

# Wed Church 2021 04 14

Church

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## The Bible

### 1. Acts 20:28 (to 4th ,)

- 28 ¶ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God,

### 2. I Cor. 14:12 forasmuch

- 12 forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

### 3. I Cor. 7:17 1st as

- 17 as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

### 4. Rom. 16:16

- 16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

### 5. Isa. 56:5 (to :), 7 (to :), 7 1st for

- 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters:
- 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

### 6. Isa 54:2, 5, 11, 13-15, 17

- 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;
- 5 For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.
- 11 ¶ O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.
- 13 And all thy children *shall be* taught of the LORD; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children.
- 14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.
- 15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.
- 17 ¶ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the

heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

7. Matt. 16:13-18

- 13 ¶ When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
- 14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
- 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
- 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.

8. Mark 11:15-18 they

- 15 they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;
- 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple.
- 17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard *it*, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people were astonished at his doctrine.

9. Matt. 18:1-3, 15-20 1st if

- 1 AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
- 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

- 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- 19 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.
- 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

10. I Peter 2:1-5, 9 ye, 10 (to :), 17 (to 3rd .), 25 ye

- 1 WHEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.
- 4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,
- 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- 9 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:
- 10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God:
- 17 Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God.
- 25 ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

11. I Cor. 3:9 we, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17

- 9 we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
- 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
- 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
- 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

## 12. I Cor. 1:2, 3

- 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:
- 3 Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy**

## 1. SH 583:12-19

- 12 **CHURCH.** The structure of Truth and Love; what-ever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.
- The Church is that institution, which affords proof of
- 15 its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of
- 18 divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick.

## 2. SH 288:20-30

- The chief stones in the temple of Christian Science are
- 21 to be found in the following postulates: that Life is God, good, and not evil; that Soul is sinless, not to be found in the body; that Spirit is not, and
- 24 cannot be, materialized; that Life is not subject to death; that the spiritual real man has no birth, no material life, and no death.
- 27 Science reveals the glorious possibilities of immortal man, forever unlimited by the mortal senses.
- The Christ-element in the Messiah made him
- 30 the Way-shower, Truth and Life.

The chief stones  
in the temple

The Christ-  
element

## 3. SH 28:9

- 9 While respecting all that is good in the Church or out of it, one's consecration to Christ is more on the ground of demonstration than of profession. In conscience, we
- 12 cannot hold to beliefs outgrown; and by understanding more of the divine Principle of the deathless Christ, we are enabled to heal the sick and to triumph over sin.

## 4. SH 351:8

- The author became a member of the orthodox Congregational Church in early years. Later she learned that her own prayers failed to heal her as did the prayers of her devout parents and the church; but when the
- 12 spiritual sense of the creed was discerned in the Science of Christianity, this spiritual sense was a *present help*. It was the living, palpitating presence of Christ, Truth, which

15    healed the sick.

5. SH 595:7

**TEMPLE.**    Body; the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence; the superstructure of Truth; the shrine of  
9    Love; a material superstructure, where mortals congregate for worship.

6. SH 136:1

136:1    Jesus established his church and maintained his mission  
      on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught  
3    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  
6    persecution this brought upon him, he used his divine power to save men both bodily and spiritually.

The Christ-  
mission

7. SH 41:14-18

      The proofs of Truth, Life, and Love, which Jesus gave  
15   by casting out error and healing the sick, completed his  
      earthly mission; but in the Christian Church  
      this demonstration of healing was early lost,  
18   about three centuries after the crucifixion.

Healing early  
lost

8. SH 35:20

      We can  
21   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  
24   the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the  
      sick. Our Eucharist is spiritual communion with the one  
      God. Our bread, “which cometh down from heaven,”  
27   is Truth. Our cup is the cross. Our wine the inspiration of Love, the draught our Master drank and commended to his followers.

Spiritual  
Eucharist

9. SH 224:16

      Of old the cross was truth’s central sign, and it is to-day. The modern lash is less  
18   material than the Roman scourge, but it is equally as  
      cutting. Cold disdain, stubborn resistance, opposition  
      from church, state laws, and the press, are still the har-  
21   bingers of truth’s full-orbed appearing.

10. SH 358:29-5

      Is it likely that church-members have more faith in  
30   some Christian Scientist, whom they have perhaps

never seen and against whom they have been warned,  
 than they have in their own accredited and orthodox  
 359:1 pastors, whom they have seen and have been taught  
 to love and to trust?

3 Let any clergyman try to cure his friends by their  
 faith in him. Will that faith heal them? Yet Scien-  
 tists will take the same cases, and cures will follow.

#### 11. SH 235:28

Clergymen, occupying the watchtowers of the world,  
 should uplift the standard of Truth. They should so raise  
 30 their hearers spiritually, that their listeners  
 will love to grapple with a new, right idea  
 and broaden their concepts. Love of Christianity, rather  
 236:1 than love of popularity, should stimulate clerical labor  
 and progress. Truth should emanate from the pulpit,  
 3 but never be strangled there. A special privilege is vested  
 in the ministry. How shall it be used? Sacredly, in the  
 interests of humanity, not of sect.

Clergymen's  
 duty

#### 12. SH 142:18

18 As in Jesus' time, so to-day, tyranny and pride need to  
 be whipped out of the temple, and humility and divine Sci-  
 ence to be welcomed in. The strong cords of  
 21 scientific demonstration, as twisted and wielded  
 by Jesus, are still needed to purge the temples of their  
 vain traffic in worldly worship and to make them meet  
 24 dwelling-places for the Most High.

Temple cleansed

#### 13. SH 136:32-21

Jesus patiently persisted in  
 137:1 teaching and demonstrating the truth of being. His stu-  
 dents saw this power of Truth heal the sick, cast out evil,  
 3 raise the dead; but the ultimate of this wonderful work  
 was not spiritually discerned, even by them, until after the  
 crucifixion, when their immaculate Teacher stood before  
 6 them, the victor over sickness, sin, disease, death, and  
 the grave.

Yearning to be understood, the Master repeated,  
 9 "But whom say ye that I am?" This renewed inquiry  
 meant: Who or what is it that is able to do the work, so  
 mysterious to the popular mind? In his rejection of the  
 12 answer already given and his renewal of the question,  
 it is plain that Jesus completely eschewed the narrow  
 opinion implied in their citation of the common report  
 15 about him.

With his usual impetuosity, Simon replied for his

brethren, and his reply set forth a great fact: “Thou  
 18 art the Christ, the Son of the living God!”  
 That is: The Messiah is what thou hast de-  
 21 clared, — Christ, the spirit of God, of Truth, Life, and  
 Love, which heals mentally.

A divine  
 response

#### 14. SH 137:26

Before this the impetuous disciple had been called  
 27 only by his common names, Simon Bar-jona, or son of  
 Jona; but now the Master gave him a spir-  
 itual name in these words: “And I say also  
 30 unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock [the  
 meaning of the Greek word *petros*, or *stone*] I will build  
 my church; and the gates of hell [*hades*, the *under-*  
 138:1 *world*, or the *grave*] shall not prevail against it.” In  
 other words, Jesus purposed founding his society, not  
 3 on the personal Peter as a mortal, but on the God-  
 power which lay behind Peter’s confession of the true  
 Messiah.

The true and  
 living rock

#### 15. SH 594:12-13

12 **SHEEP.** Innocence; inoffensiveness; those who follow  
 their leader.

#### 16. SH 576:8-14

In Revelation xxi. 22, further describing this holy city,  
 9 the beloved Disciple writes: —

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty  
 and the Lamb are the temple of it.

12 There was no temple, — that is, no material structure  
 in which to worship God, for He must be worshipped  
 in spirit and in love.

The shrine  
 celestial

#### 17. SH 35:19-20 2nd Our

Our  
 church is built on the divine Principle, Love.

### Hymns 439, 304, 123

#### 439

As a fire is meant for burning  
 With a bright and warming flame,  
 So a church is meant for healing  
 Giving glory to God’s name.  
 Not to preach mere creed or custom,  
 But to prove God’s loving care,  
 We join hands across the nations,  
 Finding neighbors everywhere.

.  
 As a green bud in the springtime  
 Is a sign of life renewed,  
 May we grow as signs of oneness  
 'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
 As a rainbow lights the heavens  
 When a storm is past and gone,  
 May our lives reflect the radiance  
 Of God's new and glorious dawn.

.  
 We are learners; we are teachers;  
 We are pilgrims on the way.  
 We are bearers of the gospel,  
 We are children of the day.  
 By our gentle, loving actions  
 We would show that Christ is light.  
 With a humble, listening spirit  
 We would live to God's delight.

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**304 A Poem by Mary Baker Eddy**

Shepherd, show me how to go  
 O'er the hillside steep,  
 How to gather, how to sow,—  
 How to feed Thy sheep;  
 I will listen for Thy voice,  
 Lest my footsteps stray;  
 I will follow and rejoice  
 All the rugged way.

.  
 Thou wilt bind the stubborn will,  
 Wound the callous breast,  
 Make self-righteousness be still,  
 Break earth's stupid rest.  
 Strangers on a barren shore,  
 Lab'ring long and lone,  
 We would enter by the door,  
 And Thou know'st Thine own;

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 So, when day grows dark and cold,  
 Tear or triumph harms,  
 Lead Thy lambkins to the fold,  
 Take them in Thine arms;  
 Feed the hungry, heal the heart,  
 Till the morning's beam;  
 White as wool, ere they depart,  
 Shepherd, wash them clean.

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**123**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.  
 What more can He say than to you He hath said,



To you who to God for your refuge have fled:

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Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand;

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When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

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