" of the past crystallized regime and "put on the new man" of the approaching Christ Dispensation..

That "Christ is all, and in all" is now, nearly two thousand years since the illumined St. Paul wrote his letter to

the Colossians, actually becoming indisputably evident to intelligent people all over the world, and as a result we see those capable of responding to the spiritual urge being given from the invisible realms exerting themselves to establish higher standards in government, religion, and all other human relations. We see in the making today—regardless of opposing forces—a world government, based upon the synchronized interests of all nations; a universal religion, growing out of the basic principles of selflessness and unity taught by Christ Jesus; a global system of education, integrated about the ideal of leading the individual out of the crystallizing effects of selfish interests and into the freedom and progress of a consciousness of the unity of each with all; an international arrangement of economics in which capital and labor will have merged into a cooperative group striving for mutual benefit.

In short, the call of the Spirit is sounding clearly and loudly, as we pass into a New Age. The inner life—the life of the real man, who is Spirit—is henceforth to be given preference over the outer life of material interests. The task—and it may be a joyous one—that lies before all humanity today is that of unfolding the qualities of the Spirit based on the Christ Principle: unity, unselfishness, kindness, cooperation, and tolerance, and those who remain deaf to the insistent call of the *Christ within* will find themselves left behind. Only those who can express in their daily lives the Christ qualities of selfless love and service to others will be able to function in the New Age conditions.

There is yet much work to be done before the Kingdom of Christ will be established on earth, but every aspirant who labors to establish the Kingdom in his own heart is hastening His coming.