

## Charity of the Christ Guides, Governs and Never Fails December 18, 2013

### The Bible

1 Cor 16:14

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

Isa 55:1-13

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6 ¶ Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 ¶ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isa 56:1-7

1 Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

3 ¶ Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;  
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: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.  
6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;  
7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Matt 18:1-5,10-20

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.  
4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.  
5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.  
  
10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.  
11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.  
12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?  
13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.  
14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.  
15 ¶ Moreover 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.

Ezek 34:11-16(to :),30-31

11 ¶ For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick:

30 Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God.

31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

John 9:1-7

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent. ) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

John 9:39-41

39 ¶ And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

John 10:1-17

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

Matt 6:1-4

1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

1 Cor 13:13

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

## Science and Health

12:32-4

Science, where prayers are mental, *all* may avail themselves of God as "a very present help in trouble."

1 Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and

3 bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

270:22-24

The pride of priesthood is the prince of this world. It has nothing in Christ. Meekness and charity have divine authority.

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405:5

Christian Science commands man to master the propensities, — to hold hatred in abeyance with kindness, to conquer lust with chastity, revenge with charity, and to overcome deceit with honesty. Choke these errors in their early stages, if you would not cherish an army of conspirators against health, happiness, and success. They will deliver you to the judge, the arbiter of truth against error. The judge will deliver you to justice, and the sentence of the moral law will be executed upon mortal mind and body. Both will be manacled until the last farthing is paid, — until you have balanced your account with God. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The good man finally can overcome his fear of sin. This is sin's necessity, — to destroy itself. Immortal man demonstrates the government of God, good, in which is no power to sin.

444:13-22

Students are advised by the author to be charitable and kind, not only towards differing forms of religion and medicine, but to those who hold these differing opinions. Let us be faithful in pointing the way through Christ, as we understand it, but let us also be careful always to "judge righteous judgment," and never to condemn rashly. "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." That is, Fear not that he will smite thee again for thy forbearance.

142:18-20

As in Jesus' time, so to-day, tyranny and pride need to be whipped out of the temple, and humility and divine Science to be welcomed in.

2:1

What are the motives for prayer? Do we pray to make ourselves better or to benefit those who hear us, to enlighten the infinite or to be heard of

men? Are we benefited by praying? Yes,  
the desire which goes forth hungering after righteous-  
6 ness is blessed of our Father, and it does not return  
unto us void. motives

464:23

The weapons of bigotry,  
24 ignorance, envy, fall before an honest heart. The right  
Adulterating Christian Science, makes it void. motive and  
Falsity has no foundation. "The hireling fleeth, because its reward  
27 he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep." Neither  
dishonesty nor ignorance ever founded, nor can they over-  
throw a scientific system of ethics.

366:12-16,30-9

12 The physician who lacks sympathy for his fellow-  
being is deficient in human affection, and we have the  
apostolic warrant for asking: "He that loveth  
15 not his brother whom he hath seen, how can  
he love God whom he hath not seen?" The true  
physician

30 If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we  
must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted. If we  
would heal by the Spirit, we must not hide the talent  
1 of spiritual healing under the napkin of its form, nor  
bury the *morale* of Christian Science in the grave-clothes  
3 of its letter. The tender word and Christian Genuine  
encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience healing  
with his fears and the removal of them, are better than  
6 hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed  
speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so  
many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame  
9 with divine Love.

367:17

A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period  
18 of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: "Ye  
are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light  
of the world. A city that is set on an hill can-  
21 not be hid." Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt  
lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but  
radiate and glow into noontide glory. The salt of  
the earth

## Hymns

Hymn 388

### Hymn 388

James Montgomery

Adapted

BROMLEY

Jeremiah Clark

When like a stranger on our sphere  
The lowly Jesus sojourned here,  
Where'er he went affliction fled,  
The sick were healed, the hungry fed.

With bounding steps the halt and lame  
To hail their great deliverer came;  
For him the grave could hold no dread,  
He spoke the word and raised the dead.

Through paths of loving-kindness led,  
Where Jesus triumphed we would tread;  
To all with willing hands dispense  
The gifts of our benevolence.

Hymn 130

### Hymn 130

Psalm 36

From Danish Version

CONGREGATION

Harnack O. C. Zinck (?)

How wondrous is Thy mercy, Lord,  
How faithful is Thy kindness.  
Thou gav'st the treasure of Thy Word;  
That Word dispels all blindness.  
Thou holdest all things in Thy sight,  
For in Thy presence is no night,  
And in Thy light shall we see light.

Thy judgments are a mighty deep,  
Thy wisdom past all seeking;  
Thou watchest when we lie asleep,

We trust us to Thy keeping.  
Thy love doth every blessing shower;  
It rests alike on man and flower:  
The whole creation owns Thy power.

Hymn 178

**Hymn 178**

Based on the Danish of  
Nikolaj F. S. Grundtvig

LIGHT

Ludvig M. Lindeman

Love is life's true crown and glory,  
Love the splendor of the light,  
Truly is God's counsel gentle,  
Truly all His ways are bright;  
Jesus knew the law of kindness,  
Healing mind and heart of blindness;  
And in heavenly wisdom taught  
Holy works of love he wrought.

Love, the Golden Rule of living,  
Showeth forth the perfect Mind;  
Love, our debt to God who gives it,  
All compassion is, and kind;  
Charity the law fulfilleth,  
Mid the nations rancor stilleth;  
Loving hearts in friendship blend,  
One in Him, our heavenly Friend.