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Which One Will You Take Your Stand With? Part IX

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Now, let's look at the Christian Science teachings. Christian Scientism as a religious doctrine and the Christian Science faith originated with Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy.

Christian Science's standard of authority is "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures", which sets forth the system for which Mrs. Eddy claims "Divine Revelations".

"In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of life, truth, and love, and named my discovery Christian Science. God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine principle of scientific mental healing (S.H., p. 107:1-6). She claims to have received the teaching of science and health from God.

There is a curse placed on anyone, including an angel that preaches another gospel (Galatians 1:8-9). Jude tells us that "THE FAITH", the gospel, has ONCE FOR ALL been delivered to the saints (Jude 3). Mrs. Eddy refers to them as her thoughts and to herself as the author (S.H., p. 114:30-31; 123:16-17; 130:23; 152:5; 153:5), and refers to herself as having healed or cured by its practice (S.H., p. 149:22-25; 162:17-25).

Christian Science says, "There is no sin." "A sinner is not reformed merely by assuring himself that he cannot be a sinner because there is no sin. To put down the claim of sin, you must detect it, remove the mask, point out the illusion . . . and so prove its unreality" (S.H., p. 447:22-27). "Man is incapable of sin . . ." (S.H., p. 475:28). This teaching of "Science and Health" if true would cause the

Bible to appear ridiculous in such verses as "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body (Romans 6:12). "Be ye angry and sin not..." (Ephesians 4:26). "... For whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23). "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us ... If we say we have not sinned we make Him a liar and His word is not in us" (1 John 1:8-10). What a ridiculous doctrine!

The Christian Science view on Christ is that He is not God, He is not the Christ, and He was not capable of reconciling fallen mankind to Jehovah God. ". . . The Christian believes that Christ is God. Jesus Christ is not God." (S.H., p. 361:1-2, 12). Hebrews 1:8 says differently. The Christian Science faith would contradict the Bible and make it a lie. They go and say "One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin" (S.H., p. 23:3-4). They need to read God's word again! The Bible clearly refutes their false teaching (1 Peter 1:18-19; Hebrews 9:12; Hebrews 9:27-28).

"Science and Health" denies that death is experienced. "Life is real, and death is the illusion" (S.H., p. 584:9-16). The Bible over seven hundred times uses the word "dead" or "death" in passages concerning mankind's experiences and some tense of "die" over five hundred times as in "And as it is appointed unto men once to die ..." (Hebrews 9:27).

Concerning the judgment, Christian Science teaching is: "No final judgment awaits mortals . . ." (S.H., p.

291:28-32). Again, they need to stop and think on these passages (Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10). Whom shall we believe the inspired writers of the Bible or the authors of Science and Health?

The teaching of Christian Scientism says Jesus' death on the cross did not occur. "Jesus' students, not sufficiently advanced fully to understand their master's triumph, did not perform many wonderful works, until they saw him after his crucifixion and learned that he had not died" (S.H., p. 45:32; 46:1-3). "His disciples believed Jesus to be dead, while he was hidden in the sepulchre, whereas he was alive . . ." (S.H., p. 44:28-29). So "Science and Health" teaches that Jesus did not die, but the Bible says: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:10). Read also (Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 2:9; Romans 5:6; Romans 14:8-9; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14).

Reconciliation to God has not and cannot occur for any Christian Scientist because they deny that the event necessary for reconciliation ever took place. They cannot be saved because we must believe that death took place in order to be saved. Which one will you take your stand with?
(Part 10 printed in next week's bulletin)

LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE
BRIAN YEAGER

Sometimes I believe that brothers and sisters in Christ forget the relationship that they ought to have one with the other. Sometimes there are things that are done one to the other that are completely erroneous. Often times Christians forget that we, if remaining faithful, will share Heaven. Yet, they want to hate each other here on this earth. The Bible tells us how we should continue in our walks with brothers and sisters. (Hebrews 13:1) "Let brotherly love continue."

What is kind of love should our brethren receive from us? Should they receive the kind of love that we would give to ourselves? As a matter of fact we should love each other as Christ loved us and be even willing to give our lives for one another. (I John 3:14-16) "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid

down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

Have you ever seen a congregation that has many that will not even converse with each other? This is called division. Division is wrong. (I Corinthians 1:10) "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." There are those that would contend that they are not friendly because of differences of doctrine and character. This case would be correct. This case would also call for more action than the cold shoulder. (Romans 16:17-18) "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." (II Thessalonians 3:6) "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." For brethren to bicker and fight is wrong. If there is a doctrinal problem that should be handled with the mindset of the saving of a soul.

Looking at the love a Christian should have for his or her enemy really gives clarity to "brotherly love". (Matthew 5:38-44) "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, 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."

Christ commands us to love each other and he tells us that this will be sign that we are his disciples. (John 13:34-35) "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Do you treat your family pet better than you do your fellow Christians? Do you dread seeing so and so at services? Stop the non-sense today and make this the day that you will let brotherly love continue. Love the souls of one another and be right in Christian love!!