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New Birth

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Hymns: 443, 528, 542

The Bible

1. Ps. 51:10

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

2. Col. 3:10 put

10 put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

3. I Pet. 2:1-3

- 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. Gen. 32:24-28 Jacob

- 24 Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
- 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
- 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
- 27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.
- 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

5. Isa. 35:3-7 (to :), 10

- 3 ¶ Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
- 6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.
- 7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:

- 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

6. Acts 3:19 1st be, 20

- 19 be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;
- 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

7. Luke 5:36-38

- 36 ¶ And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new agreeth not with the old.
- 37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.
- 38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

8. John 3:1-13

- 1 THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
- 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
- 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
- 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
- 11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
- 12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from
 13 heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

9. Mark 9:33-37

33 ¶ And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What
 was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?
 34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among
 themselves, who *should be* the greatest.
 35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man
 desire to be first, *the same* shall be last of all, and servant of all.
 36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had
 taken him in his arms, he said unto them,
 37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me:
 and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

10. Mark 10:13-16

13 ¶ And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and
his disciples rebuked those that brought *them*.
 14 But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them,
 Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such
 is the kingdom of God.
 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as
 a little child, he shall not enter therein.
 16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed
 them.

11. Titus 3:4-7 after

4 after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,
 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his
 mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the
 Holy Ghost;
 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the
 hope of eternal life.

12. I Pet. 1:22, 23

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit
 unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a
 pure heart fervently:
 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word
 of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1. SH 463:12

A spiritual idea has not a single element of error,
and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.
The new idea, conceived and born of Truth and Love, is
15 clad in white garments. Its beginning will be meek, its
growth sturdy, and its maturity undecaying. When
this new birth takes place, the Christian Science infant
18 is born of the Spirit, born of God, and can cause the
mother no more suffering. By this we know that Truth
is here and has fulfilled its perfect work.

2. SH 275:6-9

The starting-point of divine Science is
that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other
might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He
9 is divine Principle.

3. SH 284:8-9

Infinite Mind can have no starting-point,
9 and can return to no limit.

4. SH 21:9

9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striv-
ing to enter in. He constantly turns away from ma-
terial sense, and looks towards the imperishable things
12 of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the
start, and gain a little each day in the right direction,
till at last he finishes his course with joy.

5. SH 426:14

Man should renew his energies and en-
15 deavors, and see the folly of hypocrisy, while also learn-
ing the necessity of working out his own salvation. When
it is learned that disease cannot destroy life, and that
18 mortals are not saved from sin or sickness by death, this
understanding will quicken into newness of life. It will
master either a desire to die or a dread of the grave,
21 and thus destroy the great fear that besets mortal
existence.

6. SH 548:12

12 Earth has little light or joy for mortals before
Life is spiritually learned. Every agony of mortal error
helps error to destroy error, and so aids the apprehension
15 of immortal Truth. This is the new birth going on
hourly, by which men may entertain angels, the true
ideas of God, the spiritual sense of being.

7. SH 354:20-23

18 If our words
21 fail to express our deeds, God will redeem that
weakness, and out of the mouth of babes He will perfect
praise.

8. SH 451:8

Students of Christian Science, who start with its letter
9 and think to succeed without the spirit, will either make
shipwreck of their faith or be turned sadly
awry. They must not only seek, but strive,
12 to enter the narrow path of Life, for “wide is the gate,
and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and
many there be which go in thereat.” Man walks in the
15 direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure
is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affec-
tions are spiritual, they come from above, not from be-
18 neath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

Treasure in
heaven

9. SH 190:14-31

Human birth, growth, maturity, and decay are as the
15 grass springing from the soil with beautiful green blades,
afterwards to wither and return to its native
nothingness. This mortal seeming is temporal;
18 it never merges into immortal being, but finally disap-
pears, and immortal man, spiritual and eternal, is found
to be the real man.

Human frailty

21 The Hebrew bard, swayed by mortal thoughts, thus
swept his lyre with saddening strains on human existence:

As for man, his days are as grass:

24 As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.

27 When hope rose higher in the human heart, he sang:

As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness:
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

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30 For with Thee is the fountain of life;
In Thy light shall we see light.

10. SH 206:25-28

Can there be any birth or death for man, the spiritual
image and likeness of God? Instead of God sending
27 sickness and death, He destroys them, and brings to light
immortality.

11. SH 4:27-30

27 Audible prayer can never do the works of spiritual
understanding, which regenerates; but silent prayer,
watchfulness, and devout obedience enable
30 us to follow Jesus' example.

Veritable
devotion

12. SH 131:18-22

Jesus once
said: "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise
21 and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even
so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight."

13. SH 236:28

Jesus loved little children because of their freedom
from wrong and their receptiveness of right. While
30 age is halting between two opinions or battling with
false beliefs, youth makes easy and rapid strides towards
Truth.

14. SH 221:1-4, 10, 17-20, 29

221:1 I knew a person who when quite a child adopted the
Graham system to cure dyspepsia. For many years, he
3 ate only bread and vegetables, and drank noth-
ing but water. He passed many weary years in hunger
and weakness, almost in starvation, and finally made up
12 his mind to die, having exhausted the skill of the doctors,
who kindly informed him that death was indeed his only
alternative. At this point Christian Science saved him,
15 and he is now in perfect health without a vestige of the
old complaint.

Starvation and
dyspepsia

He learned that suffering and disease were the self-
18 imposed beliefs of mortals, and not the facts of being;
that God never decreed disease, — never ordained a law
that fasting should be a means of health.

This new-born understanding, that neither food nor
30 the stomach, without the consent of mortal
mind, can make one suffer, brings with it an-
other lesson, — that gluttony is a sensual illusion, and
222:1 that this phantasm of mortal mind disappears as we better
apprehend our spiritual existence and ascend the ladder
3 of life.

Mind and
stomach

15. SH 24:11-13

He to whom "the arm of the Lord" is revealed will
12 believe our report, and rise into newness of life with re-
generation.

Radical changes

16. SH 296:6-9 (to 1st .)

Either here or hereafter, suffering or Science must destroy all illusions regarding life and mind, and regenerate material sense and self.

17. SH 242:1-3

Through repentance, spiritual baptism, and regeneration, mortals put off their material beliefs and false individuality.

Spiritual baptism

18. SH 69:7-8

God's children already created will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being.

19. SH 262:17-20, 24

Job said: "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee." Mortals will echo Job's thought, when the supposed pain and pleasure of matter cease to predominate. Starting from a higher standpoint, one rises spontaneously, even as light emits light without effort; for "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The true sense

20. SH 35:20-25

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.

Spiritual
Eucharist

21. SH 191:8-13

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to "where the young child was," — even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes.

The immortal
birth**Hymns: 443, 528, 542****#443**

Be gentle, be pure.
Since Spirit keeps all secure,
No pain or fear has pow'r.
Be gentle, be pure;
Love guards, Love guides this hour.

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Be tranquil, be free.
Since Life holds both you and me,
We know what Life has wrought

Be tranquil, be free.
Infirmity is nought.

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Be watchful, be still.
Then listen for Love's clear will
Which keeps us safe, at ease.
Be watchful, be still;
Assured your God you'll please.

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Be joyful, be calm.
As Soul's own melodious psalm.
Each day you're sung anew.
Be joyful, be calm;
Know well that God loves you.

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#528

Lord, Your mercy reaches higher than the heavens;
Lord, Your faithfulness is wider than the sky,
Lord, Your gracious judgments, deeper than the earth,
Show Your tender care for every creature's worth.

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Lord, your righteousness is steadfast as the mountains;
Lord, Your goodness is a river without end,
Lord, Your lovingkindness is a wondrous thing;
We will shelter safely underneath Your wing.

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Lord, Your children shall be satisfied with gladness;
Joy and peace abundant in their heritage.
Life flows from Your presence, radiant and new;
Your pure light reveals how we are seen by You.

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#542

O Life that maketh all things new,
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;
Our pilgrim feet, wet with Your dew,
In gladness hither turn again.

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From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From heart to heart the bright hope glows,
The seekers of the Light are one:

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One in the freedom of the truth,
One in the joy of paths untrod,
One in the heart's perennial youth,
One in the larger thought of God;—

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The freer step, the fuller breath,
The wide horizon's grander view;
The sense of Life that knows no death,—

The Life that maketh all things new.

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