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🗨️ Christian Science Hymnal # 441, 472, 440

🗨️ Bible

1. II Cor. 1:1

- 1 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:

2. II Cor. 2:4 out

- 4 ... out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

3. II Cor. 3:2, 3, 17 where

- 2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:
3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.
17 ... where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

4. II Cor. 4:3, 4

- 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

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

1. SH 227:18

- 18 “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” Love and Truth make free, but evil and error

lead into captivity.

2. SH 102:30–5 (to 1st .)

- 30 Mankind must learn that evil is not power. Its so-called despotism is but a phase of nothingness. Christian Science despoils the kingdom of evil, and pre-eminently
1 promotes affection and virtue in families and therefore in the community. The Apostle Paul refers to the
3 personification of evil as “the god of this world,” and further defines it as dishonesty and craftiness.

Mental
despotism

3. SH 481:4

- “Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty.” Like the archpriests of yore, man is
6 free “to enter into the holiest,” — the realm of God.

 Bible

5. II Cor. 5:1 we, 8

- 1 ... we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

6. II Cor. 6:2 behold, 14–18

- 2 ... behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)
14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,
18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

4. SH 454:4–9

Teach your students the omnipotence of Truth, which illustrates the impotence of error. The understanding, even in a degree, of the divine All-power destroys fear, and plants the feet in the true path, — the path which leads to the house built without hands “eternal in the heavens.”

Impotence
of hate

5. SH 14:1

If we are sensibly with the body and regard omnipotence as a corporeal, material person, whose ear we would gain, we are not “absent from the body” and “present with the Lord” in the demonstration of Spirit. We cannot “serve two masters.” To be “present with the Lord” is to have, not mere emotional ecstasy or faith, but the actual demonstration and understanding of Life as revealed in Christian Science. To be “with the Lord” is to be in obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

Bodily
presence

6. SH 39:18–7

“Now,” cried the apostle, “is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation,” — meaning, not that now men must prepare for a future-world salvation, or safety, but that now is the time in which to experience that salvation in spirit and in life. Now is the time for so-called material pains and material pleasures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible in Science. To break this earthly spell, mortals must get the true idea and divine Principle of all that really exists and governs the universe harmoniously. This thought is apprehended slowly, and the interval before its attainment is attended with doubts and defeats as well as triumphs.

Present
salvation

Who will stop the practice of sin so long as he believes in the pleasures of sin? When mortals once admit that evil confers no pleasure, they turn from it. Remove error

from thought, and it will not appear in effect. The advanced thinker and devout Christian, perceiving the scope and tendency of Christian healing and its Science, will support them. Another will say: “Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee.”

Sin and
penalty

7. SH 383:3–20

We need a clean body and a clean mind, — a body rendered pure by Mind as well as washed by water. One says: “I take good care of my body.” To do this, the pure and exalting influence of the divine Mind on the body is requisite, and the Christian Scientist takes the best care of his body when he leaves it most out of his thought, and, like the Apostle Paul, is “willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” A hint may be taken from the emigrant, whose filth does not affect his happiness, because mind and body rest on the same basis. To the mind equally gross, dirt gives no uneasiness. It is the native element of such a mind, which is symbolized, and not chafed, by its surroundings; but impurity and uncleanness, which do not trouble the gross, could not be borne by the refined. This shows that the mind must be clean to keep the body in proper condition.

A clean mind
and body

8. SH 539:19

It is false to say that Truth and error commingle in creation. In parable and argument, this falsity is exposed by our Master as self-evidently wrong. Disputing these points with the Pharisees and arguing for the Science of creation, Jesus said: “Do men gather grapes of thorns?” Paul asked: “What communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?”

A type of
falsehood

9. SH 216:22–14

If the decision were left to the corporeal senses, evil would appear to be the master of good, and sickness to

24 be the rule of existence, while health would seem the
exception, death the inevitable, and life a paradox. Paul
asked: “What concord hath Christ with Belial?” (2 Cor-
27 inthians vi. 15.)

When you say, “Man’s body is material,” I say with
Paul: Be “willing rather to be absent from the body,
30 and to be present with the Lord.” Give up
your material belief of mind in matter, and
have but one Mind, even God; for this Mind forms its
1 own likeness. The loss of man’s identity through the
understanding which Science confers is impossible; and
3 the notion of such a possibility is more absurd than to
conclude that individual musical tones are lost in the
origin of harmony.

Personal
identity

6 Medical schools may inform us that the healing work
of Christian Science and Paul’s peculiar Christian con-
version and experience, — which prove Mind
9 to be scientifically distinct from matter, — are
indications of unnatural mental and bodily conditions,
even of catalepsy and hysteria; yet if we turn to the Scrip-
12 tures, what do we read? Why, this: “If a man keep my
saying, he shall never see death!” and “Henceforth know
we no man after the flesh!”

Paul’s
experience

Bible

7. Gal. 1:1, 2, 11–13 I, 15–17

1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the
Father, who raised him from the dead;)
2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:
11 ... I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.
12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus
Christ.
13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews’ religion, how that
beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:
15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called *me*
by his grace,
16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I
conferred not with flesh and blood:
17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went

into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

8. Gal. 5:5–7, 16, 17 (to 1st :), 19–21, 24

- 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.
6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.
7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?
16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: ...
19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

9. Gal. 6:2, 3, 7–9

- 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
9 And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Science and Health

10. SH 223:2

- Paul said, "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not
3 fulfil the lust of the flesh." Sooner or later we shall learn that the fetters of man's finite capacity are forged by the illusion that he lives in body instead of in Soul, in matter
6 instead of in Spirit.

11. SH 478:14–29

- Question.* — Does brain think, and do nerves feel, and
15 is there intelligence in matter?

Answer. — No, not if God is true and mortal man a liar. The assertion that there can be pain or pleasure

18 in matter is erroneous. That body is most
harmonious in which the discharge of the nat-
ural functions is least noticeable. How can intelligence
21 dwell in matter when matter is non-intelligent and
brain-lobes cannot think? Matter cannot perform the
functions of Mind. Error says, “I am man;” but this
24 belief is mortal and far from actual. From beginning
to end, whatever is mortal is composed of material hu-
man beliefs and of nothing else. That only is real which
27 reflects God. St. Paul said, “But when it pleased God,
who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me
by His grace, . . . I conferred not with flesh and blood.”

12. SH 167:20–22

The “flesh lusteth against the Spirit.” The flesh and
21 Spirit can no more unite in action, than good can coin-
cide with evil.

13. SH 346:29

Material beliefs must be expelled to make room for
30 spiritual understanding. We cannot serve both
God and mammon at the same time; but is
not this what frail mortals are trying to do? Paul says:
1 “The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against
the flesh.” Who is ready to admit this?

14. SH 345:26

The apostle says: “For if a man think himself to be
27 something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.”
This thought of human, material nothingness, which
Science inculcates, enrages the carnal mind and is the
30 main cause of the carnal mind’s antagonism.

15. SH 79:29–32

Mind-science teaches that mortals need “not be weary
30 in well doing.” It dissipates fatigue in doing
good. Giving does not impoverish us in the
service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.

16. SH 405:17

“Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also
18 reap.” The good man finally can overcome his fear of
sin. This is sin’s necessity, — to destroy itself. Im-
mortal man demonstrates the government of God, good,
21 in which is no power to sin.

17. SH 326:20

Working and praying with true motives,
21 your Father will open the way. “Who did hinder you,
that ye should not obey the truth?”

 Bible

10. Eph. 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus,
and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

11. Eph. 2:1, 12

1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of
Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God
in the world:

12. Eph. 3:1, 7

1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto
me by the effectual working of his power.

13. Eph. 4:1, 13

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation
wherewith ye are called,
13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto
a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14. Eph. 6:12

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high
places.

18. SH 563:27

27 The serpentine form stands for subtlety, winding its
way amidst all evil, but doing this in the name of good.
Its sting is spoken of by Paul, when he refers
30 to “spiritual wickedness in high places.” It
is the animal instinct in mortals, which would impel
1 them to devour each other and cast out devils through
Beelzebub.

Animal
tendency

19. SH 486:27

27 If the
five corporeal senses were the medium through which
to understand God, then palsy, blindness, and deafness
30 would place man in a terrible situation, where he would
be like those “having no hope, and without God in the
world;” but as a matter of fact, these calamities often
1 drive mortals to seek and to find a higher sense of happi-
ness and existence.

20. SH 107:1

1 I N the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or
divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and
3 named my discovery Christian Science. God
had been graciously preparing me during many
years for the reception of this final revelation of the ab-
6 solute divine Principle of scientific mental healing.

Christian
Science
discovered

21. SH 108:1–4

1 Whence came to me this heavenly conviction, — a con-
viction antagonistic to the testimony of the physical senses?
3 According to St. Paul, it was “the gift of the grace of
God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.”

15. Phil. 1:1, 2

- 1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
2 Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

16. Phil. 2:5, 12, 13

- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

17. Phil. 3:13, 14

- 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Science and Health

22. SH 353:22

- When we learn that error
is not real, we shall be ready for progress, “forgetting
24 those things which are behind.”

23. SH 243:4

- The divine Love, which made harmless the poisonous
viper, which delivered men from the boiling oil, from
6 the fiery furnace, from the jaws of the lion,
can heal the sick in every age and triumph
over sin and death. It crowned the demon-
9 strations of Jesus with unsurpassed power and love. But
the same “Mind . . . which was also in Christ Jesus”
must always accompany the letter of Science in order to
12 confirm and repeat the ancient demonstrations of prophets
and apostles. That those wonders are not more com-
monly repeated to-day, arises not so much from lack of
15 desire as from lack of spiritual growth.

Ancient
and modern
miracles

24. SH 98:31–11

The way through which immortality and life are learned is not ecclesiastical but Christian, not human but divine,
1 not physical but metaphysical, not material but scientifically spiritual. Human philosophy, ethics, and superstition afford no demonstrable divine Principle
3 by which mortals can escape from sin; yet to escape from sin, is what the Bible demands. “Work
6 out your own salvation with fear and trembling,” says the apostle, and he straightway adds: “for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good
9 pleasure” (Philippians ii. 12, 13). Truth has furnished the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding.

Key to the
kingdom

25. SH 276:4

When the divine precepts
are understood, they unfold the foundation of fellowship,
6 in which one mind is not at war with another, but all have one Spirit, God, one intelligent source, in accordance with the Scriptural command: “Let this Mind be in you,
9 which was also in Christ Jesus.” Man and his Maker are correlated in divine Science, and real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God.

Universal
brotherhood