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# Mortals and Immortals

## GOLDEN TEXT

**I John 3:2**

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

*The Golden Text is from the ESV<sup>®</sup> Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version<sup>®</sup>).*

## RESPONSIVE READING

**II Timothy 1:1–3, 7, 9, 10; I Timothy 6:12 lay;  
I Corinthians 15:50–53**

II Tim. 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

**2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that**

without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

**7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

**9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**

**10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:**

I Tim. 6:12 . . . lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

I Cor. 15:50 **Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.**

**51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

**52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

**53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**

## SECTION 1

### The Bible

#### 1 | I John 2:17 *he, 25*

17 he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

#### 2 | II Corinthians 4:16–18 *though*

16 though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

#### 3 | Colossians 3:2, 4

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

### *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy

#### 1 | 325:10

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul Indestructible being writes: "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also appear [be manifested] with him in glory." When spiritual being is understood in all its perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found in God's image. The absolute meaning of the apostolic words is this: Then shall man be found, in His likeness, perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, "hid with Christ in God," — with Truth in divine Love, where human sense hath not seen man.

#### 2 | 190:14

Human birth, growth, Human frailty maturity, and decay are as the grass springing from the soil with beautiful green blades, afterwards to wither and return to its native nothingness. This mortal seeming is temporal; it never merges into immortal being, but finally disappears, and immortal man, spiritual and eternal, is found to be the real man.

#### 3 | 476:1 (only)

Mortals are the counterfeits of immortals.

4 | [370:2-5](#)

To be immortal, we must forsake the mortal sense of things, turn from the lie of false belief to Truth, and gather the facts of being from the divine Mind.

No healing  
in sin

## SECTION 2

## The Bible

4 | [Romans 8:5, 6](#)

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

5 | [Genesis 5:22-24](#)

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

6 | [Hebrews 11:5](#)

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

7 | [Psalms 116:9](#)

9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

*Science and Health*5 | [487:27](#)

The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

6 | [214:5](#)

If Enoch's perception had been confined to the evidence before his material senses, he could never have "walked with God," nor been guided into the demonstration of life eternal.

7 | [72:1](#)

There is but one spiritual existence, — the Life of which corporeal sense can take no cognizance. The divine Principle of man speaks through immortal sense. If a material body — in other words, mortal, material sense — were permeated by Spirit, that body would disappear to mortal sense, would be deathless. A condition precedent to communion with Spirit is the gain of spiritual life.

8 | [278:10-16](#)

Spirit, God, is infinite, all. Spirit can have no opposite.

That matter is substantial or has life and sensation, is one

One cause  
supreme

of the false beliefs of mortals, and exists only in a supposititious mortal consciousness. Hence, as we approach Spirit and Truth, we lose the consciousness of matter.

#### 9 | [295:11](#)

Mortals are not like immortals, created in God's own image; but infinite Spirit being all, mortal consciousness will at last yield to the scientific fact and disappear, and the real sense of being, perfect and forever intact, will appear.

#### 10 | [324:13-15](#) *The*

The way is straight and narrow, which leads to the understanding that God is the only Life.

## SECTION 3

### The Bible

#### 8 | [Proverbs 12:28](#)

<sup>28</sup> In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

#### 9 | [II Kings 2:1, 7-12](#) *and they (to :)*

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

<sup>7</sup> and they two stood by Jordan. <sup>8</sup> And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they

were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. <sup>10</sup> And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. <sup>11</sup> And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more:

#### 10 | [Romans 12:2](#) *be*

<sup>2</sup> be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### *Science and Health*

#### 11 | [241:13-14](#)

The Bible teaches transformation of the body by the renewal of Spirit.

**12 | 301:32 (only)**

Immortality is not bounded by mortality.

**13 | 289:32**

Because Life is God, Life must be eternal, self-existent. Life is the everlasting I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase.

**14 | 263:32-19**

The fading forms of matter, the mortal body and material earth, are the fleeting concepts of the human mind. They have their day before the permanent facts and their perfection in Spirit appear. The crude creations of mortal thought must finally give place to the glorious forms which we sometimes behold in the camera of divine Mind, when the mental picture is spiritual and eternal. Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

Mind's true  
camera

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man, multitudinous objects of creation, which before were invisible, will become visible. When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, find-

Self-  
completeness

ing all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.

**SECTION 4****The Bible****11 | I John 4:14 we**

<sup>14</sup> we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

**12 | Mark 9:2-8 Jesus**

<sup>2</sup> Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. <sup>6</sup> For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. <sup>7</sup> And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. <sup>8</sup> And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

**13 | II Corinthians 5:1, 4**

<sup>1</sup> For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

<sup>4</sup> For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

**Science and Health****15 | 428:3-6 A**

A demonstration of the facts of Soul in Jesus' way resolves the dark visions of material sense into harmony and immortality.

Vision  
opening

**16 | 41:6**

Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.

**17 | 256:1 The**

The finite must yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of action, thought rises from the material sense to the spiritual, from the scholastic to the inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

No material  
creation

**18 | 215:22-24**

With its divine proof, Science reverses the evidence of material sense. Every quality and condition of mortality is lost, swallowed up in immortality.

**19 | 262:7-16**

By putting "off the old man with his deeds," mortals "put on immortality."

We cannot fathom the nature and quality of God's creation by diving into the shallows of mortal belief. We must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the Godlike man to reach the absolute centre and circumference of his being.

**20 | 288:27-1**

Science reveals the glorious possibilities of immortal man, forever unlimited by the mortal senses. The Christ-element in the Messiah made him the Way-shower, Truth and Life.

The  
Christ-element

The eternal Truth destroys what mortals seem to have learned from error, and man's real existence as a child of God comes to light.

**21 | 545:32-1**

The mortality of man is a myth, for man is immortal.

## SECTION 5

### The Bible

14 | [1 John 5:1 \(to :\)](#)

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:

15 | [Luke 4:14, 38-40](#)

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. 39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

### Science and Health

22 | [259:6-11 The](#)

The divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, — thoughts which pre-

sented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying.

23 | [252:7-8](#)

When false human beliefs learn even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear.

24 | [376:18-27](#)

Because the so-called material body is a mental concept and governed by mortal mind, it manifests only what that so-called mind expresses. Therefore the efficient remedy is to destroy the patient's false belief by both silently and audibly arguing the true facts in regard to harmonious being, — representing man as healthy instead of diseased, and showing that it is impossible for matter to suffer, to feel pain or heat, to be thirsty or sick. Destroy fear, and you end fever.

Remedy  
for fever

25 | [285:27](#)

As mortals reach, through knowledge of Christian Science, a higher sense, they will seek to learn, not from matter, but from the divine Principle, God, how to demonstrate the Christ, Truth, as the healing and saving power.

Salvation  
is through  
reform

## SECTION 6

### The Bible

#### 16 | [Acts 10:38–41](#) *God*

<sup>38</sup> God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: <sup>40</sup> Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; <sup>41</sup> Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

#### 17 | [I John 5:20](#)

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

#### 18 | [II Timothy 1:2](#) *Grace, 7 God, 9, 10*

<sup>2</sup> Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>7</sup> God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

<sup>9</sup> Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our

works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, <sup>10</sup> But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

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#### 26 | [334:10](#)

The invisible Christ was imperceptible to the so-called personal senses, whereas Jesus appeared as a bodily existence. This dual personality of the unseen and the seen, the spiritual and material, the eternal Christ and the corporeal Jesus manifest in flesh, continued until the Master's ascension, when the human, material concept, or Jesus, disappeared, while the spiritual self, or Christ, continues to exist in the eternal order of divine Science, taking away the sins of the world, as the Christ has always done, even before the human Jesus was incarnate to mortal eyes.

#### 27 | [292:31](#)

In his resurrection and ascension, Jesus showed that a mortal man is not the real essence of manhood, and that this unreal material mortality disappears in presence of the reality.

**28 | 495:20**

Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony.

**SECTION 7****The Bible****19 | I Peter 5:4**

<sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

**20 | I Corinthians 15:51-57**

<sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup> O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God,

which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**21 | Colossians 3:9 ye, 10**

<sup>9</sup> ye have put off the old man with his deeds; <sup>10</sup> And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**Science and Health****29 | 296:4**

Progress is born of experience. It is the ripening of mortal man, through which the mortal is dropped for the immortal. Either here or hereafter, suffering or Science must destroy all illusions regarding life and mind, and regenerate material sense and self. The old man with his deeds must be put off. Nothing sensual or sinful is immortal. The death of a false material sense and of sin, not the death of organic matter, is what reveals man and Life, harmonious, real, and eternal.

Scientific  
purgation

**30 | 402:8-12**

The time approaches when mortal mind will forsake its corporeal, structural, and material basis, when immortal Mind and its formations will be apprehended in Science, and material beliefs will not interfere with spiritual facts.

Indestructible  
life of man

## 31 | 279:16-19

In proportion as the belief disappears that life and intelligence are in or of matter, the immortal facts of being are seen, and their only idea or intelligence is in God.

## 32 | 430:3-5

Mortal mind must part with error, must put off itself with its deeds, and immortal manhood, the Christ ideal, will appear.

Life  
all-inclusive

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