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*To my son  
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## Preface

*The New, Dynamic Church* is organized into five parts: “A Dynamic Church,” “A Christian’s Birth and Growth,” “A Christian’s Power Base,” “The Church Today” and “Living The Word.” Within each part are chapters, each chapter having been researched and originally written as an individual study. By loosely grouping the studies into general topics, a person can get a broader perspective as the parts fit together to make up the larger whole.

However, because the chapters were written as individual studies and then put into topical units, occasionally a reader may find that all facets of the topic are not covered; however, they have been covered in other research writings. I know the contents of Volume II of *Studies in Abundant Living* will not only open up more of God’s Word for you, but will also uplift you – mentally and physically and spiritually.

Let us put God's Word in our hearts and minds for it alone can give us complete deliverance from the darkness of this world.

*Part I*

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Church**



## Part I

# The Dynamic Church

The word “dynamic” in the above title has a double meaning. “Dynamic” primarily denotes the ability to change; dynamic is in direct contrast to static, which shows inertia or sameness.

During several administrations, God ordained that His people be organized in the *ekklēsia*, the church, the called-out. The *ekklēsia* of Israel is Biblically called the bride of Christ while the *ekklēsia* of Grace is called the Body of Christ. So much error has come about by confusing these two distinct, separate churches that a careful study of both the church of Israel and the Church of Grace is certainly needed.

The dynamic church is the changed, changing church. God’s plan for the church of Israel was carried out during the age of Law and during Jesus Christ’s presence on earth. However, the *ekklēsia* of Israel has been temporarily suspended since the day of Pentecost. We are living during the age of the

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*ekklēsia* of Grace. But some day when this age of Grace is terminated with the return of Christ, the *ekklēsia* of Israel will be reestablished.

Historically the church has been dynamic not only in changing from one administration to the next, but also in the power which God has given it. In order to be most effective in using our God-given power, we as members of the Church first must have knowledge of His will which is stated in His Word. We, too, then can be dynamic; this is, having the ability to change and effectively meet every new and different situation with God's effectual power.

## *Ekklēsia*, Bride or Body?

Bible commentaries and Biblical writers frequently refer to both the church of the Gospels and the Church of the Epistles as the bride of Christ, thus making the two usages synonymous. Thus the relationship of Christ to the church of the Gospels and to the church of the book of Revelation in contrast to the Church of the Epistles has not been properly understood. The Word of God separates these two bodies with the bride of Christ being the church of the Gospels and the Body of Christ being the Church of the Epistles.

But before we begin a study of the significance of the two churches, let's examine what we mean by the word "church."

When we see a building with a steeple on it, we point to it and say, "That is a church." This is one usage — a building. Another current usage of "church" is a group of people who gather for reli-



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gious ritual. We also refer to various denominations such as the Methodist, Presbyterian or Roman Catholic as churches. Another usage of the word “church” is a group of people who are born again of God’s Spirit. The meaning of “church” varies with its context.

The Greek word for our English word “church” is *ekklēsia*, meaning “the called-out.” People may be called out for various reasons; for example, if a group of people decided they were going bowling and then gathered at the bowling alley, they would be an *ekklēsia* because they are *called out* to bowl. In Acts 19 a mob is called a church, an *ekklēsia*. Why? Because a mob is composed of a group of people who have gathered for a specific purpose.

Acts 19:23–32: And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

For a certain *man* named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at

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Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

And when they heard *these sayings* [of Demetrius], they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring *him* that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly [*ekklēsia*, the church]

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was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

A large company of silversmiths under Demetrius were stirred up for fear that their comfortable income was being diminished by Paul's coming to town. Paul preached the greatness of God's Word which is against the usage of medals, amulets and charms to represent God and His blessings. Although the mob wasn't certain what the real issue was, Demetrius had emotionally incited them against Paul. One group cried one thing and some another because the church, the assembly, the *ekklēsia* was confused. "And the more part knew not wherefore they were come together." This is a mob – following along with the confused assemblage. The word "assembly" in Acts 19 is *ekklēsia*, church, the called-out.

The *ekklēsia* or the called-out of Israel, the bride of Christ, covers the time span of the Gospels. Jesus Christ came unto Israel, His own people. This era of the *ekklēsia* of the bride is called the Kingdom of Heaven because the King from heaven was on earth.

Before we go further, it is necessary to clarify the difference between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God has no beginning and no ending. The Kingdom of God spans all existence. However, under this

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all-expansive Kingdom of God are several periods, one of which is the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven period is for the called-out of Israel, the church of Israel, which is the bride of Christ. Each time the Kingdom of Heaven is referred to, the personal presence of the King Himself upon earth is designated.



The word "kingdom" is made up of two words: *king* and *dom*, *dom* meaning "reign or supremacy." Therefore, "kingdom" means "the rulership of a king." There cannot be a kingdom without a king. Great Britain can speak of itself as a kingdom because of

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the reign of a king or a queen. Citizens of the United States of America cannot speak of their land as a kingdom for there is no monarch. While Jesus Christ was on earth, it was His reign. During His reign He called out those people of Israel who believed in Him as the Messiah. Not only did Jesus Himself minister to the people of Israel, but He also sent the twelve apostles to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. When Jesus sent out the seventy, He directed them also to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He told them *not* to go unto the Gentiles because Jesus had come unto God's own, Israel, and called out from Israel those who were to make up the bride. Jesus Christ was the Bridegroom. The church, the called-out of Israel, was called the bride while the Bridegroom was on the earth.

But what happened to the Bridegroom? He was nailed to the cross. When the King of the Kingdom was crucified, the church as the bride was interrupted because the Bridegroom was dead. As previously noted, God promised that there would be no end to the Kingdom of Heaven, but man killed the King.\* What happened to God's promise? God promised that when the King came He would build the church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. But when the King was crucified, the Bridegroom was

\*Luke 1:33: "And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

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dead, and it appeared that the Kingdom had been defeated. However, this is not so, for the church of the bride is yet to be fulfilled in the future. The same church referred to in Revelation is again the church of the bride, just as it was in the Gospels.\*

With the death of the King, the Kingdom of Heaven was interrupted; but God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and He is coming back to earth. When Jesus Christ returns He will not be born in a stable and laid in a manger. He is not coming to be mocked and nailed to a cross. Man is not going to spit in His face and press a crown of thorns on His head. When Jesus Christ comes again, He is coming as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Kingdom of the church of Israel is being held in abeyance until these events come to pass. Then the bride and the Bridegroom will be together again, and the “gates of hell shall not prevail against it [the Kingdom of Heaven].” It will then again be in effect. But in the meantime, while the Bridegroom is gone, a different arrangement has been made. The next verse of Ephesians 1 explains what the Church with Christ as the Head is.

Ephesians 1:23:

Which [the Church] is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

\*The church described and spoken of in the book of Revelation has nothing to do with our time and our administration.

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While the Bridegroom is absent, the members of the Church make up the Body of Christ. In this Church of the Body, there is only one Head and that is the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church of the Body, which in this administration of Grace is the Church of Grace, is also called the Church of God.\* Jesus came to fulfill the Law and to make the Church of Grace available. When all things were ready, the Church of Grace was founded and the new birth was made available. From the day of Pentecost until the return of Christ everyone who is born again by God's Spirit is a member of the Church of Grace, the Body of Christ. The membership of this Church of the Body consists of all those called out from among both Jew and Gentile. Therefore, any Jew or Gentile who confesses Jesus Christ as his Lord and believes that God raised Him from the dead becomes a member of the Body of Christ.

Although believers on Pentecost received the new birth, the power from on high, they could not explain

\*Ephesians 1:22,23: "And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

Ephesians 3:2: "If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward."

I Corinthians 1:2: "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours."

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nor comprehend the fullness of the miracle which had occurred, just as I cannot explain electricity although I enjoy the utilization of it. On the day of Pentecost, and for a period of time following, the believers benefited from the new birth and the power from the Holy Spirit, but they could not explain what they had. Finally, years later, the revelation to explain the gift that came on Pentecost was given to the Apostle Paul. To Paul was revealed the greatest mystery the world has ever known – the mystery of the Body of Christ, which is His Church.

To discover when the mystery was revealed to Paul, let us check Romans 16 and Ephesians 3.

Romans 16:25,26:

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets [not the Old Testament prophets, but the post-Pentecost prophets who are members of the Church, the Body], according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.



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Ephesians 3:2-5:

If ye have heard of the dispensation [or the administration] of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

The founding of the Church of the Body was not made known in other ages; thus the prophets of the Old Testament did not know about the Church of Grace; neither did the people living at the time of the Gospels. But it is "now [lately] revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit."

Once the timing of the revelation of the mystery is clear, the essential question remains: What is the mystery?

Ephesians 3:6:

That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.

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It was no mystery that the Gentiles would be blessed under Abraham's and David's ministries and during Israel's reign. Examples of the Gentiles' being blessed are scattered throughout the Old Testament. But the Old Testament does not give the slightest inkling that the Gentiles would ever be fellowheirs or joint-heirs, "of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel." The revelation of the Gentiles being fellowheirs in Christ was, to say the least, revolutionary news.

Ephesians 3:7,8:

Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The word "unsearchable" can be translated "untrackable." The mystery of the riches of God's grace to the Gentiles could literally not be tracked in the Word of God from the Old Testament through the Gospels. That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs and of the same Body was a secret, hidden from the beginning of the world.

Ephesians 3:9:

And to make all *men* see what is the fellowship

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of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things ....

The revelation was made known "to make all *men* see what is the fellowship of the mystery." The word "fellowship" in the Greek text is the word "administration." The "fellowship of the mystery" is literally the "administration of the church of grace."

Colossians 1:26,27:

*Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The mystery, so important that it was kept secret since the foundation of the world, is that all born-again believers, Jews and Gentiles, would be fellow-heirs of Christ and that Christ would be *in* every one of them. Imagine that! When Jesus Christ was here upon earth, He could only be at one place at one time. But after He ascended into heaven, and God had given the power of the holy spirit on the day of Pentecost, then Christ could be in every born-again

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believer. Wherever a believer is, there Christ is present. Had the devil known this mystery he would never have crucified Jesus. Through Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension, power hitherto unknown in history was made available. The devil was totally unaware of God's plan, as told in I Corinthians.

I Corinthians 2:7,8:

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

The devil as ruling prince would much rather have had Jesus Christ personally present on earth than to have thousands of believers with *Christ in* them scattered across the world. By crucifying the Lord of Glory, Satan brought an unsolvable problem to himself.

Obviously the devil was not the only one who was ignorant of the intentions of God. Many men before the time of the Church of Grace tried to find out about this period. Peter told of the Old Testament prophets' quests.

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**I Peter 1:10,11:**

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the *grace that should come* unto you:

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

The literal translation according to usage of verse 11 reads: "Searching out unto the time of the spirit which was upon them did signify of Christ when it it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

These Old Testament prophets diligently searched The Word for the time lapse between the Gospels and the book of Revelation, between the suffering of Christ and His glory. But this period of grace could not be found because it was completely hidden.

The period of grace is indicated by Jesus' reading of Isaiah 61 which is recorded in Luke.

**Luke 4:16:**

And he [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

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A wise and interesting tradition in the synagogues at the time was that whenever a man read from the Word of God, he always stood to show respect for the sacred scrolls and to show that he was reading, not just talking on his own. When a person finished reading the Word of God and began teaching or discussing, the man sat down. When a man sat, listeners were not certain that the man ministering to them was giving The Word; but when the minister was standing and reading, the congregation knew that they were hearing the Word of God. This is why Jesus stood to read.

Luke 4:17:

And there was delivered unto him the book [scroll] of the prophet Esaias [Isaiah]. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written.

How thoroughly Jesus must have studied the scroll of Isaiah! Although He did not have the help of chapters and verses or center references, He “opened the book [and], he found the place where it was written.”

There is a story told of a man who said that he did not have to study the Bible to learn its message for him. All he had to do to find God’s guidance each morning was to flip through the Bible and, while

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covering his eyes, place his finger on a verse. The verse on which his finger landed was his guidance for the day. An interesting guidance was given to this man one morning as he casually flipped to a page in the New Testament. He placed his finger on a verse, opened his eyes, and read, "And Judas went and hanged himself." The man was dissatisfied with this guidance, so he flipped to another page, and this time read, "Go and do thou likewise." Shocked, the man gave his method a third try only to read, "That which thou doest, do quickly."

In contrast to this fellow, Jesus found the place where it was written; He deliberately located the Scripture He needed at that particular time. Jesus was prepared, as Luke 4 demonstrates.

Luke 4:18-21:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

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And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Jesus stopped reading with the phrase, “to preach the acceptable year of the Lord,” and sat down saying, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.” Compare Luke 4 with Isaiah 61 from which Jesus read.

Isaiah 61:2:

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,  
and the day of vengeance of our God ....

Isaiah says, “To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God,” but Jesus never read the last eight words. Why did He stop in the middle of the phrase? Had Jesus read the words “the day of vengeance of our God,” and then said, “This day is this scripture fulfilled,” Jesus would have been in error. Jesus could not say, “This day is the day of vengeance of our God fulfilled in your ears,” because the day of vengeance had not yet come. The “day of vengeance of our God” will be fulfilled with the prophecy of Revelation when Christ will return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords with all the power of God.

Jesus accurately divided the Word of God. Jesus Christ was to preach the acceptable year of the Lord



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– it was fulfilled. The day of vengeance had not yet come. In Isaiah 61:2 a comma is placed after the expression “to preach the acceptable year of the Lord,” while in Luke 4:19 a period follows the same statement. The comma in Isaiah 61:2 represents all the years from the day of Pentecost until the time the Lord Jesus Christ will come again. The intervening time is the period of Grace, the Church to which post-Pentecost believers belong, which was still a mystery at the time of the writing of Isaiah and was unknown to Jesus.

The time of the Church of Grace is the day of man’s judgment.

I Corinthians 4:3:

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man’s judgment ....

The words “of man’s judgment” are “man’s day.” Man does the judging today during the age of Grace for it is man’s day. If this were not so, a man would not be able to curse God, use His name in vain, nor live like the devil himself. In this age of Grace man is free, but there is another judgment coming as Revelation indicates.

Revelation 1:10:

I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day ....

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What exactly is the Lord's Day? Some people speak loosely of the Lord's Day as Sunday, yet for another group of people the Lord's Day is the Sabbath, Saturday. Biblically speaking, the Lord's Day has nothing to do with the day of the week. The Lord's Day is the age in which the Lord does the judging. In that age nobody will nail Him to a cross, nobody will curse Him, nobody will mock Him, for His return as King of Kings will usher in the age of the vengeance of God spoken of in Isaiah 61.

To live in this age of Grace, an age which was kept secret from the foundation of the world until it was revealed to Paul, is a tremendous privilege. Man has power and status in Christ which no other age has ever known.

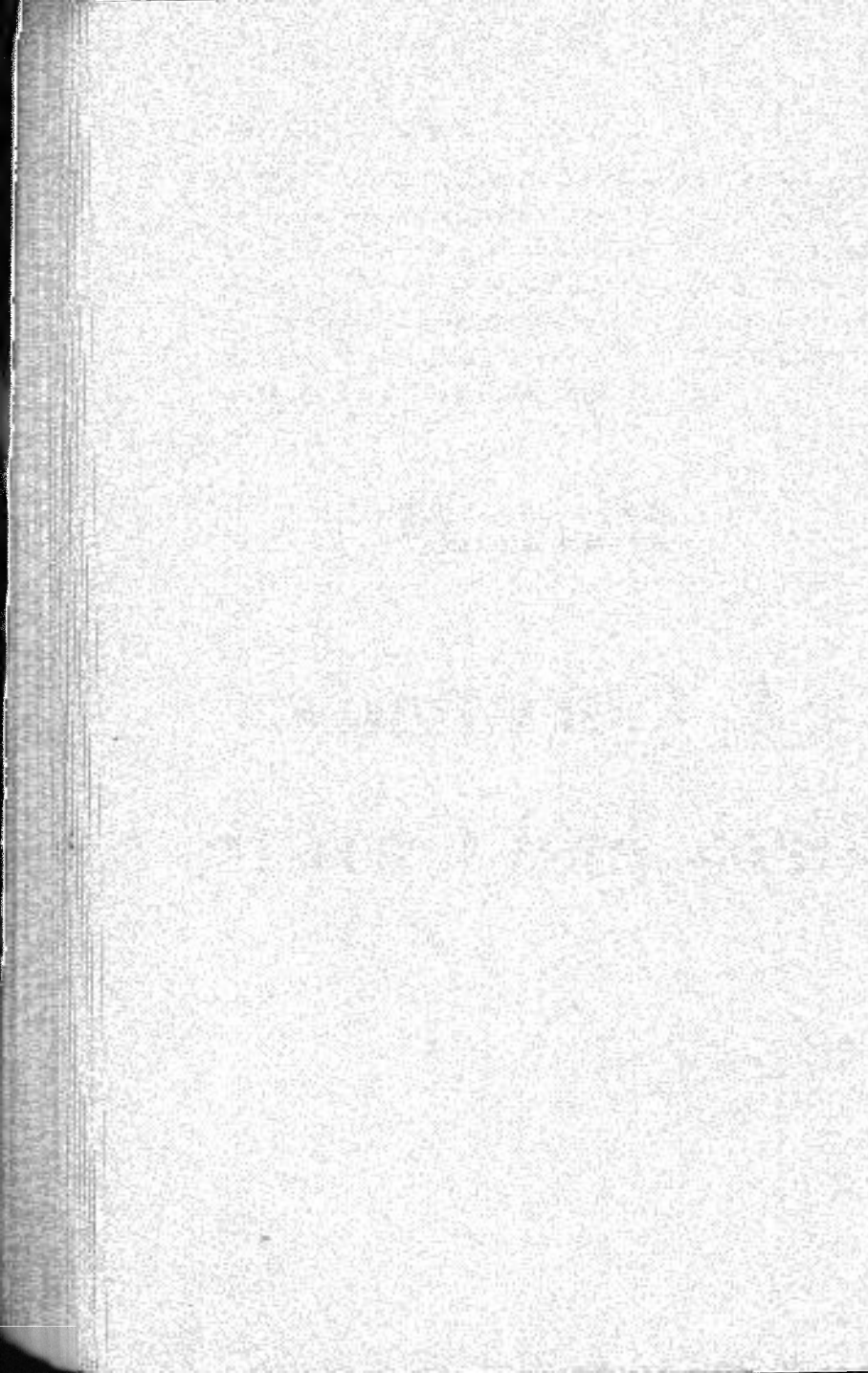
The church of the bride did not know of the Church of Grace that was to come. The Church of Grace, the Church of the Body, was founded after the church of the bride was suspended at the time of the crucifixion and death of the Bridegroom. The church of the bride will remain in that state until Christ returns. In the meantime, during the period of the Church of the Body, all believers are one in Christ Jesus, the Head of that Body. Each born-again believer has Christ in him, the hope of glory. No other age has had this potential power for manifesting

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the greatness of God as have members of the Church of Grace. We must not allow this power of Christ in us to remain dormant. Now that Christ is in us spiritually, let us put on His mind and show forth our power to defeat the devil and his forces of evil. We are more than conquerors *now*! We *now* have Christ in us and we are *now* fellowheirs with Him.

*Part II*

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## Part II

# A Christian's Birth and Growth

In order to become a member of an earthly family a person must first be born. Likewise, in order to be a member of God's heavenly family a person must also have birth into God's family. In both cases we begin as babies. In the human family, a baby matures step by step, day by day. However, in God's family it takes more than just time for a baby to mature. In fact, some babies in Christ never mature for two possible reasons: first, they may never have been taught or never have learned any more than how to be born into the family or, second, they may have rejected the plan of development which must be carried out if they are to spiritually mature. Maturity doesn't just *Reife* happen spontaneously as a simple act of God.

In this part on "A Christian's Birth and Growth," we study God's Word to learn about our Christian development. This study eradicates the first problem of ignorance. The next step – applying God's plan for our spiritual growth – remains in our hands.

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“The Unqualified Commitment” and “How to be a Christian” show the foundational step of being born into the family of God. “Your Power of Attorney” and “Key to Power” tell of the rights and privileges we have as members of that family.

To this point we ourselves have done nothing to obtain what we have as sons of God. God in Christ did the work of giving us salvation and sonship rights. After spiritual birth with its inherent potential power, however, we must follow God's plan if we are going to outgrow our Christian “baby stage.” We must apply our power of attorney and the other legal rights we have been given. “Fellowship is the Secret” reveals the strength we have when we keep in fellowship and communion with God. “What is True Worship?” studies what The Word says is worship. Worship according to the Bible has nothing to do with a church building or altars or candelabra. Worship is communion with God by way of the holy spirit. This truth answers a question which has been perplexing many people for a long time, and it enlightens our minds so that we know how God expects us to worship Him.

The final chapter in this part, “A Christian's Birth and Growth,” shows the mature Christian in full bloom. We learned of the investment God puts within us at our birth as a Christian. Then we found that as

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we grow we cultivate that initial investment by staying in fellowship and by worshipping God by the spirit. When we as Christians are ready to accept "The Believer's Responsibility," it shows that we have progressed beyond the early self-focused stage. The Christian has spiritually matured to the point of accepting his responsibility which, simply stated, is to bear witness to the greatness of God and His Word to those who do not know. Then it is their decision to accept or reject birth and growth in God's family.

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## The Unqualified Commitment

Romans 10 contains the unqualified commitment.

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Romans 10:9,10:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

When a man confesses with his mouth Jesus as Lord and believes in his heart\* that God raised Jesus from the dead, God creates a new spirit in the man, the man who before this confession had just a body and soul.† The moment you believe in the depth of your innermost being that God raised Jesus from the

\*"Heart" is the figure of speech *catachresis* and means "the innermost part of the mind."

†II Peter 2:12 and Jude 10 refer to the men of body and soul as "brute beasts."

conversion = Umnäherung  
Umkehrung  
Bekehrung

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dead, you are saved. You have eternal life abiding  
within. immerwährend

This is the miracle of conversion, the new birth, a miracle of God whereby a man or woman of body and soul becomes a new creation in Him thus having body, soul and spirit.

For a man to believe with his heart that God raised Jesus from the dead is "believing unto righteousness." Only after a person believes unto righteousness is it possible to confess Jesus as Lord. In this confession lies the salvation that a man receives because he believes.

What does the word "salvation" mean? It means wholeness or soundness: mental, physical, spiritual. Colossians 2:10 defines "wholeness" as "complete." God has made us "completely complete," having all things needed in this life and in that which is to come.

Righteousness, on the other hand, is our God-given ability to stand and walk before God without any sense of sin, guilt or fear. Righteousness is ours because of believing, and believing only. We do not work for righteousness; for if we did, it would be something we earned. We cannot work for righteousness; we simply accept the righteousness of God as a gift. The *unqualified commitment* gives both righteousness and wholeness.

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Ephesians 2:8,9:

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.

Ephesians 4:7:

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

All born-again believers have "the faith of Jesus Christ" which is the measure given to *everyone* when he believes.\* After a person has confessed with his mouth the Lord Jesus and has believed in his heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, he is a privileged son of God with access to all His promises. All born-again believers have a legal right and opportunity to receive what God has made available. All have the same righteousness, the same amount of faith and the same perfection before God.

\*Romans 3:22: "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."

Romans 12:3: "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

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Do you believe that what God has promised He is able to perform? If you do, you will see mighty signs, miracles and wonders in your life. You must believe that God is not only *able* but also *willing* to perform what He has promised.

Ephesians 1:7:

In whom [Jesus Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

We have redemption through His blood according to the riches of His grace. Do you believe God is rich in grace? "For God so loved ... that he gave his only begotten Son ...." Would you call that rich in grace? I would. Ephesians says that we have received redemption so we don't need to beg for it. The only thing we must do is receive it.

Colossians 1:13,14:

Who hath delivered [past tense] us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [past tense] *us* into the kingdom of [by] his dear Son:

In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins.

If God has delivered us from the power of darkness (that is, the power of Satan) how can we be under

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that sinister power any longer? If we have been delivered, why look further for deliverance? Why wait for deliverance when it has already been made available. Satan has no legal rights over a believer because all believers have been delivered from Satan's power through Jesus Christ. What God accomplished for us when He rescued us from the power of Satan we can appropriate to ourselves when we believe. So the next time you get sick, say, "Look here, headache [cold, or whatever negative symptom it may be], you have no power over me. You were defeated over nineteen hundred years ago. It says so in The Word, and I believe The Word; therefore, be gone from me." When we have salvation, we have wholeness, even physical wholeness, if we simply accept it.

We have nothing to stand upon for our completeness except the revealed Word of God. When we stand upon The Word we have only one way of life and that is the way of Christ Jesus. In Him we have wholeness.

II Corinthians 5:7:

For we walk by faith [believing], not by sight.

The Bible says that we are to believe first, and then we will see. We stand upon The Word and declare The Word. If I pray for the sick and no one is healed, I continue praying for the sick because The Word says healing is available. If no one believed in receiving the

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power from the Holy Spirit, I would go right on teaching about the Holy Spirit because the Bible admonishes in Ephesians 5:18, "... be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." We must walk by believing the promises of God's Word; then the fulfillment of the promise is guaranteed to us even though we may not see the results immediately.

When you belong to Christ, you are a son of God. The moment you become a child of God, you become heir to everything that God has made available.

**Romans 8:17:**

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ ....

How can you then, as a Christian, talk negatively? How can you continue to be full of fear? How can you go out in the community and act like you are defeated? You are not defeated. Satan has been defeated and the power of God is in you today.

**Romans 8:11:**

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

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Do you want your body quickened – made alive, vital, spry? The Word says that if you will make the unqualified commitment of confessing Jesus as your Savior and Lord while believing that God raised Jesus from the dead, not only are you made alive spiritually but also your physical body is made alive even now.

Since you have the spirit from God within, you are righteous; you are no longer separated from God. After God gives all this, you then have a responsibility. He says you are to be renewed in your mind.

Ephesians 4:23,24:

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

You are not only to be born again of the spirit from God, but you must change your thinking patterns.

Philippians 4:8:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.



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Change what you put in your mind. To change the food you are sending to your mind is to “renew your mind.” Think those things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report.

If you by your free will accept Christ as your Savior and renew your mind according to The Word, you will find that every word I have written to you is true. I challenge you to stand upon the Word of God, declare your authority in Christ and claim your rights. The Amplified Version translates a verse in Romans so vividly.

Romans 10:11:

The Scripture says, No man who believes in Him – who adheres to, relies on and trusts in Him – will [ever] be put to shame *or* be disappointed. (The Amplified New Testament)

Let us make our *unqualified commitment*; let us confess Jesus as Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead. We will never be disappointed.

## How To Be A Christian

**THE SEARCHER:** For years I have tried to be a Christian. I have tried and failed so many times that I am not going to try again because I have no faith left to try.

**THE TEACHER:** What did you try and in what have you lost faith?

**THE SEARCHER:** I suppose I tried to get God in my life, but I have been defeated so I have lost faith in myself. You see, I really wanted to be a Christian, to have God's presence, guidance and help in life. I took special instructions, I joined the church, I tried hard to be a Christian; but in my heart I knew there was no change. I went to the altar again and again and yet I received nothing. I have sought and cried after God so much and so many times that I feel that I am a complete failure.

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**THE TEACHER:** Did you ever stop to think that salvation is a gift, that it is unnecessary for you to go anywhere to get it? You can find God anywhere and miss Him everywhere. Do you realize that receiving salvation is not dependent upon what you do but what Christ Jesus did for you? Do you realize that to be a child of God, to receive eternal life, to be saved, converted, born again, is to receive something instead of giving something?

You become a Christian by receiving a gift from the very heart of God directly to you. You, like so many others, thought that receiving Christ depended upon what you gave up, what you surrendered, how much sin you confessed. It doesn't.

You become a Christian by believing that God raised Jesus from the dead, by confessing Him as Lord in your life.

**THE SEARCHER:** Surely it can't be as simple as that. I thought and heard and was taught that I must *do* certain things and *give up* other things.

**THE TEACHER:** If that were true, then you would be earning your salvation; you would be working for it. There is nothing in the Bible that indicates such a process. Look at Isaiah 53:6: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own

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way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

God is describing you as well as the rest of us. You have turned to your own way. That is why you are lost. But God laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. You by your good works and efforts cannot save yourself. God simply laid your sins on Jesus. So far there is no requirement on your part, is there?

Notice John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

This is the Father, God, giving His Son as your substitute and requesting simply that you believe God did this for you and that you claim Jesus as your Savior. He does not ask you to do a thing except to *believe* and believing is acting upon what The Word says He did for you.

No, you have not sinned so much that Jesus cannot save you. Notice His Word in Hebrews 7:25: “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

Jesus saves to the uttermost and as you notice

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there is still no work on your part except believing to receive what He has done.

Romans 10:9 and 10 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Let us look at these verses closely. If you confess with your mouth Jesus as your Lord, you are acting on your believing. You still have not done any works for your salvation, have you? This is not hard to do, is it? Your own way thus far has not been a happy way, a way of joy and peace, nor a successful way. It has been a way of hardship and defeat. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." We are justified in Him and we have peace with God.

Now God says that this is all yours and that He wants you to change from being the lord of your own life by yielding and confessing with your mouth Jesus as your Lord.

**THE SEARCHER:** That's easy for me to do. I know that God sent Jesus into the world and that He was

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raised from the dead. It's easy to confess Jesus as Lord.

**THE TEACHER:** If you have confessed Jesus as Lord, what does The Word say that you are?

**THE SEARCHER:** That I am saved.

**THE TEACHER:** Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and have you confessed Jesus as Lord?

**THE SEARCHER:** I do believe and I have confessed. But I never thought salvation was that easy to receive. I am a child of God now?

**THE TEACHER:** I John 3:2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear ... we shall see him as he is."

How do you know you are born again and a child of God?

**THE SEARCHER:** Because The Word says I am. I believe God raised Jesus from the dead and I confessed Him as my Lord, so The Word declares I am a child of God.

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But what about having eternal life?

**THE TEACHER:** I John 5:13: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Do you believe on the name of Jesus?

**THE SEARCHER:** I most assuredly do.

**THE TEACHER:** Then what have you?

**THE SEARCHER:** I have eternal life. Now I know according to The Word I do not have to wait until I die to find out whether or not I have eternal life. I have eternal life now.

But what about this righteousness of God that makes it possible for me to stand in His presence without any sense of sin, guilt and defeat; do I have that too?

**THE TEACHER:** Notice II Corinthians 5:21: "For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

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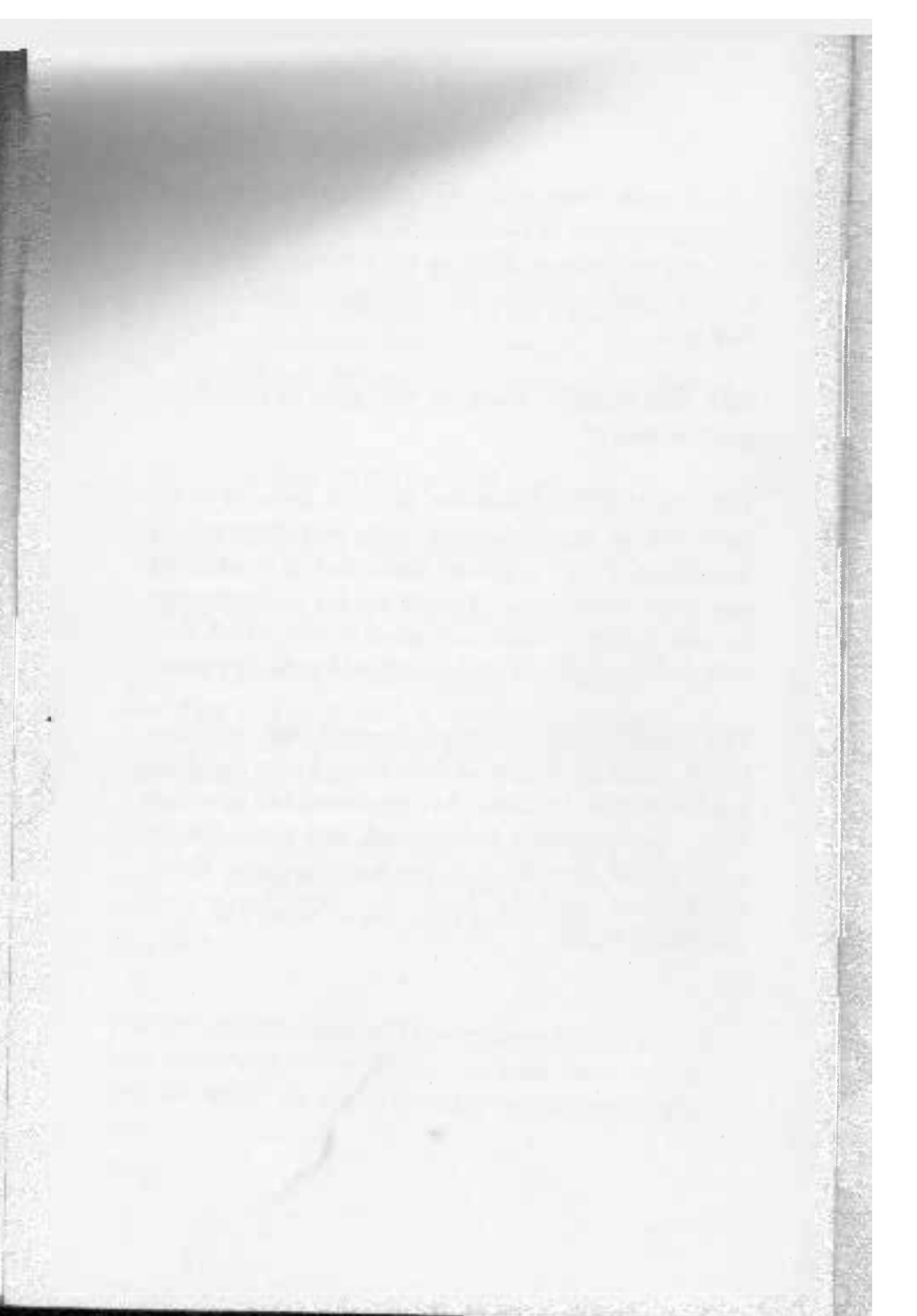
God made Jesus to be sin that you might become the righteousness of God in Him. If He became sin for you and you accept Him as your Savior (your substitute), you are made the righteousness of God in Him now.

**THE SEARCHER:** Have all the gifts of God been given so freely?

**THE TEACHER:** Ephesians 2:8–10 says, “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, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

**THE SEARCHER:** I never dreamed that receiving Christ could be as easy as that. I now know that I am a new creature in Christ, having eternal life now, and that I am righteous before God, and Satan has no more power over me if I give him no place. How I thank God through Jesus my new Savior and wonderful Lord!





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