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For many years we have met Wednesday evening for the purpose of making clear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in its healing character. As you doubtless know the followers of Jesus Christ did healing for three hundred years after his transition, and we do not understand why this was dropped out of the application of the gospel, because Jesus taught healing and demonstrated healing as the result of doing away with things. But above all, he gave faith in God, faith in him as the Son of God, as the test of healing. He said, "If you have faith ⁱⁿ these signs, these diseases will be removed." He seemed to put special stress on faith, believing in the power of the Spirit to do these things, but he didn't ignore the addition of understanding to one's faith. You will remember in the 8th chapter of Matthew where the centurion asked him to go heal his servant, He started evidently, but the centurion said, "Why it isn't necessary for you to go; send your word." He said, "I have ^{men} under me and I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goeth, and to that one, 'Come,' and he cometh. Why can't you do

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the same?" Well here was the understanding of the law in a measure on the part of the centurion. He understood that man should have authority over the powers, his spiritual powers, and Jesus seemed to awaken to a new understanding ^{of} himself. "Why," he said, "I haven't seen such faith in Israel," and he sent his word and healed the servant and it was found that very hour that servant was healed. Now following Jesus we find it is possible to do absent healing in just this way, realizing that God is omnipresent and man has authority over these so-called diseases which are really thoughts in the mind and speak the word of authority to those things and why, they disappear like the mist before the sunshine. Jesus spoke to the idea that bound people in physical disabilities. Right after this incident he went to Peter's house and Peter's wife's mother lay sick of a fever. I don't understand why they didn't say Peter's mother-in-law; that would have been a shorter way; anyway it was the mother of Peter's wife; and he didn't say anything to her, but he rebuked the fever and she arose and ministered unto him. Now this speaking direct to the thought that is binding the patient is a state of

consciousness that isn't universally recognized. We have all sorts of healing in the world, but one that does direct I AM healing, that speaks with authority to the thought that is binding the patient, that is holding man in subjection to a whole lot of negative conditions called diseases, a thousand names, I don't know how many, I don't want to know; all I want is the sum total of all thought, the I AM thought, the omnipotent thought, the authority over all lesser thoughts, and certainly these thoughts are less than the thought omnipotent that holds us in bondage to limited conditions, so let us arrive today with the hope that ~~we~~^{of} this consciousness of our authority and ^{not} awake to the limitations, but the limitations of the world. Did Jesus ~~know~~ not say to his followers, "Go, preach the gospel to all the world, heal the sick, ~~and~~ cast out demons, raise the dead, freely give, freely ye have received?" Now doubtless we are receiving more than ever in the history of the Christian church because we are farther along in the understanding of man; we know about the mental laws. Everybody is preaching the law of suggestion. Everybody knows more or less about the law that moves the members

of the body through the mind. Nobody is so ignorant as to think that the body moves itself. Well in the movement of the mind and the body are simultaneous. Why can't he get at the real or beginning of the man and make the whole thing move? If this is done by the mind, why mental suggestion is all that is necessary. Now the mind doesn't really do anything itself. ^{It is} The Spirit that does the work. The healing is done through the Spirit, the Spirit of the Christ man, the Spirit of God in man, that higher Principle that knows its dominion and knows that it has the power and the authority to speak to the thoughts and they obey. So that it isn't safe to attribute to thought or body any power, any authority. I know people who think that through physical exercise they are helping the Spirit law. That isn't so. Spirit is never helped by physical exercise. But is physical exercise ~~is~~ in line with the Truth? Why certainly, but be sure you charge yourself with Spirit before you take physical exercise. When Jesus ^{healed} held the man of the palsy, lying on his little mat by the roadside, he said to him first, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," then, "Take up thy bed and walk." Then there must be activity following

every movement of the mind. That is what your Spirit mind is given to you for, to carry out the creative impulse of Infinite Mind and without action, without realization, you are preaching but half the gospel. If I preach to you in the pulpit and don't demonstrate, why I am a sinner, I am fallen short. If I preach the gospel of Jesus Christ is the truth and don't demonstrate it and look to other means for the restoration of my health, I am not true. We must follow Jesus Christ. We must bring this to a focus to realize for ourselves that there is a Spirit that can say to every condition of mind so-called good and so-called evil, they stand side by side in the consciousness. Some times that which we call good may turn out to be a limitation, and that which we call evil may be the outworking of some principle. You know that was the sin of man, eating the tree of knowledge of good and evil, two forces working, one against the other. We find those in the world today, but there is only reality, there is only perfection, and when you come into the spiritual consciousness then you realize that you are one with that Infinite omnipresent Mind, you know only perfection, you see perfection and no warring thoughts. You don't give place to ^{man's good} (man's good) ^{man's evil} (in-order nor (man's evil) in reality.

You say you are the perfection of God. "The perfection of God is now manifest in me," and realizing that perfection you radiate it, you realize that everybody and everything is perfection. The whole universe laughs with joy. Isaiah says the trees clap their hands because man comes to the consciousness of his spiritual dominion. Now we are here, as I say, to get a larger consciousness of God, and to do that let us cast out of our mind everything but the good, everything but the real, everything but the Absolute. Don't give place to error, don't give place to that other side of life that makes up hell. Hell is turmoil; hell isn't far away; it is ^{not} right out there, but right here in the midst. We are establishing the kingdom of God in the earth, the kingdom of God in the earth in you.

We are going to listen to some of you give your demonstrations of the law. If this law that we teach isn't proving itself, why it isn't true. We have with us tonight Mrs. Shank from Palermo, Italy, who will tell us some of her experience in demonstrating this law which Jesus Christ taught. I take pleasure in introducing Mrs. Shank