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

Matt. 5:48

 **Perfect** in Greek is *teleios* which means “complete, completeness, of full age, brought to its end, finished, wanting nothing necessary to completeness, consummate in integrity and virtue, mature.” (Strongs 5046).

This statement is really fundamental Christian Science, perfect God, and perfect man. This was Jesus’ theology – the presence of immediate perfection.

 It permeates Mrs. Eddy’s writings and theology.

“Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man,. . . In this perfect man the Savour saw God’s own likeness, . . .” 475:32

**Thoughts on completeness:**

From Eccl. 3:14 we read:

“*I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.”*

We are *already* complete, *already* whole. We never have to fix anything to see that completeness, it just already IS. And because we are complete, we ‘include all right ideas’ (from definition of man on page 475)

 I already include the right idea of home, the right concept of joy, health, freedom, companionship, supply, purpose, career. This is my spiritual identity. I have all, right now, because I reflect all from God.

So I am free from needing anything. I am free from finding happiness in person, place or thing. I am free from the belief of lack: of ability, talent, motivation, happiness. I am free from the belief that I need to change, improve, even grow, because I already live and move and have my being in the 3rd degree, in the kingdom of heaven.

“The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man *is*, not shall be, perfect and immortal.” 428:22

I am free from thinking there are parts or pieces of good and I only get so much of them, that there might be a pie, and I only have a small slice of the pie of happiness or joy. The spiritual fact is that I include all good, and I will never have more than I have right now!!!

“Ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:” Col. 2:10

Man is God’s reflection, needing no cultivation, but ever beautiful and complete. SH 527:4-5