

Our Spiritual Church - NEW (6/1/11)

Ps 57:9-11

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people:
I will sing unto thee among the nations. For
thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy
truth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O
God, above the heavens: let thy glory be
above all the earth.

Ps 7:1(to 1st:),7 the congregation,17

O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust:
the congregation of the people compass thee
about: for their sakes therefore return thou
on high.

I will praise the Lord according to his
righteousness: and will sing praise to the
name of the Lord most high.

Matt 16:13-18; 18:15 if, 16,19-20

¶When Jesus came into the coasts of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of
man am? And they said, Some say that thou
art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others,
Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith
unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And
Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the
Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus
answered and said unto him, Blessed art
thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood
hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father
which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee,
That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will
build my church; and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it.

if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go
and tell him his fault between thee and him
alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained
thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with
thee one or two more, that in the mouth of
two or three witnesses every word may be
established.

Again I say unto you, That if two of you
shall agree on earth as touching any thing
that they shall ask, it shall be done for them
of my Father which is in heaven. For where

two or three are gathered together in my
name, there am I in the midst of them.

Acts 2:14 Peter,22 Jesus,33,36-47; 11:22-26
(to 2nd.)

Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up
his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of
Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be
this known unto you, and hearken to my
words:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God
among you by miracles and wonders and
signs, which God did by him in the midst of
you, as ye yourselves also know:

Therefore being by the right hand of God
exalted, and having received of the Father
the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed
forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know
assuredly, that God hath made that same
Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord
and Christ. ¶Now when they heard this, they
were pricked in their heart, and said unto
Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and
brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said
unto them, Repent, and be baptized every
one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for
the remission of sins, and ye shall receive
the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise
is unto you, and to your children, and to all
that are afar off, even as many as the Lord
our God shall call. And with many other
words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save
yourselves from this untoward generation.

¶Then they that gladly received his word
were baptized: and the same day there were
added unto them about three thousand souls.
And they continued stedfastly in the
apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in
breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear
came upon every soul: and many wonders
and signs were done by the apostles. And all
that believed were together, and had all
things common; And sold their possessions
and goods, and parted them to all men, as
every man had need. And they, continuing
daily with one accord in the temple, and

breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

¶Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people.

Isa. 51:11-12 (to :),15 (to 1st),16

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am he that comforteth you:

But I am the Lord thy God,
And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

SH 136:1

Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught his followers that his religion had a divine Principle, which would cast out error and heal both the sick and the sinning. He claimed no intelligence, action, nor life separate from God. Despite the persecution this brought upon him, he used his divine power to save men both bodily and spiritually.

SH 41:14

The proofs of Truth, Life, and Love, which Jesus gave by casting out error and healing the sick, completed his earthly mission; but in the Christian Church this demonstration of healing was early lost, about three centuries after the crucifixion. No ancient school of philosophy, *materia medica*, or scholastic theology ever taught or demonstrated the divine healing of absolute Science.

SH 4:18-24 the (to ;)

the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness. We reach the Science of Christianity through demonstration of the divine nature;

SH 3:4

Who would stand before a blackboard, and pray the principle of mathematics to solve the problem? The rule is already established, and it is our task to work out the solution. Shall we ask the divine Principle of all goodness to do His own work? His work is done, and we have only to avail ourselves of God's rule in order to receive His blessing, which enables us to work out our own salvation.

46:7

The divine Spirit, which identified Jesus thus centuries ago, has spoken through the inspired Word and will speak through it in every age and clime. It is revealed to the receptive heart, and is again seen casting out evil and healing the sick.

SH 450:19

The Christian Scientist has enlisted to lessen evil, disease, and death; and he will overcome them by understanding their nothingness and the allness of God, or good. Sickness to him is no less a temptation than is sin, and he heals them both by understanding God's power over them. The Christian Scientist knows that they are errors of belief, which Truth can and will destroy.

SH 94:24-95:18

Our Master easily read the thoughts of mankind, and this insight better enabled him to direct those thoughts aright; but what would be said at this period of an infidel blasphemer who should hint that Jesus used his incisive power injuriously? Our Master read mortal mind on a scientific basis, that of the omnipresence of Mind. An approximation of this discernment indicates spiritual growth and union with the infinite capacities of the one Mind. Jesus could injure no one by his Mind-reading. The effect of his Mind was always to heal and to save, and this is the only genuine Science of reading mortal mind. His holy motives and aims were traduced by the sinners of that period, as they would be to-day if Jesus were personally present. Paul said, "To be spiritually minded is life." We approach God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidelity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all human need and are able to discern the thought of the sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them. Error of any kind cannot hide from the law of God.

Whoever reaches this point of moral culture and goodness cannot injure others, and must do them good. The greater or lesser ability of a Christian Scientist to discern thought scientifically, depends upon his genuine spirituality. This kind of mind-reading is not clairvoyance, but it is important to success

in healing, and is one of the special characteristics thereof.

SH 181:29 (to .); 182:1

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The act of healing the sick through divine Mind alone, of casting out error with Truth, shows your position as a Christian Scientist.

SH 365:15

If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one visit, and the disease will vanish into its native nothingness like dew before the morning sunshine. If the Scientist has enough Christly affection to win his own pardon, and such commendation as the Magdalen gained from Jesus, then he is Christian enough to practise scientifically and deal with his patients compassionately; and the result will correspond with the spiritual intent.

SH 367:17-368:9

A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The infinite Truth of the Christ-cure has come to this age through a "still, small voice," through silent utterances and divine anointing which quicken and increase the beneficial effects of Christianity. I long to see the consummation of my hope, namely, the student's higher attainments in this line of light.

Because Truth is infinite, error should be known as nothing. Because Truth is omnipotent in goodness, error, Truth's opposite, has no might. Evil is but the counterpoise of nothingness. The greatest wrong is but a supposititious opposite of the highest right. The confidence inspired by Science lies in the fact that Truth is real and error is unreal. Error is a coward before Truth. Divine Science insists that time will prove all this. Both truth and error have come nearer than ever before to the apprehension of mortals, and truth will become still clearer as error is self-destroyed.

SH 375:17

The genuine Christian Scientist is adding to his patient's mental and moral power, and is increasing his patient's spirituality while restoring him physically through divine Love.

516:9

God fashions all things, after His own likeness. Life is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in goodness, which impart their own peace and permanence. Love, redolent with unselfishness, bathes all in beauty and light. The grass beneath our feet silently exclaims, "The meek shall inherit the earth." The modest arbutus sends her sweet breath to heaven. The great rock gives shadow and shelter. The sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth. Man, made in His likeness, possesses and reflects God's dominion over all the earth. Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God.

SH 35:19-26 2nd Our

Our church is built on the divine Principle, Love. We can unite with this church only as we are new-born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the sick. Our Eucharist is spiritual communion with the one God.

Hymn 176

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*Based on the Danish of
Nikolaj F. S. Grundtvig*

CHURCH

Ludvig M. Lindeman

*Long hast thou stood, O church of God,
Long mid the tempest's assailing,
Founded secure on timeless rock
Rises thy light, never failing;
Shining that all may understand
What has been wrought by God's command,
O'er night and chaos prevailing.*

*Let there be light, and light was there,
Clear as the Word that declared it;
Healing and peace to all it gave,
Who in humility shared it.
Ah, they were faithful, they who heard,
Steadfast their trust in God's great Word,
Steadfast the Love that prepared it.*

*Let there be light, the Word shines forth,
Lo, where the new morning whitens;
O church of God, with Book unsealed,
How its page beacons and brightens.
Living stones we, each in his place,
May we be worthy such a grace,
While Truth the wide earth enlightens.*

Hymn 269

*Hymn 269
Frederic W. Root*

*HAYDN
Franz Joseph Haydn*

*Our God is Love, unchanging Love,
And can we ask for more?
Our prayer for Love's increase is vain;
'Twas infinite before.
Ask not the Lord with breath of praise
For more than we accept;
The open fount is free to all,
God's promises are kept.*

*Our God is Mind, the perfect Mind,
Intelligence divine;
Shall mortal man ask Him to change
His infinite design?
The heart that yearns for righteousness,
With longing unalloyed,
In such desire sends up a prayer
That ne'er returneth void.*

*O loving Father, well we know
That words alone are vain,
That those who seek Thy will to do,
The true communion gain.
Then may our deeds our pure desire
For growth in grace express,
That we may know how Love divine
Forever waits to bless.*

Hymn 290

*Hymn 290
William Gaskell
Adapted*

*CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
James W. Elliott*

*Press on, press on, ye sons of light,
Untiring in your holy fight,*

*Still treading each temptation down,
And battling for a brighter crown.*

*Press on, press on, and fear no foe,
With calm resolve to triumph go;
Victorious over every ill,
Press on to higher glory still.*

*Press on, press on, still look in faith
To Him who conquers sin and death;
Then shall ye hear His word, Well done!
True to the last, press on, press on.*

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