

## Christian Science

**"The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon 'the accursed tree,' than when it was flowing in his veins as he went daily about his Father's business," (Science and Health, 25:6-8)**

What do they mean when they say:

1. **Angels** are God's thoughts passing to man, an inspiration of goodness, purity that counters evil and material reality.
2. **Atonement** is not the shedding of Christ's blood, but "At-one-ment." "Lifting the whole man into Christ Consciousness." The Biblical account is metaphorical, not real.
3. **Baptism** means the daily, ongoing purification of thought and deed. Eucharist is spiritual communion with God, celebrated with silent prayer and Christian living. It is a "submergence in Spirit."
4. **Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit** is the belief that God created disharmony in the world.
5. **Body** is "the form of expression of both spirit and soul" (Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, p. 628). It is the apparent materialization of the limits of soul as influenced by a person's conscious development in Christian Science Principles.
6. **Christ** is the divine idea man. Jesus was not the Christ but a perfect representation of the Christ consciousness that is the true and higher self of every person. Christ is the manifestation of all that is good and true, the realization of divine principle. A Christian Scientist can say, "I am Christ."
7. **Creation** is the product of Divine Mind. There is only one reality which emanates and is part of the Divine Mind. Anything that is not in harmony with the Divine Mind is not a reality, but a lack of understanding of the principles of divine mind brought about by people.
8. **Death** - "An illusion, the lie of life in matter."
9. **Devil** - "Evil, a lie, error." He is not an entity, not a person, has no existence. "A belief in sin, sickness, and death."
10. **Evil spirits** are false beliefs.
11. **Flesh** - "An error of physical belief; a supposition that life, substance, and intelligence are in matter; an illusion."
12. **Gods** - "A belief that life, substance, and intelligence are both mental and material; a supposition of sentient physicality."
13. **God** is Spirit who is a ever-present, all-knowing, all-powerful, and good. God is the Father/Mother God. Other names for God are Divine Mind, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love. To the Christian Scientist, God is the governing Principle of the universe to which a person must harmonize his belief system.
14. **Healing** is accomplished by correct thinking according to Christian Science principles. A change in belief that affects physical symptoms. (SH p. 194:6)
15. **Heaven** is not a literal place of eternal bliss, but a harmonious condition of understanding where a person's consciousness is in harmony with Divine Mind. "Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government of divine Principle."
16. **Hell** is a state of mind which can include the effects of their improper understanding of Divine Mind and Christian Science Principles. Hell is not a literal place of damnation and eternal torment. Hell exists when a person's thoughts are out of harmony with the reality of Divine Mind. "Mortal belief, error; lust; hatred, sin; sickness; effects of sin."
17. **Holy Spirit**, the, is Divine Science. Is the spirit of God and is only discernable and knowable by a person through his spiritual awareness. It is an emanation, a presence, "a law of God in action."
18. **Jesus' stripes** is simply his rejection of error, not the beating he received in the flesh (S&H, 20:15).
19. **Knowledge** - "Evidence obtained from the five corporeal senses; mortality; beliefs and opinions. The opposite of spiritual Truth and understanding." (S. H. 590).
20. **Material reality** is really non-existent. It is only an interpretation of Divine Mind. Even though someone might feel pain or sickness, in reality it does not exist.
21. **Mortal Mind** - "Nothing claiming to be something, for Mind is immortal; error creating other errors."
22. **Pastor** really means the combined books of the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.
23. **Personhood** is an aspect and reflection of Divine Mind.
24. **Prayer** is contemplation and internalization of divine truths. "The taking hold of God's willingness." It is an affirmation of God's being in relation to man.
25. **Resurrection** is "Spiritualization of thought; a new and higher idea of immortality, or spiritual existence; material belief yielding to spiritual understanding."
26. **Salvation** is "Life, Truth, and Love understood and demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed."
27. **Sickness** is the false understanding given the appearance of reality by the unfaithful and ignorant of Divine Principle and Mind.
28. **Sin** is not understanding and behaving according to Divine Law of God and the law of our being.
29. **Soul** is "man's consciousness -- that which he has apprehended or developed out of Spirit. . . Soul is both conscious and

subconscious" (Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, p. 628).

30. **Spirit** is another name for God. Divine substance; Mind; divine Principle; all that is good. Christ.
  31. **Wrath** is really the working out of the law of God's being upon a person. It is not God's judgment upon a sinner.
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One of the errors of Christian Science is the belief that the Christ is the "divine-idea man." It is a principle that dwells within each and everyone of us.

Christian Science denies that Jesus was the Christ. (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, 333:3-15; 334:3.).

The Bible declares in 1 John 2:22, "Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?" It is apparent from the following verses, that Christian Science is not telling the truth about Jesus.

Jesus is the Christ

- Matt. 16:16, "And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- Acts 5:42, "And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."
- See also, Matt. 16:20; Luke 9:20; John 20:31; Acts 3:20; 9:22; 18:5; 18:28.
  
- Jesus called Himself the Christ  
John 4:25-26, "The woman \*said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes,  
▪ He will declare all things to us.' 26Jesus \*said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.'"
  
- The Christ was born  
Matt. 1:16, "and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ."  
See also Matt. 2:4; Luke 2:11.
  
- Christ did works  
Matt. 11:2, "Now when John in prison heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples."
  
- Christ is the Son of David.  
Mark 12:35, "And Jesus answering began to say, as He taught in the temple, 'How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?'"
  
- Christ suffered  
Luke 24:26, "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" See also Luke 24:46; Acts 26:23.
  
- Christ rose from the dead  
Acts 17:3, "explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."
  
- Christ was resurrected  
Acts 2:31, "he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did  
▪ His flesh suffer decay."
  
- Christ is a Son  
Heb. 3:6, "but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end."

- Christ has a body  
Rom. 7:1, "Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God."
- Christ has a body and blood  
1 Cor. 10:16, "Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?"
- Christ became a curse for us  
Gal. 3:13, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.'"
- Christ died  
Gal. 2:21, "I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly." See also, 1 Cor. 8:12.
- Christ can be sinned against  
1 Cor. 8:12, "And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ."
- Christ bore the sins of many  
Heb. 9:28, "so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him." See also 1 Cor. 15:23-24.

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