

That is what God has done with our sin : He has taken it upon Himself. Somewhere in that cycle is the interpretation of those deep mysterious words of St. Paul : "He hath made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." In some deep, inscrutable way, through some processes in the inner life of God which are translated for us into the idiom of history in the Cross, the barrier between man and God is swept away, the "new and living way" is opened for man to the bosom of the Father, and the Father draws him with cords of love. This is the great gift that God offers and that we all need, because it contains all other gifts in itself. It is the gift of salvation—if you like to call it so. If we give its full content to the word, salvation means not merely the negative thing of saving us from ruin, but the whole process by which we are brought at last to Christlikeness. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" We have security, sufficiency, and abundance of life. "The free gift of