

<p>I . The wings of an eagle signify the resurrection power of Christ, God's power in life applied to us and becoming our grace:  <a href="#">EXODUS19:4</a> You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.  <a href="#">ISAIAH40:31</a> Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew their strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles; They will run and will not faint; They will walk and will not become weary.</p>	<p>A. The Bible uses the eagle as a symbol of the Spirit when it speaks about the Spirit of power.</p>		
	<p>B. When God saved the Israelites out of Egypt and brought them to Himself at Mount Sinai, He told them that He bore them like an eagle, carrying them upon His wings; this was a word of grace to let them know that He was full of grace toward them</p>		
	<p>C. Psalm 103:5 says that God can satisfy us so that our youth is renewed like the eagle; it is possible for us to have our youth renewed like the eagle by taking Christ as our life.  <a href="#">PSALMS103:5</a> He satisfies the prime of your life with good, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.</p>		
	<p>D . “Those who wait on Jehovah will renew their strength; / They will mount up with wings like eagles; / They will run and will not become weary; / They will walk and will not faint” : (Isa.40:31)</p>	<p>1. To wait on Jehovah, the eternal God, means that we terminate ourselves, that is, that we stop ourselves with our living, our doing, and our activity, and receive God in Christ as our life, our person, and our replacement. <a href="#">HEBREWS12:2</a> Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.</p> <p>2. Such a waiting one will be renewed and strengthened to such an extent that he will mount up with wings like eagles; as a transformed person, he will not only walk and run but also soar in the heavens, far above every earthly frustration.</p>	
	<p>E. What we are and what we do should not be according to our own wisdom, strength, and ability but by the grace of God, for we have no boast in ourselves or in anything else but only in the Lord <a href="#">II CORINTHIANS10:17</a> But he who boasts, let him boast in the Lord;</p>		
<p>F . The grace, power, and strength of the Lord are both for moving and for covering us:</p>	<p>1. On the one hand, the Lord's grace is the power for us to move; on the other hand, the Lord's power is our protection, our hiding place <a href="#">I CORINTHIANS15:10</a> But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.  <a href="#">II CORINTHIANS12:9</a> And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.</p>		
	<p>2. The front face of the four living creatures is the face of a man, but the body is that of an eagle: <a href="#">EZEKIEL1:11</a> And thus their faces were. And their wings were spread out upward; two wings of each were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.</p>	<p>a. The living creatures look like a man but move like an eagle.</p> <p>b. The two wings for moving and the two wings for covering indicate that there is something mysterious about us and that this gives others the impression of the Divine Being.</p>	
<p>II . The spiritual significance of the hands of a man is that a normal Christian should always do things exactly like a man :  <a href="#">ACTS20:34</a> You yourselves know that these hands have ministered to my needs and to those who are with me.</p>	<p>A. Paul's writings indicate that although he experienced the eagle's wings, he was still very human in his living, taking the human way and doing things in a human way.</p>		
	<p>B. No matter how much the grace of God is with us and no matter how much the Lord is empowering us, we must nevertheless do things in a human way:</p>	<p>1. Under the eagle's wings there should be human hands, and these hands should always be working.</p> <p>2. We need both the wings of the Lord's empowering grace and the hands of a man, cooperating with God in a human way.</p>	
	<p>C. The highest humanity is one in which divinity is added to our humanity and in which the divine attributes are expressed in our human virtues.  <a href="#">PHILIPPIANS4:5</a> Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is near.</p>		
	<p>D. Christian humanity does not refer to our natural virtues; rather, it is the Christ who lives in us and out of us.</p>		
	<p>E. We all need to learn to be human Christians, living in a Jesusly human way according to the humanity of Jesus, which is His human life in resurrection: <a href="#">II CORINTHIANS4:10-11</a> Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that</p>	<p>1. To damage humanity is to ruin both the means and the channel created by God for His economy.</p> <p>2. The more spiritual we are, the more human we will be.</p> <p>3. If we would live Christ, we need to learn to be human in a genuine way:</p>	<p>a. On the one hand, we have the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4); on the other hand, we are normal human beings.</p> <p>b. The fact that we have the divine nature with the divine life does not mean that we no longer need to be human.</p>

<p><a href="#">EZEKIEL1:8</a> And the hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides. And the four of them had their faces and their wings thus:</p>	<p>the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.</p>			<p>c. We need to live a genuinely human life by the divine life and nature; in this way we will be able to live the highest human life, a life like that of the Lord Jesus.</p>
<p>III . The spiritual significance of the feet of a calf is that we should walk like a calf, having straight feet; we should walk not according to our crooked human feet but with the feet of a calf: <a href="#">EZEKIEL1:7</a> And their feet were straight feet, and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the sight of burnished bronze. <a href="#">II CORINTHIANS1:12</a> For our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.</p>	<p>F. When Christ comes into us as life, He is the eternal life with both the divine life and nature and the human life and nature; now our wonderful Savior lives, acts, moves, and works as life within us in a quiet, normal, ordinary way and also in a very human way.</p>			
	<p>G. The Spirit, who was not yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified in resurrection, is the Spirit with the humanity of Jesus; the Spirit today has been constituted with the glorified humanity of Jesus.</p>			
	<p>H. We need to experience the Spirit of God as the Spirit of Jesus:</p>	<p>1. The Spirit of Jesus refers to the Spirit of the incarnated Savior who, as Jesus in His humanity, passed through human living and death on the cross.</p>		
	<p><a href="#">ACTS16:7</a> And when they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, yet the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.</p>	<p>2. This indicates that in the Spirit of Jesus there is not only the divine element of God but also the human element of Jesus and the elements of His human living and His suffering of death as well.</p>		
	<p>A. The apostle Paul speaks of walking with the straight feet of a calf.</p>			
<p>B. The calf's feet are not only straight but also cloven, divided; the divided hoof signifies that in our Christian walk we need discernment of what is right and what is wrong in the eyes of God: <a href="#">LEVITICUS11:4</a> However these you shall not eat: of those that only chew the cud or of those that only have a divided hoof: the camel, for though it chews the cud, it does not have a divided hoof; it is unclean to you. <a href="#">PHILIPPIANS1:9</a> And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in full knowledge and all discernment, <a href="#">I CORINTHIANS2:14</a> But a soulish man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to know them because they are discerned spiritually. <a href="#">15</a> But the spiritual man discerns all things, but he himself is discerned by no one.</p>	<p>1. The development of the ability to discern is based upon learning and experience: <a href="#">HEBREWS4:12</a> For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <a href="#">HEBREWS5:14</a> But solid food is for the full-grown, who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil.</p>	<p>a. The degree of the learning and experience we have before God is the degree of the discernment we will have.</p>	<p>b . The most profound discernment comes from the most profound dealings.</p>	
<p>2. "This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in full knowledge and all discernment" (Phil.1:9)</p>		<p>a. Discernment is the ability to sense things; the Greek word for discernment means "sensitive perception, moral tact."</p>	<p>(1) This knowledge and discernment are Christ Himself; when we experience Christ, He becomes our knowledge and discernment, our perceptive power. (2) The more we experience Christ, the more we will discern matters not by our cleverness but by the Christ who lives within us. <a href="#">GALATIANS2:20</a> I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.</p>	
<p>3. We need to discern between ethics and Christ, for ethical teachings are not of Christ, of the Spirit, of resurrection, or of the new creation. <a href="#">GALATIANS6:15</a> For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters.</p>				
<p>4. Romans 8 reveals that the best way to discern a matter—the secret of discernment—is to discern according to life or death.</p>				
<p>C. The calf's feet "sparkled like the sight of burnished bronze" (Ezek. 1:7); this indicates that we need a walk that has been tested and burned by the Lord so that it will be like shining bronze, enlightening and testing others.</p>				
<p><a href="#">EZEKIEL1:7</a> And their feet were straight feet, and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the sight of burnished bronze.</p>				
<p>D. In the Bible a calf signifies freshness, livingness, and vigor:</p>	<p>1. A calf is young, vigorous, and full of energy; this indicates that our Christian walk should be a "skipping walk," a walk that is full of life. <a href="#">MALACHI4:2</a> But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.</p>			
<p>2. If we enjoy grace and live in the presence of God, we will always be new and fresh, and with us there will be no oldness.</p>				
<p>IV. If as living creatures we have the wings of an eagle, the hands of a man, and the feet of a calf, we can be coordinated and become one corporate entity for the carrying out of God's economy.</p>				

Experience ① Not according to your own wisdom, strength, and ability, but Lord's grace, power, and strength: "But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me. "( I CORINTHIANS 15 : 10) This is the eagle's wings. Whatever we do and whatever we are should not be according to our own wisdom, strength, and ability but by the grace, power, and strength of the Lord. Therefore, as Paul says, if we boast, we should boast in the Lord (1:31). We have no boast in ourselves or in anything else but only in the Lord. His power, strength, and grace are the eagle's wings to us today.

Business life model: You cannot experience Lord's grace, if you carry out serious work in your company according to your wisdom, strength and ability. "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." (1 Corinthians 1: 25), you need to seize Lord's grace as your strength, and experience it in carrying out your work. For example, a job that is beyond your reach and you do not want to do it, but you need to open to the Lord and pray as follows, "Lord Jesus, this task has a high difficulty level and I do not think I can do it. But I will use this task given by my boss as an opportunity to experience your grace. Whenever I am doing my work, I shall call upon your name, utilize my spirit, set my mind on the spirit and experience Lord's grace as my wisdom, power, and ability, amen!". II TIMOTHY 4: 22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

② Fulfill one's duty in everyday life: Sometimes the young people may imagine that because they are seeking the Lord, there is no need for them to study hard. They may hope that, even without studying, they may pass their examinations with high grades. This attitude is mistaken. Young people, no matter how much you seek the Lord, love the Lord, and care for the Lord, you still need to be diligent in your studies. This means that no matter how much the grace of God is with us and no matter how much the Lord is empowering us, we must nevertheless fulfill our human duty in our daily living. For instance, we should eat healthy food in the human way and according to human principles. If we do not eat in a proper human way but instead try to behave like an angel, we will get sick. We have to do things in a human way. Under the eagle's wings there should be human hands, and these hands should always be working. This is to be balanced.

Junior high/high school student model: Student's duty is to study. You may need to participate in club activities and have fun with your friends, but should never be lazy or avoid your studies. You are a person, not an angel, so you should study hard diligently every day. You should not expect that the grades will drastically go up miraculously. Under the wings of the four living creatures there are human hands, those hands are constantly working. Even if you are busy during the period of exams, you need to pray-read the Lord's Word with the brothers and sisters at least 5 to 15 minutes every morning for the every morning revival. The Lord is in your spirit, and is little by little extending out to each part of your heart every day. Growing in the Lord also depends on the day-to-day accumulation, you need to call upon the Lord's name every morning and pray-read the Word. The growth of life is not a mutation, and it takes time. The principle is the same for increasing your grades in the studies. Do not think that it is troublesome to go by the human way. God's economy is not done by the hands of angel but by the

human hands. In other words, your daily efforts are remembered and blessed by the Lord.

③ Be a human Christian: We all need to learn to be human. In fact, the more spiritual we are, the more human we shall be. If we would live Christ, we must learn to be human in a genuine way. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He was very human.

We may wonder why the eternal life that we have received is a life of the divine nature and the human nature as well. It is so that this life can work in us not only in a quiet, normal way but also in a human way. The wonderful Savior works, moves, lives, and acts as life within us in a quiet, normal, ordinary way and also in a very human way.

College student/graduate student model: While you are a student, learn to experience the humanity of Jesus and become a normal and human Christian. Philippians 4: 8 says, "Finally, brothers, what things are true, what things are dignified, what things are righteous, what things are pure, what things are lovely, what things are well spoken of, if there is any virtue and if any praise, take account of these things." For example, if a class mate has gotten bullied, you should feel sorry and look after that person. Also, you should hold the resentment against those who are bullying. "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). Japanese people are lacking such human feelings, and normal interests in people. One of the causes of suicide from school bullying is classmate indifference. However, you have been saved and become a Christian, therefore you need to experience the humanity in Jesus and be a human being. In other words, we need to have happiness, anger and sadness with the others. God can use such a normal person to a great extent. Amen!

④ Calf's legs are straight, and hoofs are divided: We all should walk like a calf, having straight hoofs. Also, we should not walk with the feet of a man. Man's feet are good, but they are somewhat crooked. Human cleverness is something crooked. This is why Paul said that he did not conduct himself in fleshly wisdom, that is, not in human cleverness. Instead of being crooked or clever, our Christian walk should be straight and frank. If we read the four Gospels, we will see that while the Lord Jesus was on earth, He walked in a very straight way. Step by step His walk was straight. He walked on the earth with calf's hoofs. In addition to being straight, the calf's hoofs are also cloven, or divided. The divided hoof signifies that in our walk with the Lord we need a proper discernment to divide the right things from the wrong and the clean things from the unclean. To have a hoof that is not cloven, like that of a camel, is to have a walk without discernment. As believers in Christ, we need to have such a walk that we can discern what is right and what is wrong in the eyes of God.

Service model: In the services of the church life, you need to have calf's legs that walk straight and to have the distinctiveness. Walk straight means that you do not bring any impure motive, ambition, competition and so forth to the services. Those practices maybe common in the world, but never think the same for the services. In the church life and related services, you should pursue the Lord with a pure heart. Also, you need to have distinctiveness. "And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect."(Romans 12: 2). Without distinctiveness, you will be easily disturbed by Satan and your services will be in chaos.

376 キリストを経験する—恵みとして

1

めぐみとは御子にあり  
たまわるかれご自しん;  
事ぶつや環きょうでなく,  
主がわが分となること。

2

受にくし, 神・人ちょう和し,  
ひとにかみを得させる,  
主はわがこころに住む,  
これこそかみのめぐみ。

3

パロは主をめぐみとし,  
すべてちりあくたとす;  
「主のためにろう苦すは,  
われでなく, 主のめぐみ」。

4

わがうちで主はちから,  
真のめぐみ, しんらいす;  
めぐみ, わがれいにあり,  
みこころじょう就させる。

5

このめぐみ, 生ける主は,  
ちからづけ, かえりみる;  
いちずになれをしたい,  
さらに享受させたまえ。

376 经历基督—作恩典

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一—

神所赐恩典, 最高的定义, 是神在子里所给的自己;  
不重在事物, 赐于古或今, 乃是神自己作我的永分。

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二—

神成为肉身, 来与人调和, 为给人接受, 而将祂得着;  
人藉主从神所得的恩典, 就是主自己来住我心间。

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三—

在使徒保罗, 万事如粪土, 恩典之于他, 只是神基督;  
乃藉这恩典—他所经历主, 他为主劳苦, 超过众使徒。

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四—

基督在我里, 作我的能力, 乃是真恩典, 够为我赖倚;  
这够用恩典在我的灵里, 时常加我力, 完成神旨意。

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五—

这恩典就是那活的基督作我的一切, 时将我眷顾。  
主, 愿我认识你这真恩典, 享你作恩典, 一直的增添。

497 Experience of Christ - As Grace

1

Grace in its highest definition is  
God in the Son to be enjoyed by us;  
It is not only something done or giv'n,  
But God Himself, our portion glorious.

2

God is incarnate in the flesh that we  
Him may receive, experience ourself;  
This is the grace which we receive of God,  
Which comes thru Christ and which is Christ Himself.

3

Paul the Apostle counted all as dung,  
'Twas only God in Christ he counted grace;  
'Tis by this grace — the Lord experienced —  
That he surpassed the others in the race.

4

It is this grace — Christ as our inward strength —  
Which with His all-sufficiency doth fill;  
It is this grace which in our spirit is,  
There energizing, working out God's will.

5

This grace, which is the living Christ Himself,  
Is what we need and must experience;  
Lord, may we know this grace and by it live,  
Thyself increasingly as grace to sense.