

## 2019-10-09 Apostles of Christ



The readings are from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy.



### The Holy Bible

#### 1. Luke 6:13

¶ And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

#### 2. Matt. 10:5–8

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

#### 3. Acts 5:12 (to ;), 15, 16

¶ And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; ...

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

#### 4. Acts 9:32–42

¶ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord. ¶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had

washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

**5. Acts 14:8–10**

¶ And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

**6. Acts 14:19, 20**

¶ And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

**7. II Cor. 1:1–5**

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

**8. I Pet. 2:9 ye, 10**

... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

**9. Col. 3:12–17**

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching

and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

**10. Acts 20:32, 35**

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. ...

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

**11. Rom. 14:19**

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

**12. Phil. 2:13**

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.



## Science and Health

**1. SH 192:27**

We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics. Christianity is the basis of true healing. Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

**2. SH 40:25**

Our heavenly Father, divine Love, demands that all men should follow the example of our Master and his apostles and not merely worship his personality. It is sad that the phrase *divine service* has come so generally to mean public worship instead of daily deeds.

Service and  
worship

**3. SH 51:19–21, 23–24; 52:1, 19**

His consummate example was for the salvation of us all, but only through doing the works which he did and taught others to do. ... He was inspired by God, by Truth and Love, in all that he said and did. ...

From early boyhood he was about his “Father’s business.” His pursuits lay far apart from theirs. His master was Spirit; their master was matter. He served God; they served mammon. His affections were pure; theirs were carnal. His senses drank in the spiritual evidence of health, holiness, and life; their senses testified oppositely, and absorbed the material evidence of sin, sickness, and death. ...

Master’s  
business

The “man of sorrows” best understood the nothingness of material life and intelligence and the mighty actuality of all-inclusive God, good. These were the two cardinal points of Mind-healing, or Christian Science, which armed him with Love. The highest earthly representative of God, speaking of human ability to reflect divine power, prophetically said to his disciples, speaking not for their day only but for all time: “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;” and “These signs shall follow them that believe.”

Saviour’s prediction

#### 4. SH 488:7

The Hebrew and Greek words often translated *belief* differ somewhat in meaning from that conveyed by the English verb *believe*; they have more the significance of faith, understanding, trust, constancy, firmness. Hence the Scriptures often appear in our common version to approve and endorse belief, when they mean to enforce the necessity of understanding.

Belief and firm trust

#### 5. SH 141:3–6 (to .)

More than profession is requisite for Christian demonstration. Few understand or adhere to Jesus' divine precepts for living and healing.

More than profession required

#### 6. SH 37:16–20 (np)

When will Jesus' professed followers learn to emulate him in *all* his ways and to imitate his mighty works? Those who procured the martyrdom of that righteous man would gladly have turned his sacred career into a mutilated doctrinal platform. May the Christians of to-day take up the more practical import of that career! It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness. Christians claim to be his followers, but do they follow him in the way that he commanded? Hear these imperative commands: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect!” “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!” “*Heal the sick!*”

Complete emulation

Why has this Christian demand so little inspiration to stir mankind to Christian effort? Because men are assured that this command was intended only for a particular period and for a select number of followers. This teaching is even more pernicious than the old doctrine of foreordination, — the election of a few to be saved, while the rest are damned; and so it will be considered, when the lethargy of mortals, produced by man-made doctrines, is broken by the demands of divine Science.

Jesus’ teaching belittled

Jesus said: “These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” Who believes him? He was addressing his disciples, yet he did not say, “These signs shall follow *you*,” but *them* — “them that believe” in all time to come. Here the word *hands* is used metaphorically, as in the text, “The right hand of the Lord is exalted.” It expresses spiritual power; otherwise the healing could

not have been done spiritually. At another time Jesus prayed, not for the twelve only, but for as many as should believe “through their word.”

**7. SH 38:24–26**

Jesus mapped out the path for others. He unveiled the Christ, the spiritual idea of divine Love.

Material  
pleasures

**8. SH 517:30–31**

Divine Love blesses its own ideas, and causes them to multiply, — to manifest His power.

**9. SH 412:13**

The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death.

Eloquent  
silence

**10. SH 471:31**

This Science teaches man that God is the only Life, and that this Life is Truth and Love; that God is to be understood, adored, and demonstrated; that divine Truth casts out suppositional error and heals the sick.

**11. SH 496:9**

We all must learn that Life is God. Ask yourself: Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good? Am I demonstrating the healing power of Truth and Love? If so, then the way will grow brighter “unto the perfect day.” Your fruits will prove what the understanding of God brings to man. Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.

Condition  
of progress

**12. SH 138:17–22, 25**

Jesus established in the Christian era the precedent for all Christianity, theology, and healing. Christians are under as direct orders now, as they were then, to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as the sinning. ... The Christian can prove this to-day as readily as it was proved centuries ago.

New era  
in Jesus

**13. SH 98:15**

Beyond the frail premises of human beliefs, above the loosening grasp of creeds, the demonstration of Christian Mind-healing stands a revealed and practical Science. It is imperious throughout all ages as Christ’s revelation of Truth, of Life, and of Love, which remains inviolate for every man to understand and to practise.

Revelation  
of Science



### 1. Hymn. 388

When like a stranger on our sphere / The lowly Jesus sojourned here, / Where'er he  
went affliction fled, / The sick were healed, the hungry fed. /

With bounding steps the halt and lame / To hail their great deliverer came; / For him  
the grave could hold no dread, / He spoke the word and raised the dead. /

Through paths of loving-kindness led, / Where Jesus triumphed we would tread; / To  
all with willing hands dispense / The gifts of our benevolence.

### 2. Hymn. 217

O, he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken, / That holier worship, which God deigns to  
bless, / Restores the lost, and heals the spirit broken, / And feeds the widow and the  
fatherless. /

Then, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother, / For where love dwells, the peace of  
God is there: / To worship rightly is to love each other; / Each smile a hymn, each  
kindly deed a prayer. /

Follow with reverent steps the great example / Of him whose holy work was doing  
good; / So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple, / Each loving life a psalm of  
gratitude.

### 3. Hymn. 481

Go to the world! Go into every place! / Go live the word of God's redeeming grace; /  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. / Alleluia! /

Go to the world! Go comfort, bless, and pray. / The nights of tears give way to joyful  
day. / In serving God, we follow Christ's own way. / Alleluia! /

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, / For I am with you till the ages end, / When all  
the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!" / Alleluia!