

# 20200916 Grace of Christian Science

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📄 Thank you for previewing the Wednesday night readings for our service. The Bible and our textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, are our pastor and the following citations from each form the readings. The KJV (King James Version) are presented below because the KJV is the standard used in our church and presented through Concord, a research and study tool developed by the Mother Church for our movement. The First Reader has elected to read the same verses from the NLT (New Living Translation).

The Subject is "The Grace of Christian Science".

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## 1. Hymn. 461:1

Come unto me, you weary,  
And I will give you rest.  
These tender words of Jesus  
Still come to hearts oppressed.  
They tell of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that has no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.

## 2. Hymn. 465:5

Your grace and mercy every day  
Bring blessings from above.  
I'm living in the house of God,  
The consciousness of Love.

## 3. Hymn. 468:1

Eternal Mind the Potter is,  
And thought th' eternal clay:  
The hand that fashions is divine,  
His works pass not away.  
Man is the noblest work of God,  
His beauty, power and grace,  
Immortal; perfect as his Mind  
Reflected face to face.

**1. Ps. 51:1–3, 6, 7 wash, 8 (to ;), 10, 12, 17**

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.
- 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- 7 ... wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; ...
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.
- 17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

**2. Ps. 90:12, 14, 16, 17**

- 12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.
- 14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.
- 17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

**3. Luke 6:17–22, 27–31, 35, 36, 38**

- 17 ¶ And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judæa and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

- 18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.
- 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.
- 20 ¶ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed *be ye* poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.
- 21 Blessed *are ye* that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are ye* that weep now: for ye shall laugh.
- 22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach *you*, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.
- 27 ¶ But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,
- 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.
- 29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not *to take thy* coat also.
- 30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again.
- 31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.
- 35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to the* evil.
- 36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
- 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

#### 4. I Cor. 13:1–8 (to :), 13

- 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- 2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
- 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

- 4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
- 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
- 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
- 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
- 8 Charity never faileth: ...
- 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

## 5. Eph. 2:1, 2, 4–10, 14–22

- 1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- 6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:
- 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:
- 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
- 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;
- 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

- 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
- 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;
- 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

### 1. SH 17:2, 5

Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is  
3 omnipotent, supreme.

Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

### 2. SH 67:4–29

When the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds lower, the wind shrieks through the tightened shrouds,  
6 and the waves lift themselves into mountains.  
We ask the helmsman: “Do you know your course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?” He  
9 answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the Science of Mind. Yet, acting up to his highest understanding, firm at the post of duty, the mariner works on  
12 and awaits the issue. Thus should we deport ourselves on the seething ocean of sorrow. Hoping and working,  
15 one should stick to the wreck, until an irresistible propulsion precipitates his doom or sunshine gladdens the troubled sea.

18 The notion that animal natures can possibly give force to character is too absurd for consideration, when we

Weathering  
the storm

remember that through spiritual ascendancy  
21 our Lord and Master healed the sick, raised  
the dead, and commanded even the winds and waves to  
obey him. Grace and Truth are potent beyond all other  
24 means and methods.

The lack of spiritual power in the limited demonstration  
of popular Christianity does not put to silence the labor  
27 of centuries. Spiritual, not corporeal, consciousness is  
needed. Man delivered from sin, disease, and death  
presents the true likeness or spiritual ideal.

### 3. SH 4:3–5, 12–22

3 What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire  
for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness,  
love, and good deeds.

12 The habitual struggle to be always good is unceas-  
ing prayer. Its motives are made manifest in the  
blessings they bring, — blessings which, even if not  
15 acknowledged in audible words, attest our worthiness  
to be partakers of Love.

Simply asking that we may love God will never  
18 make us love Him; but the longing to be better  
and holier, expressed in daily watchful-  
ness and in striving to assimilate more of  
21 the divine character, will mould and fashion us  
anew, until we awake in His likeness.

Watchfulness  
requisite

### 4. SH 27:22–23, 26–4; 28:6–14

Jesus sent forth seventy students at one time, but only  
eleven left a desirable historic record.

They fell away from grace because  
27 they never truly understood their Master's instruction.

Why do those who profess to follow Christ reject the

essential religion he came to establish? Jesus' persecu-  
30 tors made their strongest attack upon this very point.  
They endeavored to hold him at the mercy of matter and  
to kill him according to certain assumed material laws.

1 The Pharisees claimed to know and to teach the di-  
vine will, but they only hindered the success of Jesus'  
3 mission. Even many of his students stood  
in his way.

Help and  
hindrance

6 The determination to hold Spirit  
in the grasp of matter is the persecutor of Truth and  
Love.

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.

## 5. SH 108:1–18

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.”  
It was the divine law of Life and Love, unfolding to me  
6 the demonstrable fact that matter possesses neither sen-  
sation nor life; that human experiences show the falsity  
of all material things; and that immortal cravings, “the  
9 price of learning love,” establish the truism that the  
only sufferer is mortal mind, for the divine Mind cannot  
suffer.

12 My conclusions were reached by allowing the evidence  
of this revelation to multiply with mathematical certainty  
and the lesser demonstration to prove the

Demonstrable  
evidence

15 greater, as the product of three multiplied by  
three, equalling nine, proves conclusively that three times  
three duodecillions must be nine duodecillions, — not  
18 a fraction more, not a unit less.

## 6. SH 247:19–4

Comeliness and grace are independent of matter. Be-  
ing possesses its qualities before they are perceived hu-  
21 manly. Beauty is a thing of life, which  
dwells forever in the eternal Mind and re-  
flects the charms of His goodness in expression, form,  
24 outline, and color. It is Love which paints the petal  
with myriad hues, glances in the warm sunbeam, arches  
the cloud with the bow of beauty, blazons the night with  
27 starry gems, and covers earth with loveliness.

The divine  
loveliness

The embellishments of the person are poor substitutes  
for the charms of being, shining resplendent and eternal  
30 over age and decay.

The recipe for beauty is to have less illusion and  
more Soul, to retreat from the belief of pain or pleasure  
1 in the body into the unchanging calm and glorious free-  
dom of spiritual harmony.

3 Love never loses sight of loveliness. Its halo rests upon  
its object.

## 7. SH 333:19–23

Throughout all generations both before and  
after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-  
21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some  
measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive  
Christ, Truth.

The divine  
Principle  
and idea

## 8. SH 494:10–11, 15 (only)

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every

human need.

15      The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

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