

Doctrine of Atonement

GOLDEN TEXT | Micah 6:8 *the*

. . . the LORD has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.

RESPONSIVE READING | Leviticus 16:2 *the* (to :), 3

Hebrews 9:6, 11, 12; 10:1, 22, 24, 36

- 2 . . . the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother,
that he come not at all times into the holy place within the
veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark;
- 3 **Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young
bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.**
- 6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests
went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the
service of God.
- 11 **But Christ being come an high priest of good things to
come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made
with hands, that is to say, not of this building;**
- 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own
blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained
eternal redemption for us.
- 1 **For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and
not the very image of the things, can never with those
sacrifices which they offered year by year continually
make the comers thereunto perfect.**

- 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and
our bodies washed with pure water.
- 24 **And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and
to good works:**
- 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the
will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Section 1

The Bible

1 | Acts 2:5, 14 Peter, 22 Jesus, 23, 32, 36–38

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men,
out of every nation under heaven.

14 Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice,
and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell
at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my
words:

22 Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among
you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did
by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:
23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and
foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked
hands have crucified and slain:

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are
witnesses.

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36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

2 | II Peter 1:2–7, 10 if

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

10 if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

3 | Romans 5:11 we

11 we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | 18:1–9

1 Atonement is the exemplification of man’s unity with God, whereby man reflects divine Truth, Life, and Love. Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man’s oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage. His mission was both individual and collective. He did life’s work aright not only in justice to himself, but in mercy to mortals, — to show them how to do theirs, but not to do it for them nor to relieve them of a single responsibility.

Divine
oneness

2 | 202:3

3 The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God’s will must be universally done.

*Section 2
The Bible*

4 | Mark 1:1

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

5 | Matthew 4:17 Jesus

17 Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

6 | Matthew 5:1, 2, 9, 16, 44 Love, 48

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

44 Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

7 | Matthew 7:12 all, 28

12 all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

*Section 2
Science and Health*

3 | 201:1–3

1 The best sermon ever preached is Truth practised and demonstrated by the destruction of sin, sickness,
3 and death.

4 | 496:5

You will learn
6 that in Christian Science the first duty is to obey God, to have one Mind, and to love another as yourself.

5 | 271:22

The New Testament basis
Sermon on the Mount is the essence of this
24 Science, and the eternal life, not the death of Jesus, is its outcome.

6 | 8:28–16

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way
30 only can we learn what we honestly are. If a friend informs us of a fault, do we listen patiently to the rebuke and credit what is said? Do we not rather give thanks that we are “not as other men”?
1 During many years the author has been most grateful
3 for merited rebuke. The wrong lies in unmerited censure, — in the falsehood which does no one any good.

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these
6 questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of this asking? Do we pursue the old selfishness, satisfied with having prayed for something better, though we give no evidence of the sincerity of our requests by living consistently with our prayer? If selfishness has given place to kindness,
9 we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless
12 them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great

15 duty simply by asking that it may be done. There is a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition of our hope and faith.

*Section 3
The Bible*

8 | Mark 1:16–27 (to 2nd ?)

16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. 18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. 19 And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. 20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him. 21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. 22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this?

9 | John 12:44

44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

10 | John 14:6 I am, 12

6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

*Section 3
Science and Health*

7 | 25:13–16, 22–26

15 Jesus taught the way of Life by demonstration, that we may understand how this divine Principle heals the sick, casts out error, and triumphs over death. Effective triumph

24 Though demonstrating his control over sin and disease, the great Teacher by no means relieved others from giving the requisite proofs of their own piety. He worked for their guidance, that they might demonstrate this power as he did and understand its divine Principle.

8 | 31:12–22 (to .)

12 First in the list of Christian duties, he taught his fol- lowers the healing power of Truth and Love. He attached no importance to dead ceremonies. It is the Healing primary

15 living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes

Jesus “the resurrection and the life” to all who follow him in deed. Obeying his precious precepts, — following his demonstration so far as we apprehend it, — we drink of his cup, partake of his bread, are baptized with his purity; and at last we shall rest, sit down with him, in a full understanding of the divine Principle which triumphs over death.

9 | 37:16

When will Jesus’ professed followers learn to emulate him in *all* his ways and to imitate his mighty works?

Those who procured the martyrdom of that righteous man would gladly have turned his sacred career into a mutilated doctrinal platform. May the Christians of to-day take up the more practical import of that career! It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness. Christians claim to be his followers, but do they follow him in the way that he commanded? Hear these imperative commands: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect!” “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!” “*Heal the sick!*”

10 | 390:12–13, 20

When the first symptoms of disease appear, dispute the testimony of the material senses with divine Science.

Suffer no claim of sin or of sickness to grow upon the thought. Dismiss it with an abiding conviction that it is illegitimate, because you know that God is no more the author of sickness than He is of sin. You have no law of His to support the necessity either of sin or sickness, but you have divine authority for denying that necessity and healing the sick.

11 | 497:13

We acknowledge Jesus’ atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man’s unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death.

Section 4
The Bible

11 | II Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

12 | Mark 11:15–18 *Jesus*

15 Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

Section 5
The Bible

14 | John 7:14–18

14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

15 | Matthew 16:24

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Section 5
Science and Health

18 | 141:3

3 More than profession is requisite for Christian demonstration. Few understand or adhere to Jesus’ divine precepts for living and healing. Why? Because his precepts require the disciple to cut off the right hand and pluck out the right eye, — that is, to set aside even the most cherished beliefs and practices, to leave all for Christ.

More than
profession
required

19 | 261:32–7

Good demands of man every hour, in which to work out the problem of being. Consecration to good does not lessen man’s dependence on God, but heightens it. Neither does consecration diminish man’s obligations to God, but shows the paramount necessity of meeting them. Christian Science takes naught from the perfection of God, but it ascribes to Him the entire glory.

Forgetfulness
of self

20 | 24:11–15

He to whom “the arm of the Lord” is revealed will believe our report, and rise into newness of life with regeneration. This is having part in the atonement; this is the understanding, in which Jesus suffered and triumphed.

Radical
changes

Section 6
The Bible

16 | Romans 1:16 I am (to ;)

16 I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;

17 | I Timothy 4:12 be, 15

12 be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

18 | Titus 2:1 *Speak, 7 (to :), 13*

1 speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works:
13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

19 | John 13:17

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

*Section 6
Science and Health*

21 | 361:16

As a drop of water is one with the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God and man, Father and son, are one in being. The Scripture reads: "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being."

22 | 19:6

6 Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer
9 sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love.

23 | 20:25–27

The truth is the centre of all religion. It commands sure entrance into the realm of Love.

Behest of the cross

24 | 21:1–5

1 If Truth is overcoming error in your daily walk and conversation, you can finally say, "I have fought a good fight . . . I have kept the faith," because you are a better man. This is having our part in the at-one-ment with Truth and Love.

Moral victory