

Wednesday Evening, Sept. 6th, 1916.
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The one thing that everyone of us expects from our religion is results of some kind; that is, we expect to get joy out of our religion. Jesus Christ promised more than that; he promised that we should have health of body, peace of mind, and understanding of Truth. That we should have certain signs that would follow the practice of his religion, and he gave the signs; you will find them in the last chapter of Mark. Now, the question with us should be - are we measuring up to the signs. We must, if we are Christ-

ians,- prove the law - prove th doctrine. We are told to go forth and preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons, and raise the dead. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Now, it is not a matter of just what other people teach, or what the Christians of the world are teaching and demonstrating; it is a matter of individual ~~pr~~ application of the law. I might call your attention to the prevailing Christianity of the day and ask - "Are these people demonstrating this?" Are they healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, casting out devils

and raising the dead? Are they even preaching the simple, direct, scientific gospel of Jesus Christ, or are they teaching something that approaches it in a way, and yet is not the real thing because they do not demonstrate? I say, I might call your attention to this, but I won't; I won't say anything about it because we only want to see the reality of the Gospel, don't you know. We want to know what that Gospel is in our own individual minds and bodies - because the Gospel goes clear out into your body when you get ahold of it right. We want to get the Gospel of Jesus into us

so that it will work itself out in the fulfillment of the promise, and if we do that of course we want have time to question the other fellow. The fact is that if we look at the matter in the right light we will have to admit that a gospel, a doctrine, a religion that comes from an Omnipotent God, and that God is Spirit, must demonstrate along every line. There should not be a single thing in our religion but what we could apply it and get results, because if God is Omnipotent, all-powerful, and God is everywhere present, and knows all things, it must be that if we apply that God to our

lives and believe in that power we would get just the results that Jesus proclaimed. Then it is a matter of applying the Law, is it not? Every Christian should be about the study and application of the supreme law of Life; the practical, every-day law of life, the law of life as laid down by Jesus and demonstrated by him. He demonstrated the Law; he did not simply preach it as a doctrine, but he proved it as he went along. And he did not give that test of the law until he had gone all thru the various steps. You will remember that that occurs in the very last chapter of Mark; it

does not occur at the beginning. The so-called miracles were the application of spiritual law; they are not miracles - they are scientific application of Spiritual Law. and ~~xx~~ he proved everywhere all these points so when he gave them he knew that they would stand the test; he did not know ~~thatxthere~~ how many people would fall short, because he expected the Kingdom right soon; he said: "In this generation shall these things come to pass."

It seems strange that we do not demonstrate ~~clearly when~~ instantly when we see so clearly what the law is. The mind often

preaches ahead of its demonstration. That seems to be a part of the process of manifestation; but it doesn't have to. If you can get enough of this Christ Mind unto you and have faith enough in it and apply it persistently, you will get instantaneous results. Now, there is no limit to this law, This Gospel, or Good-spell, in which Good is paramount. Good is all, and good works out when you apply it in its goodness every time. But you must see the good side, and the good side means the powerful side. It means that this God that we worship cando all things if we just put him to the test. We do not try God enough; we do not test him out.

We have thought that God was not really in everyone of our thoughts - that is, in our true thoughts. Feeling this Gospel in your mind as a Truth and then realizing it as a working power in your life, in the force that keeps you going - you can see God in that. People use that word Life in a general way covering the whole act of their being - all the acts. They lump it up and say "My life is _____." But in the direct application of this Principle it is the life current in the organism moved by a Spiritual force. The life which Jesus talked about was spiritual

energy. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ A spiritual serum that was all life, all love would heal you if you would give it an opportunity. I was told a little while ago of a case of typhoid fever in one of the hospitals here where one of our healers was asked to come in and treat the case, and she did. She attended the case several days and told me just how the doctors handled it. They gave the patient up and said she could not ~~live~~ possibly live; that she was dying right then. Then this healer came in, and for about ten days they doctors ~~kept~~ could not understand what kept her alive,

but all this time they kept injecting their serums into her veins.

The healer said: "You have given this case up, what is the use

of experimenting; why not leave her alone and let me try?" They

said that so long as she had life in her they must apply the serums.

They never gave the divine life an opportunity the case at all. They

had four or five different kinds of serums, and tried one after the

other; they wanted to see how it worked. You can readily see that

this is not the doctrine that Jesus Christ gave, and that sort of

healing must have an end. We cannot as a Christian people conte-

nance that, and it seems to me it is an outrage on the human family to submit people to that kind of treatment; but so long as we give up and meekly sit down and let that kind of thing prevail in the world, we will have to reap that kind of results. What are we going to do about it? I am going to believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am going to believe in this healing principle, and I am going to give it to the world. We must preach the Gospel, and that is what this is. Preaching the gospel is standing by your principles and overcoming as a true Christian. The majority

of people are ~~afraid~~ really afraid to teach and preach this real Gospel because of the opposition of the world; because of the opposition of the scientific healing systems. And what do these scientific healing systems lead to? They always lead to death in the end. Jesus said we should raise the dead. We should raise this consciousness that believes in death. I believe that thousands of people are crowded out of their bodies every year thru the mere belief of friends and doctors that they cannot live. If you could see the atmosphere surrounding the man that believes

in death as a reality you would be surprised to see what an aura of darkness and desolation is carried by such a one. And supposing that three or four of that kind of people. and a lot of friends that have been charged with that sort of thing get around a patient that is trying to overcome some error called disease - what chance does he have? They are just charged with diseased though . Now, is that the Gospel of Jesus? No. We must realize that the Christ Mind, the Christ Spirit is an ~~omnipotent~~ healing spirit that can accomplish all things if we will only give it a chance. Now, the

first thing that this ~~healing~~ Spirit wants in its healing is quietness. Be still and know that I am God. If you are not feeling very well, and can get off by yourself and be quiet and let go of some discordant thought, how much quicker you come to a normal state. Now, if this is true in a little indisposition like nervousness or headache, how much more must it be true in violent forms of inharmony. Yet, when one gets ver sich, they have several doctors. Doctors say that that Garfield was killed by having too many scientific specialists experimenting on him.

It is a dangerous thing then for one to be too rich in this world, especially when he gets sick,, because he can have so many doctors and they keep him stirred up all the time. If you want really to get well, be like a dog and crawl off under the barn and you will come out perfectly healed; crawl off somewhere and be still; let the healing force of the Spirit take hold of you, and if you know this law that God is in the world as a healing restoring force. casting out demons,- that is, error thoughts, for that is all a demon is; it is an error that has taken possession of some center

of consciousness in the body, and it has to be cast out thru the realization of Divine Harmony. Now, there is a divine harmony, and when your mind comes under its dominion you are easily healed. Healing is not such a very great thing when you know how simple and easy it is to apply this law laid down by Jesus Christ. It is that you shall preach to your own thoughts the Gospel of goodness, of Truth, of peace, and of love. Now in preaching this Gospel of Jesus you just get still, and then you proclaim the Truth, and then you have omnipotent faith in the outcome. Now

to screw one s self up to the faith proposition is often the hardest part of the process. You will accept it as a Gospel Truth, and then whe**h** you come to apply it you don't always do it with its fullness. You begin to question and say: "Well, of course it will eo some things, but you could not restore a mangled member of **the** body thru this law." Yes, you could. At a Divine Science Congress held some fifteen years ago in St. Louis they had a session **devot-**ed to healing, and Dr. Sullivan brought into that session a little girl then six years of age, and said that at the age of two years

she lost one of her fingers, and thru his treatments it had been restored, and he showed the little girl's finger, perfectly restored. He explained how he did the healing. He said that he realized that God could restore that child's finger just as he could restore the ~~lost~~ lost tentacle of a crab. Many of the lesser animals have the power of restoration of amputated members, and he did not see why that child could not have that finger restored; and he went at it with that idea paramount and proclaimed the healing power of Jesus Christ, and the finger grew out. Another

case I remember was a man by the name of _____
who had been in Oriental countries and found that he had leprosy.
He was healed. That man was in the congress and told how he
awoke one morning after having had treatments for sometime, with
the consciousness that he was healed, and on examination found
that all appearance of leprosy had disappeared during the night.
These are divine applications of the Law; these people were right
there. And, yet we hear it said;: "Yes, I know you talk about
these things, but how many demonstrations have you made? Have

you any proof at all?" Yes. We have proof here every day. In this little society that meets here you will find people who have demonstrated this Gospel along some lines. They have proven just what Jesus proclaimed: that there was a healing principle in Christianity, and that you all can apply and utilize it. Jesus Christ discovered, or uncovered, the Law. Of course, there had been others using the Law - Elijah and all of the old prophets according to the old testament had this healing power, but they did not have it in its fullness; they did not have it in the broad scope

like Jesus did. He understood the consciousness of it; he laid it down as a thought process. According to a certain state of mind do you get certain results. He was very exact in his application of the Law as of the mind. He said: "If you in your mind have done a certain thing, you have fulfilled the law. If you have in your mind hated your brother, you are a murderer. If in your mind you have lusted, you have fulfilled the law; all proving that it is in the mind first? Now, this we are proving in our application of this Gospel - that it is in the mind first.

and if you set straight your mind, then your body follows. Now, this is a simple process, isn't it? But it has never been really discovered by the Christian world. They have preached the gospel of Jesus without an understanding of its mental application. They have not connected up in some way and found that the whole doctrine of Jesus Christ rests upon mental attitudes. Of course, he proclaimed the doctrine of love, and we find that if we apply it in its right relation we will be healed of something. Every time you conform to the righteousness of the law you will get some kind

of result in your body. If you think justice and righteousness you will get an effect on your liver. If you proclaim fearlessness and confidence and do away with your ideas of _____ and fear, you will get that weak back of your strengthened. There is another mental attitude that applies in your body. If you are in a state of meekness and receptivity you will have an inflow of thought substance; but you must know how to use that substance and you can add to your prosperity in that way. And some could go over every mental ~~xxxxxxxx~~ attitude in the minds of

men and find that there is a law back of every thought, and it affects some part of the body. Don't you see then, that Shrist-ianity is based upon science; that it is the real science of life? And what a wonderful thing it is to know that we have a doctrine that will prove in every department of man's life, and that is what christianity is. Now, that is what we are teaching. That is what we are setting forthin what we call Practical Christianity - this simple doctrine of Jesus as it is found in the Bible - not that we get it thru theological research, or studying about

the saints or points of doctrine, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and so on, or any of these things; they are all explained when you know the law, and the workings of the Spirit in you. You will partake of the Lord's Supper and you will lay hold of the Christ life and the Christ substance.. Now the question is, are we applying the law? How many of you are getting practical results out of your Christianity. That is what we are here for tonight; to tell each other of the results we are getting.

"Acknowledge me in all thy ways and I will pour you out a blessing."

Now I am going to ask you to give us proof that you are Christians.

I should like to see just how many Christians there are here tonight.

How would it do for all of the Christians, all who have demonstrate

the doctrine of Jesus Christ to stand up? In revival meetings

they ask you to stand up. I have a curiosity to know how many are

Christians. I call upon you Christians who have demonstrated the

Law of Jesus Christ to stand up.