



The End Time Messenger

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Blessed Easter!

Message 59:10

‘The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that Believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be seen The Glory of God, for Christ came to Redeem, and to provide The Way. Therefore, I come to point The Way and that The Church of Christ, The Lamb’s Bride, may be Prepared to meet Him when He Comes, when All men will Love to Serve The Lord, that The Millennium Reign shall be. And The Great Day of The Lord shall come, when all the earth shall Rejoice and be Glad for a New Heaven and a New Earth shall be in The Lord’s Planning.’

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The Greater Light

Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; unchangeable and without respect to persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.

3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of the atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the Law. For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5. We believe that through the atonement of Christ all men may be saved by obedience to the Laws and Ordinances of the Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.

6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in the Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7. We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting Gospel: viz: The word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gift of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues.

8. We believe the Fruits of the Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.

9. We believe that in the Bible is contained the Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added witness for Christ, and that these contain the "fullness of the Gospel."

10. We believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of Scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, one of whom is an elder, there the Church exists with full power of Church extension when acting in harmony with the Law of God.

12. We believe that a man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.

14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that the ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by the general bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of the Church. The temporal affairs of the Local Churches shall be administered by local bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.

20. We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.

22. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten lost tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will reveal Himself and endow His servants whom He chooses with power to preach the Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that the promise of God to Israel may be fulfilled.

24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be built, beginning at The Temple Lot.

25. We believe the ministry and membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer oaths or covenants in conflict with the Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53:3, 'Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that **THE GREATER LIGHT** might come to them.'

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful

even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men.'

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of The Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked The Beginning of *The Restoration of All Things*. It is a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring All Things (Matthew 17:11). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The*

Authority Of The Son Of God , that **THE CHURCH OF CHRIST** might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us *The Word Of The Lord* that **THE CHURCH OF CHRIST** might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgment* has come. Awake thou that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate *The Greater Light*.

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**THE MESSAGE OF
CHRIST TODAY
To All People
*Fiftieth Message***

The Messenger of The Lord appeared at 2:30 a.m., March 23, 1941, at my bedside while at the home of James R. Orris, Denver, Colorado. The room was filled with Light, and it remained for sometime after he left. He spoke with Authority, slowly and distinctly. I wrote as he gave The Message, after which we visited a few minutes as two men on many things of The Kingdom He left at 3:45 a.m.

-W.A. Draves

1. 'Arise and write *The Message* I will give you.

2. Behold, I come again with a Message from The Lord to you at this place and at this time. I am *The Messenger to bring The Warning*. I come from *The Presence of*

The Lord. I am The Elias, and my name is John. *My Message* is one of *Love and Deliverance* to those that Heed and Obey it.

3. The Lord has Designed *His Decree*, and it shall come to pass that all who will Learn *His Will*, Obey *His Law*, and *Endure*, shall be counted *His Bride* at *His Appearing*.

4. The greatest peril is on, and destruction upon destruction, suffering and evil, are everywhere, but The Lord shall be Jealous for *His People*, for Israel shall be Delivered and be made His Elect through The Knowledge of The Lord's Choosing, in their Faith.

5. The plagues have been let; and to destroy with fury; until the people cry unto The Lord.

6. Arise, ye Ancient Chosen of The Lord- The Lord is your Deliverer. The Vision has been and many will yet know I have come of The Lord, and that *This Work of The Lord is True*. Few have Heeded, but many are Seeking. Take to them *The Message of Life*. Let *The Glad Tidings* ring forth and *The Words of Deliverance* sound, even unto other nations. Hasten! The Lord has Spoken! Let The Servants be swift to *His Command*. Remember Job; his trials did not destroy his Faith. Yet lacked he anything? He Endured and found *Peace* with God.

7. You have seen the weakness of man. You have seen the evil plan to destroy. You have seen darkness cloud the minds of those who doubt and oppose *The Work of The Lord*. Be not moved; be *True*; some have heeded the whisperings of satan, and he has led them astray. Let it not be so

with you. As I say to you, so say I to all. For this is *The Day of The Lord*, and *His Will* must be done. *Deliverance* will come to *The Faithful*.

8. The Lord has Spoken in times past, but few have heeded, for in their hearts they have heaped decrees unto themselves, and *The Will of The Lord* they have forgotten. Again The Lord Speaks- I come to bring *His Words*. Let This Message be taken to all parts of this Nation, Alaska and Canada. Let *The Message* be taken to Australia. The Lord Sees the Efforts of *His Servants*. It is *His Will*, and it shall come to pass. *The Great Awakening* is on.

9. *The Harvest* is on, the wheat and the tares have grown together. *The Cleansing Time* has come. Heed *The Instructions* I bring from The Lord. I have come that man may know *The Lord* has Spoken and that Christ's Coming is near at Hand. Study *The Word of The Lord* for *The Instruction* is sent. Obey, and it will be well with you. Heed ye, you that are afar off! The Lord will Deliver. Let more be sent into *The Harvest Field*. The time is Ripe. Let those that hinder have no part in *This Work*, The Lord Calls others to carry *The Work* on. The *Authority and Trust* that was place on some, they have denied; some have opposed; and doubt has caused them to sin in not defending *The Truth* and *The Word of The Lord*.

10. I come to bring Courage. Be not moved at the evil, nor the snare that is laid for you. There are those that have been and will be *True*. Their Reward is sure. Those that are traitors will not be Called *His Jewels* at *The Last Day*. Remember *The Lord*. He is *your Strength*. Let *Peace* follow you wherever you go.

11. Let all Heed *The Will of The Lord*. The *Faith* of many shall be tried. Many will fall by the way. Many are *Called* but few *Chosen*. Few are *Faithful*. They that be with Him when He comes shall be *Called*, *Chosen*, and *Faithful*. Some will be *Called* to take *The Message* afar, for many are *Honest of Heart* and *Seeking for Light*. *His Glorious Voice* shall be Heard, for, in *The Lightning*, the indignation of *His Anger*, and in *The Flame*, Assyria shall be tried, scattered, beaten, and shall fall.

12. The three unclean spirits, have gone out bringing bondage, suffering, and idolatry. They deceive and they are not *The Justice of The Lord*. This generation of mankind shall not all pass away for *The Son of Man* shall Come in *His Glory*. This is the time *The Prophets* spoke of, in man's inventions, destructions, and war. Like clouds the enemy has gone over, and in noise they destroy: but Israel shall be *Delivered* and brought to the land *The Lord God* has Decreed her boundary. *The Lord of lords* shall be their *King*, and *The Gospel*, their *Law* forever. For He shall *Rule* from sea to sea and all nations will *Obey Him*.

13. Storms and earthquakes shall come and the nations must know *The Lord is God*.

14. Be pleasant in your work. Be of good cheer. Let your hearts be glad. Trust not in the arm of flesh. And to you *My Fellow Servant*, write your letters of kindness, in love that others may be encouraged; for this is your work. Let *The Lord Direct* by *His Spirit*. He will Lead you. Worry not what man may say of you. *The Call* goes out and *The Honest in Heart* will hear. Nothing is impossible with God and so all *The Faithful* shall Learn His

and *Obedience* shall bring them rest.

15. I will come as *The Lord Directs*. Send *This Message* to the Brethren, and *The Church*, for many have Prayed to know I have come. Let not man deceive himself for *The Lord has Spoken*. I leave Peace with you.'

From The Editor's Desk

Men Called By Revelation

'For Your Information'

*Editor: Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

Brother L. M. Thornton wrote an Article that I reprinted in December's 2007 paper that was titled '*The Holy Spirit*'. Brother Thornton made several excellence thoughts that I would like to bring to your attention again at this time.

He asked the question, '*Who but God can give Directions and who will dare usurp His Place?*' He also mentioned that, '*It must not be Overlooked that The Calling of The Ministry depends upon an Open Channel of Revelation.*' He went on to ask, '*How can God Call unless He Speaks it and it becomes a Revelation?*'

Brother Pete also commented, that '*men oppose This True Doctrine of Continued Revelation and none should doubt The Revealing Powers of The Holy Spirit.*'

I would that you find your December's 2007 paper of '*The Greater Light*' and read again this Wonderful Article.

It is hard for me to understand why men of God would turn from Hearing *The Voice of God*. The only reason that I can come up with is that they have become so full of themselves that they know not *The Voice of God* any longer and that they work upon self

desires and self prominence and not Lead by The Lord's Will.

I have been told that God would not Call a man into The Ministry with the Office of an Apostle or a Bishop, unless it comes through The Messenger, John the Baptist. I also have been told that never in the history of The Church has God Called men into The Apostleship or The Bishops through Revelation, that it has always been through The Messenger. I was also told that this of course exempted the men in Africa and other nations that was Called through Revelation into Discipleships and Vice-Bishops.

God told us in The Messages that man, having a stubborn mind and heart cannot please God. It is also a sign of disobedience to The Word of God. *Who is man that can say he has more than This Work?*

In The 1954 General Assembly, Brother Swanson was Called by Brother Vowels, through Revelation, into The Apostleship of our Church. Again in The 1955 General Assembly, Brother Swanson Called Brother Thomas, by Revelation, into The Apostleship of our Church. This is all recorded in Church History through our Church Paper of the time.

The Lord Accepted these men into these Offices and they continued in The Work for many years.

I know there are more men Called by Revelation into The Work, as God so Pleased. Now, I ask the question, *'Why does men refuse to hear 'The Voice of God' either through Revelation or through The Messages?'* I know the answer to this, *do you?* My next question is, *'Does men even know The Voice of God when it is given?'*

So to those of you that have separated yourself from The Church, because you felt

that God does not Call men through Revelation today, and could only do so through The Messenger, I would Pray that you reconsider your position with God. *Are you following man and his ideas, or are you following God and His Gospel Plan?*

One cannot limit *'The Voice of God'* to one's liking. He is not a God that changes. The Scriptures tells us that God is the same yesterday, today, and always. He used Revelations in the past and He will continue to use Revelations today and in the future. He will also choose whom He want to bring forth His Word, be it a child, man, or woman, for it also is Written in The Scriptures.

Brother Thornton also mentioned that *'Revelation of The Holy Spirit is The Life Blood of The Church of Christ, wherein it Relates God's Message to His People in this modern age.'*

John 16: 13, **'Howbeit when He The Spirit of Truth is Come, He will Guide you into all Truth; for He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come.'**

Brother Thornton ended his Article by stating, *'I have sought to stir up your pure minds to the fact that we must keep our hearts and minds open to The Revealing Power of God, either by the visit of an Angel of God, or by Prophecy or any other Gift of God, even 'The Still Small Voice'.'*

I have sought to do the same! May God Bless you all.

From The Apostles Out of Zion

*Apostle Richard Johnson
Iowa*

Psalm 14:7: **‘Oh that The Salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When The LORD bringeth; back the captivity of His People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad’.**

Message 36:3, **‘. . . Zion will be Redeemed and Israel gathered. The Jews must be gathered to their home land, and Israel’s hosts to this land that shall be cleansed, then shall it be Zion, a Place of Peace, a Nation of Righteousness; wherein The Lord will Walk and Talk with His People, for sin shall not be there and The Lamb and The Lion shall lie down together. Peace and Love shall Reign, and The Lord of Justice shall be over all. The Jew and Gentile, The Bond and The Free shall be as one’.**

In the local I talked about the history of Israel and how The Israel of The Jews is not all of Israel. I am not going over it again but the importance of it is foundational for today’s Work. If you wish to do the research on the matter you will find many Good Works done on it old and new. It will be obvious that today’s most popular and important churches and pastors are uninformed or more likely unwilling to Reveal it. Here is a small forward of a book called *‘Missing Links’* discovered in Assyrian Tablets that you might find interesting.

Could you be an Israelite and not know it? ‘Here’s a paradox, a most ingenious paradox: an anthropological fact, many Christians may have much more Hebrew-Israelite blood in their veins than most of their Jewish neighbors.’

Could this possibly be so? If so, it would mean that the majority of Christendom and the rest of society have misidentified the people most prominent in *The Bible*. If Israel has been misidentified there is no doubt that

major errors in doctrinal interpretation and application of Biblical Prophecy have been made!

Some of The Tablets found were dated around 707 B.C. and Reveal the fate of the Israelites as they escaped from the land of their captivity and ‘disappeared’. In this book, the author has attempted a review of the origin and history of The Israelites; a survey of The Assyrian inscriptions and cuneiform tablets that record the deportations of Israel as related to Biblical and secular history; their sojourn in captivity, and a synopsis of their migrations to their new homelands (British Isles, France, Germany, Scandinavia, Canada, America, etc.). *‘Missing Links’* is the book that opened the eyes of thousands of Christians to their Israelite heritage and how that one single discovery has changed the way they now view all Bible Doctrine and Prophecy!

One book about this might not be enough to prove the point but its only one of many that do add up yet we walk in darkness with Light all around us and follow the traditions of the blind Shepard as The Messenger has Warned. You will gain insight into The Kinship of America, Great Britain and Australia and other Anglo-Saxon nations. It says the word Saxon means ‘Sons of Israel’.

Historical Jerusalem and Zion like many of God’s Teachings are Real but also are symbolic of His Greater Plan and Promises to Abraham and Israel. It is far larger than most understand it to be. Among the things that The Lord’s Zion Represents is the struggle for *Freedom and Peace*; the physical and Spiritual Deliverance of all The House of Israel and the world. Several times The Messenger Warned this nation to let the evil be destroyed both Root and Branch that fascism spawned with its hatred for the

people of Israel. We and our allies did well in helping establish Israel in its former place but sadly failed in destroying The Root and Branches which included the fascist Moslem, governments which Hitler help establish. We did this to contain Stalinism. This included Saddam who worshiped Hitler and his book *Mien Kompf*. Few understand the connection of the hatred for Israel in this and of The United States and our democratic allies for our support for The House of Judah.

Message 102:42, **'This is The Land where Freedom is Found and Help in The Way of Zion, the center of world Deliverance in Justice and Truth. There Shall be Deliverance in Mount Zion and Jerusalem and The Remnant whom God shall Call'**.

Definitions: Jerusalem: a city in Israel and by definition means foundation or possession or vision of Peace

Zion: a hill in Jerusalem, on which The Temple was built. It is also used as a synonym or to symbolize Jerusalem. It is used to denote Jerusalem in general and sometimes God's Chosen Israel. It has been used to denote The Church of God or The Heavenly City

In The 22nd Message you will find that this nation must be Cleansed before it will fully become Zion. The Lord is going Bless This Land and The People that do.

Message 22:15-17, **'And this nation shall be Cleansed, and then shall it be Zion, for The Lord will Bless This Land and The People that will Keep His Commandments and Walk in Humility before Him. But the heady and high-minded He will visit with destruction, and those that have robbed the widow and fatherless, and have taken that which is not their own.**

For there are those that have taken that

which in not theirs, they have polluted the land with their unrighteousness, they have filled their hearts with vanities and unbelief. They have sought their own glory, therefore The Lord will not Accept their Offerings, and will not Hearken unto their Prayers, Save it be a few who are Humble before Him.

Behold, they have taken that which is not their own. They have lied that they might get gain. They have taken from the aged, and they will not part with their substance to feed the poor and needy, but they have taken the widow's mite in unrighteousness and have used it for their pleasure, and The Gospel Work they have treated as naught, yet they have said, 'We Love The Lord.'

Malachi says the people's Tithes and Offerings are not put into God's Storehouse but have been stolen. Uh OH! I guess they spent the money on personal salaries, mansions and glass cathedrals and jewelry or personal monuments instead of The True Gospel Work.

Remember these things about having polluting the land as I will say more about it before finishing.

Our nation's record on keeping God's Statutes and Commandments is mixed. We all have watched the standards upon which our civilization must depend for survival that The Messenger noted being swept aside one piece at a time, but nothing that compares with the last few years. The Church too is now struggling to survive as you also know and that includes most other churches as well. We must not become discouraged or despair but must Strengthen our Faith and live by it daily. God has Promised that *The Church of Christ* will Survive.

Message 86:40-42, **'Distress of nations**

and perplexity will be felt everywhere. However, none can Save but themselves and that through The Lord. Man will say, *'Oh that these things were hid from me and I knew them not.'* Have you not been Warned of the things to come?

There will be riots, strikes, outbursts against the government, picketing and much destruction of property and people, confusion and dismay, emptiness and un-trust toward many people. Labor shall rise up against the hand that feeds them: unrest every where'.

I want you to note once again the literal Fulfilling of The 86th Message.

Message 48:14. **"The evil one shall not destroy The Elect-but be very Humble that you be not led into despair. The Lord will manifest Himself in Marvelous Ways. The wicked destroy themselves, and The Just live by Faith'.**

The age-old Standards of Morality: marriage, home, and family suffer defeat after defeat in courts and councils, in parliaments and classrooms. Our Real Peace and Happiness depends upon Living those very Standards. We hear an occasional cry or out rage over an incident here or there but mostly are met with a yawn or so what? We stand by and excuse those who openly support these great sins thinking it won't affect us. Sometimes we join them in calling evil good and good evil. In the past the lines was not so blurred because our founding fathers set us upon Christian Principles. As I told you before many of our founders called this country a New Jerusalem and The Lord's Zion even in Song and Prayer.

I am reminded of the story of the frog and boiling water. If you toss a frog into a pan of boiling water he will jump out of it to Save his life but if you put him in a pan of water

and turn up the heat slowly he will sit there and stew in his juices till it's too late.

Paul told young Timothy to continue in the things he had learned from The Apostles and said he would be safe because *'from a child thou hast known The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through Faith which is in Christ Jesus'*. Today God has Promised a Place and Way of Safety for His People if we will continue in what He has Given us. It will Help our Faith Endure

Message 48:15-16, **'Be ye Comforted one and all. Let not your hearts be troubled. The Lord is Mindful and He Knoweth The Desires of each heart. He will Bless you and Cause that you may have Great Joy, all ye that Obey His Will, for in Him is Salvation.**

He Hears The Prayers of His Children and will Answer to your Gladness. Therefore, I come that The Plan of God shall be Complete and The Words The Prophets of Old have Spoken of this day may all be Fulfilled, for they spoke unto my coming. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord and I shall Direct in This Work. The Signet One shall Rise Up and Disperse Confusion and Cause to be brought together many that will Obey The Will of The Lord, and that a People will be Raised up to build The Temple of The Lord'.

Message 52: 6-9; **'Sanctify The Congregations in My Sight,' Saith your Lord. 'Great Responsibility is given unto you men. Fail not, lest The Judgment be bitter unto you and the people be left in darkness.**

There shall be Deliverance in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem and with The Remnant whom God Shall Call, for there

shall be a refuge for all those that Look to God and Obey His Design.

All evil shall be destroyed and the earth shall be Restored to its Former Beauty for the time will be shortened, that The Elect of The Lord may be Saved. They shall find Safety in The Lord in Obedience to His Will. Sin will not have hold on them and they shall be Preserved and Arrayed in Peace. But the waters of the wicked shall be burned up and their idols shall melt away. For The Lord is God-He is God.

Let Love Dwell in your Hearts that He may Dwell in you and His Love be Perfected, and that you may stand in The Day of Judgment’.

Knowledge of The Scriptures is important. From them we Learn about Spiritual Guidance. We Learn to choose Good over evil and to discriminate between them. I want you to notice I used the word *discriminate*.

Definition: Discriminate: to make a clear distinction or distinguish.-to make a sensible decision- to judge wisely or poses discernment.

The ability to discriminate is a precious faculty that a racist shows himself incapable of by judging all members of one race to be the same.

Proverbs 17:13, **‘Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house’.**

Isaiah 5:20, **‘Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for Light, and Light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter’.**

I am going to tell you of a way of thinking or philosophy today that is actually an anti-religion. It is secular and is opposed to much of the Christian traditions of our nation and now actively seeks to change us into some-

thing different. Because our law and traditions are based on Bible Principles we all live our lives pretty much the same (Believer and non-believer alike) even though Paul would say that the unbelievers are a law unto themselves.

Before I'm finished you will begin to have knowledge of these Two Scriptures about Good and evil and insight into how they fit today. *Why is this important?* Well it might just Save you from sitting there like that frog I mentioned until you can't tell the water is to hot. Now before anyone gets offended about what I'm going to say this is not about the politics of your fathers and mothers and it's not about whether we should be in a war in Iraq (etc.) but it may Enlighten you about some of the things you are seeing and hearing daily. It is about discriminating between Good and evil, moral and immoral, Righteousness and unrighteousness. It's about the opposition in all things The Scriptures Reveal. Adam and Eve partook of The Tree of Knowledge of Good and evil and their lives became full of choices that determined their happiness.

The thinking today teaches that all the injustices and wars of history have been because man has always tried to put Good or Righteous Principles over what it has called evil. The goal is to eliminate these injustices and wars or conflicts between peoples. They look at every government, society, religion and philosophy throughout history, and they know one thing for sure: injustice has always existed. The thinking goes like this – *‘no set of rules or values are better than others so you elevate the bad ones and bring down the good ones’*. Some of the following is taken from the writings of several clear thinkers mixed with my own thoughts and The Scriptures about calling evil good. One is a

Jewish man that lost his brother on 9/11. It was an event that totally changed and awakened him.

If you Believe man is fallen from Grace, then you say man has fallen short of Perfection. You say man has not followed Moral Principles and Standards in a Perfect fashion, and this has resulted in injustice. You say: *because man is imperfect, injustice will always exist, no matter what government, society, religion, or philosophy one looks at without The Love of God.* You postulate a simplistic hypothesis: Righteous Principles and = good. Man = bad. Therefore: injustice UNLESS YOU ADD Charity.

Message 41:5 **‘You have seen that man is continually evil unless he is Filled with The Spirit and Goodness that Cometh from God.’**

This thinking I speak of Believes that man is basically Good, so you ask: *Why, when man is Good, does injustice exist?* In our modern day, this is your answer: Man is Good, yet injustice exists: therefore every government, society, religion and philosophy is a proven failure; and The Principles and Standards underlying them are proven invalid.

You postulate your own simplistic hypothesis: Man = good. Existing Principles = bad. Therefore: injustice.

This is the solution to the problem of injustice: fix the failed Principles by eliminating Righteousness. Your thinking goes like this:

1. If no one is Righteous, there will be no disagreements.
2. Without disagreement, there will be no war.
3. Without war, there will be no poverty.
4. Without poverty, there will be no

crime.

5. Without crime, there will be no injustice.

You have parallel thinking which eliminates the crime angle:

1. Without Righteousness, there will be no discrimination.
2. Without discrimination, there will be no bigotry against entities which the traditional Righteous consider inferior, yet which are actually not inferior = only different.
3. Without bigotry, there will be no injustice.

It’s a Utopian vision and I Believe a recipe for anarchy and utter confusion. We see the results already being manifested in our society.

How do you get people to quit following their counterproductive Principles and Standards? Your solution: tear down those institutions at every opportunity. Tear down those Principles and Standards at every opportunity. Convince the people that their institutions and Religion are bad/failures, and that their Beloved Principles and Standards are invalid:

How dare you discriminate between success and failure; Good and evil; better and worse? Don’t you know those are false constructs of Religions and philosophies which are proven failures! Those concepts are not reality! There is no success and failure; Good and evil; better or worse! ‘Truth’ is a mere opinion! Don’t you know rationalized discrimination is the worst action anyone can take! Don’t you know discrimination leads to injustice!

Following are some examples of tearing down institutions. Notice, in every case, the underlying argument is: 1. Man = Good. 2.

Injustice exists. Therefore, 3. existing Principles/institutions = bad.

- *You think The U.S. is Good?* Let me give you example after example of where injustice exists in The U.S. Look at Abu Ghraib! Since injustice exists, The U.S. is bad. So it is endlessly reported for months as proof our nation is as evil as our enemies.

- The end game will be destroying The Standard that America and democracy and freedom is more Righteous or better than bad or evil governments. Evil then must be elevated by postulating that it is really no worse than we are and thus those committing beheadings, genocide, and terrorists are actually freedom fighters, The United States and Israel are the ones doing bad things to them. Thus Good becomes evil and evil becomes good. These ideas dominate the presses attention and ours. Nobel Peace Prizes are awarded to those doing this work.

- More evidence: *You think Religion is Good?* They will give example after example of injustice, and corruption by those with Religion. If injustice exists, Religion is bad and the root of the problem!!

- You think the classic philosophies of Western Civilization - such as the classical Greek thinking which gave us democracy, and '*all men are created equal*' is Good? They give you Westernized slavery, and patriarchal and racist Western societies! Since injustices have and do exist, the philosophical ideas of Western Civilization are proven failures!

- *You dare to discriminate between Right and wrong?* You are committing

the terrible act of discrimination! You are a bigot who is creating injustice!

Many of our students of the last 25 years have slowly been indoctrinated to be completely indiscriminate about Right and wrong. Traditional texts and history have been re-written or removed. Now the result is anyone challenging the group think at the university level is dismissed if a teacher or rioted against if a quest speaker. *Why?* Because to discriminate between Right and wrong is to commit the terrible act of discrimination! They have been taught:

- no matter how sincerely they may seek to gather the facts,
- no matter how earnestly they may look at the evidence,
- no matter how disciplined they may try to be in their reasoning,

Their conclusion is going to be tainted by:

- their personal bigotries
- their upbringing
- their Religion
- the color of their skin
the nation of their great, great grand-parents birth.

So no matter what their conclusion, it is useless. Their conclusion is nothing other than a reflection of their bigotries.

For 25 years, this is how many of our schools have been teaching and now our press and leaders are mostly converts and graduates of this group think and few even know it like our frog. It is likely a concept whose roots are found in Western Europe. It fills all the requirements of the spirit of Anti-Christ I formerly have preached on.

The ability to discriminate is the essence of rational thought.

So, quite literally, for 25 years we have been teaching our students to not think. What we're left with are many citizens who are

utterly unwilling and incapable of critically judging the merits of the beliefs they hold dear. Not only can they not judge their own beliefs, they are virulently antagonistic to any beliefs or ideas other than their own. *Why?*

When you are brought up to believe indiscriminateness is a moral imperative, any position other than your own must have employed discrimination during its formulation. Given that any form of discrimination is 'Discrimination = Bad!' it follows that anyone in opposition to you is not just wrong - on their issues and their beliefs - but, more importantly: they are bigoted.

The indiscriminate don't even think about their opponents' issues and stances. They don't have to. Even if they were willing to, even if they were still able to, even if their ability to see both sides of issues had not atrophied: they don't need to. *Would you sit and contemplate Hitler's policies?* No! You would fight Hitler. You would scream out: he is Hitler! And you would attack him. I hear the word Hitler used regularly now to describe anyone who still dares to say we are Good or Better than the quote evil does or a traditional life style or that marriage is better. Our society is teaching our students, and our citizens, to actively not think. Do not think! - Lest you be accused of bigotry. - Lest you be accused of being Hitler.

Here's another area where this thinking damages our society:

When no behavior is deemed superior to any other behavior, your expectation is that all behaviors lead to similar outcomes. One of the best examples of this is our entertainment industry. Any thing that represents fundamental values is reduced and the twisted and weird is elevated to make them of equal value. They produce pleasant pictures of destructive behavior.

You and I know different behaviors lead to different outcomes - because we think. But, we must not make that judgment because that would be discrimination or bigoted.

Since nothing can be deemed Good, and nothing can be deemed evil, that which we do recognize as Good must be the beneficiary of some sort of prejudice. That which we recognize as evil must be the victim of that prejudice.

This is no small thing. This is a big, horrible, insidious thing, because it leads to a horribly destructive state of mind and I Believe in the end as I said anarchy.

Once you buy into this thinking:

- There is no conclusion you can come to other than that **Good is evil**. You Believe Good has cheated - via being beneficiary of the discriminatory /bigoted prejudice which is ingrained in traditional principles and standards.
- There is no conclusion you can come to other than that **evil is the victim of Good**, i.e. evil is the victim of society's discrimination, bigotry, prejudice.
- From these things we can see that we now call evil good and Good evil as warned by Isaiah not to do and **therefore evil has entered our house**.

There is no conspiracy. There are no meetings. No one gets together and says: this is what we are going to do. Instead, it's a momentum thing. The fallacious concepts are in our national conversation, and the fallacious concepts are gaining momentum. It reminds me of that small silken thread that binds people till it's too late or like the frog slowly cooking himself to death

Let me put this in real close context for *The Church of Christ*. Look at that Apostle Richard Johnson. He is not a perfect man and

makes mistakes therefore any Precept or Doctrine of Good and evil Preached or Taught by him or The Church he Represents will be Called prejudiced, bigoted, or at the very least non inclusive therefore he and The Church are dangerous or irrelevant and part of the problem in the world. *Stone Him!*

Because evil has entered our house I told you before finishing I would say more about the pollution of God's Land and His Judgments upon it. Malachi told us to remember The Statutes and Judgments God Commanded Moses at Horeb. As part of The House of Israel they can apply to us.

First read 2 Nephi 1-10, and Ether 2: starting at the 7th verse, through 12th.

2 Nephi 1: 1-10, ; **‘And now it came to pass that after I, Nephi, had made an end of teaching my brethren our father, Lehi, also spake many things unto them, and rehearsed unto them, how Great Things The Lord had Done for them in Bringing them out of the land of Jerusalem.**

And he spake unto them concerning their rebellions upon the waters, and The Mercies of God in sparing their lives, that they were not swallowed up in the sea.

And he also spake unto them concerning The Land of Promise, which they had obtained-how Merciful The Lord had been in Warning us that we should flee out of the land of Jerusalem.

For, Behold, said he, I have seen a Vision, in which I know that Jerusalem is destroyed; and had we remained in Jerusalem we should also have perished.

But, said he, notwithstanding our afflictions, we have obtained a Land of Promise, a Land which is Choice above all other lands; a Land which The Lord God hath Covenanted with me should be a Land for the inheritance of my seed, Yea,

The Lord hath Covenanted this Land unto me, and to my children forever, and also all those who should be led out of other counties by The Hand of The Lord.

Wherefore, I, Levi, Prophecy According to The Workings of The Spirit which is in me, that there shall none come into This Land Save they shall be brought by The Hand of God.

Wherefore, This Land is Consecrated unto Him According to The Commandments which He hath Given, it shall be a Land of Liberty unto them; wherefore, they shall never be brought down into captivity; if so, it shall be because of iniquity; for if iniquity shall abound cursed shall be The Land for their sakes, but unto The Righteous it shall be Blessed Forever.

And Behold, it is Wisdom that This Land should be kept as yet from the knowledge of other nations; for Behold, many nations would overrun The Land, that there would be no place for an Inheritance.

Wherefore, I, Levi, have Obtained a Promise, that inasmuch as those whom The Lord God shall bring out of The Land of Jerusalem shall keep His Commandments, they shall prosper upon the face of This Land; and they shall be kept from all other nations, that they may possess This Land unto themselves. And if it so be that they shall Keep His Commandments they shall be Blessed upon the face of This Land, and there shall be none to molest them, nor to take away The Land of their Inheritance; and they shall Dwell Safely Forever.

But Behold, when the time cometh that they shall dwindle in unbelief, after they have Received so Great Blessings from

The Hand of The Lord-having knowledge of The Creation of the earth, and all men, knowing The Great and Marvelous Works of The Lord from The Creation of the world; having Power given them to do all things by Faith: having all The Commandments from the beginning, and having been brought by His Infinite Goodness into This Precious Land of Promise- Behold, I say, if the day shall come that they will reject The Holy One of Israel, The True Messiah, their Redeemer and their God, Behold, The Judgments of Him that is Just shall rest upon them’.

Ether 2: 7-12, ‘And The Lord would not suffer that they should stop beyond the sea in the wilderness, but He would that they should come forth even unto The Land of Promise, which was Choice above all other Lands, which The Lord God had Preserved for a Righteous People.

And He had Sworn in His Wrath unto The Brother of Jared, that whoso should possess This Land of Promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should Serve Him, The True and Only God, or they should be swept off when The Fullness of His Wrath should Come upon them.

And now, we can Behold The Decrees of God concerning This Land, that it is a Land of Promise; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall Serve God, or they shall be swept off when The Fullness of His Wrath shall Come upon them and The Fullness of His Wrath Cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity.

For Behold, this is a Land which is Choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall Serve God or shall be swept off; for it is The Everlasting Decree of God. And it is not until the fullness of iniquity among The Children of

The Land, that they are swept off.

And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know The Decrees of God-that ye may Repent, and not continue in your iniquities until The Fullness Come, that ye many not bring down The Fullness of The Wrath of God upon you as The Inhabitants of The Land have hitherto done.

Behold, this is a Choice Land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under Heaven, if they will but Serve The God of The Land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been Manifested by The Things which we have written.’

So what did God tell Moses with statutes and judgments?

In the 25th through the 27th Chapters of Leviticus, Moses teaches the people about The Jubilee years? Israel is God's Servant and he shall keep His Commandments not polluting His Land or oppress one another. We are talking about the pollution of evil and sin here not about driving your car too much. In so doing the land shall yield its fruit and we will dwell safely in it.

Isaiah 32:17, ‘The Work of Righteousness will be Peace, and the effect of Righteousness, quietness and assurance forever’.

Isaiah 48:18, ‘Oh, that you had Heeded My Commandments! Then your Peace would have been like a river, And your Righteousness like the waves of the sea’.

Message 57:10, ‘Behold, there is much yet to be Done and much to be Revealed to the coming to pass of much of the gathering of The Houses of Israel. They shall know The Lord is their God. The Promises shall be Fulfilled and The

Record shall be Known for it shall come in The Lord's Planning. Be True to your Calling, be Humble in Spirit, be at Peace for satan shall not destroy The Lord's Work. The Church of Christ shall Continue on until The Christ shall Come, The Temple Built and The Gathering Complete. The Gospel shall go to all nations. Therefore, I have come to bring The Authority and it has been among men. The Greater Power shall be given as you Prepare for it. Be not deceived by man for I am The Elias which was for to come'.

May God Bless.

From The Bishops **A Great Work**

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Message 30:6, **'I have Established My Church in 1929 Anew. I have given The Message and it must be Obeyed. All else is of man and I cannot, and will not accept the follies and traditions of men. For My Work is a Holy Work and man must First be made Holy.'**

You know Saints some 20 years ago, our late Brother Vincent Yates told me in his convicting heart that *This Work* is so Great we really do not Comprehend it. I agreed with him then not knowing all what I agreed with him about. I thought I understood enough, but I was void of any true understanding of what he really meant.

A Work of The Lord with His Saints. A Work of The Lord as He Reaches down upon this evil world and touches the heart of a sinner. Yes-touches the heart of a sinner and thus begins ***The Greatest Work*** that you and I could ever imagine! We often speak of *The Great Work* being the building of The Lord's

Temple, yet while this can be seemingly 'Scanned' in our finished product of The Lord's Work as beginning with Him Touching the Heart of a sinner-making that person into a Holy Creature in Christ. I give you this verse now of Message 36:6, **'For man must be made Holy before he can Come in The Presence of God, or The Glory of The Lamb, slain for the sins of the world, that mankind might Believe on Him and be Redeemed from that awful state.'**

This Message Book, containing *120 Messages*, and don't forget they are not from the mind of John the Baptist, but of Christ. Needless to say (I hope), The Way to becoming Holy is there within its pages of exhortations, admonitions, instructions and so forth. However, all these Instructions and Commands are ineffective if the desire is gone out of a person's heart to follow Christ. Yet there are those who are willing to offer up a half hearted effort to Obey, perhaps hoping it will be sufficient. Yet none can succeed unless they Call upon Extra Strength from God- that is not of their own- for The Lord has Said that He is *Faithful and Just* to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This means giving us that Extra Strength we Call 'HIS' in order for us to Overcome these necessary 'tougher' situations that 'needs be' come upon us. For God to take a sinner out of this world and stand him or her into His Holy Presence, Believe me takes more than just a slight overhaul! But now then, do not let the devil tell us it is too hard a thing or that it is vain, because have *we not all or most all of us tasted of His most Wonderful Glorious Spirit in the past?* Why Yes! and that is even when our own words have failed us in an attempt to describe this experience to others. Now then,

The Word of The Lord contain the Formula of how to become Holy!

Message 37:5, ‘. . . **Keep The Thoughts of Kindness in a willing manner toward your fellowmen. Fall not in the hands of the adversary, that is a thorn into My Body . . .**’

Something To Think About

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Getting Involved

I Thank The Lord for His People. I was Baptized in 1965. I didn’t start Studying as I should. *I didn’t get involved.* I knew This Work was True. I felt unworthy, but The Lord Called me for a Purpose. I want to do something for The Lord and to hurt no one. Remember, we cannot hide from The Lord. He Sees and Knows all of us. Walk Upright and do Good always.

I read recently about a group of college kids doing a Study on Prayer. They tested 3000 people and found out that those they Prayed for did better than those that were not Prayed for. They wanted to know if Prayer really works. So you see, God Answers Prayers! IT DOES WORK!

THE EASTER STORY

‘As Told In The Gospels’

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John 3:16-17, ‘**For God so Loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God Sent not His Son into the**

world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be Saved.’

The Last Supper

Mark 14:16-17, ‘**And His Disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as He said unto them: and they made ready for The Passover. And in the evening He cometh with The Twelve.’**

Mark 14:22-25, ‘**And as they did eat, Jesus took Bread, and Blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My Body’. And He took The Cup, and when He had given Thanks, He gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And He said unto them, ‘This is My Testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you. I will drink no more of The Fruit Of The Vine, until that day that I drink it new in The Kingdom of God.’**

Matthew 27:27-31, ‘**Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gather unto Him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe.**

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His Head, and reed in His Right Hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying hail King of the Jews! And they spit on Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the Head. And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him and led Him away to Crucify Him.’

Luke 23:26-27, ‘**And as they led Him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid The Cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people and women, which also bewailed and lamented Him.’**

Luke 23:33-24, ‘And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they Crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, *‘Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.’*”

John 19 :23-24, ‘Then the soldiers when they had Crucified Jesus, took His Garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His Coat: now the Coat was without seam woven from the top through.

They said therefore among themselves. *‘Let us not rent it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be’*: that The Scriptures might be fulfilled, which Saith, and for My vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.’

Jesus Dies and Is Buried

Luke 23:44-47, ‘And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of The Temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had Cried out with a Loud Voice, He Said, *‘Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit’*; and having said thus, He gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he Glorified God, saying, *‘Certainly this was a Righteous Man’*.’

Matthew 27:57-60, ‘When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’ Disciple. He went to Pilate, and begged The Body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded The Body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken The Body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out the rock: and he

rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed.’

Mark 15:47, ‘And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus Beheld where He was Laid.’

Jesus Is Risen

Mark 16:2-7, ‘And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun, And they said among themselves, *‘Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?’* And they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he Saith unto them, *‘Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was Crucified; He is Risen; He is not here: Behold the place where they laid Him. But go your way, tell His Disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you.’*

Mark 16:19-20, ‘So then, after The Lord had Spoken unto them, He was Received up into Heaven and sat on The Right Hand of God. And they went forth, and Preached every where, The Lord Working with them, and Confirming The Word with Signs following. Amen.’

The Passion Of Christ

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I saw you there Father, In The Garden that night, I saw the Apostles asleep, And the tears in you eyes.

I heard you ask them, Lord, 'Can't you
please stay awake, Just for one hour, While
I go to Pray?'

Then I saw the soldiers coming, And Heard
you say, 'What is this?,' Then I saw Judas
betray you, With one solemn kiss.

I saw them put chains on you Father, On
God's only Son, Then I heard you say, Sweet
Jesus, 'It's already begun.'

They beat you with reeds, And they beat you
with chains, But on their face Lord, Not one
shred of shame.

A crown of thorns, For your head they did
make, A Scarlet Robe, On your shoulders
they laid.

The look in your Eyes, I'll never forget, But
on their faces, Not one ounce of regret.

I saw you Father, As you carried The Cross, I
thought surely My Lord, That all had been
lost.

I saw your burdens get heavy, I saw you fall
to the road, I saw a man named Simon, Come
help share the load.

I saw all the agony, And the pain on your
face, I heard Simon say, 'Lord, We're almost
to the place.'

I saw them lay you on, That Old Rugged
Tree,
I saw them put nails in your Hands, And then
bend your Knees.

I saw them put nails in your Feet, And drop
The Cross in the ground, I looked at the
soldiers, Not a tear could be found.

The one thief said, 'Father remember me',
With tears in his eyes, I heard you tell him
Lord, 'Today, you will be with Me in

Paradise.'

After all of your agony, I was surprised I
could hear it, I heard you say, 'Father, Into
your Hands I Commend My Spirit.'

They ask for your Body, And gently took it
down, They rolled back a rock, And placed it
under the ground.

But three days later, They came back to the
place, They looked inside, And saw not your
Face.

Then the stone rolled away, And there you
did stand, My Beautiful Jesus, With your
Nail Scarred Hands.

EASTER

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Jesus was in The Upper Room with His
Disciples. Oh how He Loved them and for
almost three years they traveled with Jesus
through the country side, Teaching people
about God's Love and His Laws. Jesus
taught them many things and now He
Wondered if they understood what was
before them. *Were they strong enough to
carry on God's Work?*

Jesus Picked up a loaf of Bread and
He Blessed it and He Tore a piece for each of
them and He said, '***This Bread is like My
Body, It will be Broken for you, take it and
eat it and in the days to come break Bread
among yourselves to Remember Me.***'

*His Disciples were puzzled. What did He
mean Breaking His Body and how could they
forget their Master?*

Next Jesus poured a Cup of Wine and He
Blessed it and Held it up before them and
said, '***This Wine is like My Blood, that will
be Shed for the sins of the world, Drink of it***

all of you. Then He Told them He could be with them only a little while longer and He gave them A New Commandment. To Love one another as I have Loved you. Everyone will know you are My Disciples if you Love one another.'

Peter ask The Lord *where are you going?* I will go with you also. I will follow you no matter what! Jesus said, *'Peter where I am going you cannot follow, I go to Prepare a Place for you then I will come back. For a time you will be sad, then your sadness will turn to Joy!'*

Jesus said these things Hoping that they would understand about His Death and His Resurrection.

After a Time of Prayer, three Disciples went with Jesus to a Garden to Pray; some stayed behind. Judas went to the Elders of Jerusalem and told them where Jesus was for thirty pieces of silver. He betrayed His Lord. While Jesus was in The Garden, Judas walked up and kissed Jesus, and the soldiers arrested Him.

Now the people that laid down palm leaves and giving alms to Him only a few days before, was now yelling *'Crucify Him' 'Kill Him'!* He claims to be *The Son of God. Our Law says He must die'*. Pilate, the Roman Ruler, knows Jesus had not done any wrong, but he did not want to anger the people so he turned Jesus over to the soldiers. They whipped Him with a leather strap, breaking His Skin. He Bleed but He never Cried out. They striped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe and they planted a crown of thorns upon His Head and they mocked Him saying *'HAIL, THE KING OF THE JEWS!'* And they spit on Him and took a reed and hit Him on The Head. After they mocked Him they took off the robe and put His own raiment on Him and led Him away to be

Crucify.

They ordered Jesus to carry His own Cross out of the city to a place called Golgotha. The people were silent as He passed by. He became weak and a man called Simon took up The Cross and carried it.

On the hill side, soldiers nailed Jesus on The Cross and raised it up. For hours Jesus hung suffering. Someone in the crowd yelled, *'If you are God's Son save yourself!'* Jesus Looked to the sky and He said, *'Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.'* By late afternoon, black clouds had gather and the veil of The Temple was torn in the middle and Jesus Cried with a Loud Voice, *'Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit.'*

Now, three days later, Mary and other women went to The Tomb where Jesus was laid to prepare His Body. They were concerned how they would roll the stone away to get into The Tomb and hoped the guards would help them, but when they arrived to The Tomb they found it empty and a Bright Light shown all around. They thought someone had stolen The Body of Jesus. But Behold, two men stood by them in Shinning Garments and they ask them, *'Why seek ye the living among the dead?'* Don't you remember that The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be Crucified and the third day Rise again.

And so it was

Articles

Restoration: The End Time

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I am thankful that I am part of This Great

Work and God's Church.

I was sitting in a church and I knew it was not God's Church. Once in a while they would comment on an office or something, but weren't giving me The Truth.

I asked, *Where is Zion?* I knew that The Lord was leading me. I wanted The Truth.

In *The Bible* it tells us of The Garden of Eden. That The Lord gave Adam a companion, Eve. It tells us about The Tree of Life and the fall of Adam and Eve. They had to fall to be Restored. In Revelation, The Lord Restored the earth, both sides of The River, The Tree of Life.

He is Healing the nations today. He gave us Twelve Apostles to feed The Flock. When Adam and Eve fell, that was the sin of flesh. We wouldn't be here today if this did not happen. The Lord Allowed this to happen so we could be Restored within us.

There had to be a fallen away. The Church was taken by force and returned to Heaven. It was Restored again, by The Touch of The Heavenly Messenger, sent by God. It is being Pruned for the last time.

Revelation 22:10, **'And He Saith unto me, 'Seal not the sayings of The Prophecy of This Book: for the time is at hand.'**

God is going to Restore all things. Nephi, not in *The Bible*, had to have his own Record, *The Record of The Nephites*. It also speaks of a Restoration of all things.

Matthew 17:9, **'And as they came down from the mountain. Jesus Charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man until The Son of man be Risen again from the dead.'**

Christ Died on The Cross, this is a Form of Restoration, from the fall to The Rise of Jesus Christ. He will give us a New Heaven and a new earth, Filled of The Knowledge of The Lord

Where is the rapture at? The rapture is

not in *The Bible*. Resurrection Yes! rapture No! The Lord will Come in the clouds, and we will be Caught up to meet Him, but then we will return to earth and remain here. They that believe in the rapture does not believe this. They are teaching a lie.

Reformation is a type of Restoration. Message 26:1-4, **'I have delayed my coming with this Message, for The lord Knows your suffering, and your strength. The Lord Sent me to you and not another, for He Knows your heart, and your life, and from childhood has watched over you, to do This Work, which is Very Great. For no Greater Responsibility was ever placed upon man than taking The Gospel to the nations of the earth in its Purity; therefore, be True until your work is done. For God will be with you to finish your work if you will remain Humble before Him. Seek not to please man, nor fear man, for The Lord is your strength.'**

God has Chosen you and your brethren as Apostles in *The Church of Christ*. The Work has been Committed to you men to take it to the nations of the earth, to Establish Churches in all nations, and to Direct in all things as The Lord will Direct you.

Remember, this is God's Work and He will Help you in your work, that The Gospel may be Preached and The Message of Warning of Christ's Coming may go to all people. Let The Message I have brought to you be translated and printed in all languages, that all may read and know that The Lord has Sent me, and that no one will have an excuse at The Judgment Day. let this be done as fast as you can. But see that it is translated correctly, for this The Lord has Entrusted in your care.

Let no one treat lightly The Message of The Lord, for His Eyes are upon you and your work, and your thoughts cannot be hid. Let your work be done in Soberness and Firmness, but in Humility and Love.'

There is much to be done, and The Lord will meet our needs if we are Faithful in paying our Tithes. He wants to Purify us, but we have to follow His Commandments.

1 Nephi 13:39, 'And after it had come forth unto them, I Beheld other Books, which came forth by The Power of The Lamb, from The Gentiles unto them, unto the convincing of The Gentiles, and The Remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also to The Jews, which are scattered upon all the face of the earth, that The Records of The Prophets and of The Twelve Apostles of The Lamb are True.'

There are Twelve Apostles over the land, and One God over all The Work.

2 Nephi 28:3-4, 'For it shall come to pass in that day, that the churches which are built up, and not unto The Lord, when the one shall say unto the other, Behold, I am The Lord's; and the other shall say, I, I am The Lord's. And thus shall every one say that hath built up churches, and not unto The Lord;

And they shall contend one with another; and their priests shall contend one with another, and they shall teach with their learning, and deny The Holy Ghost, which giveth utterance.'

People needs to be grafted into The Work. Come Clean and Learn of The Lord's Way and Church. They continue to believe in the lies they are told and not seek The Truth for themselves.

I want The Messenger to come. We all get weary, The Church is few in numbers, but we are *The Remnant of The Lord*. We are poor

and we do not have a building for now. We will hang in there and do what The Lord wants us to do and we will be Blessed.

I know that Brother W.A. Draves went through a lot of suffering over The Work. I wouldn't want to go through what he did. I am going through enough now, without having to go through what he did.

I Pray that we all will be Humble in The Lord. Be patient. The Lord will Pull us out of the world. He is Working with us. Hang in for The Lord as He will Provide Hope, we will Endure.

This Work is Worth It! We are in this to The End. I miss Brother Draves senior and others very much. I know you do as well. God Bless you all. Continue to Pray for me and my family.

Strengthen Your Faith

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What does the word 'Faith' mean? It means a 'Belief and Trust in God'. In Hebrews 11:1 it states that 'Faith is the Substance of things Hoped for and the Evidence of things not seen'.

So this is telling us that 'Faith' is something that we Believe in but cannot physically be seen. However, if our Faith is as strong as that of The Brother of Jared, then God can Reveal Himself to us so that we could physically be able to see Him. This is something that we should all strive to have our Faith be like.

Not only should our Faith be Strong but we need to have Actions behind our Faith.

James 2:17, 20, 'Even so, Faith if it hath not works is dead, being alone . . .

But wilt thou know O vein man that Faith with out works is dead.'

These two verses tells us that we need to

have both Faith and Actions. We can not just have one because if we do, it means nothing to The Lord, for works are dead to Him.

Some examples of how we can show Actions behind our Faith are: Searching, pondering The Scriptures, and Praying.

Message 102:11, **‘Knowledge cometh from Study of The Books. Grace from much Prayer, Salvation by Obedience, Deliverance by Endurance.’**

II Nephi 32: 3, tells us that we need to feast upon the Words of Christ for Behold The Words of Christ will tell you all things that ye should do.

So we must Study and Pray so we will know The Lord’s Plan and know what to do in our lives. The Lord tells us repeatedly to Study The Books to show ourselves Approved.

Alma 26:22 tells us that **‘he that Repenteth and Exercise Faith and bringth fourth Good Works and Prayeth continually without ceasing unto such it is given to know The Mysteries of God.’**

So the more we Study The Scriptures and Pray, the better we are going to know our Savior, and when we fall short we should remember to Repent to The Lord with a Sincere Heart.

Another reason to Study God’s Plan is so that we can share it with others. We can not share it if we do not know it.

Message 33:11, **‘Give this out to your brethren. Many have Prayed for this and Rejoice to know of my coming. Be not weak, but Strong in The Lord and He will give you Strength.’**

So, be Strong in The Lord . Have a Strong Faith and Trust in God and let us all continue to get God’s Word out to the world.

We must be about our Father’s Business!
We need to ask ourselves if we are doing

everything we possibly can to Serve God and His Church. I know for myself that I am not doing all I can for The Lord. I know I can do more for my Savior.

Message 27:7, **‘Let none be idle, for much must be done’.**

We cannot be slothful, for The Lord’s Work must move Forward. Let us all work together and be Mighty and True Servants to God and This Work. God’s Church will Grow if we work together in Love and Faith. We are told in Message 90: 9 that **‘those that work together stays together, in Faith and Good Works.’**

Let us all be up and doing God’s Will, for the time is short.

Another example of ‘Faith’ is Paying our Tithing to The Lord.

Message 49:10, **‘Let all Pay their Tithes that their Works may stand The Test, when trying times come. The Lord will Bless them and they shall not want. For The Way of Deliverance shall be theirs.’**

This tells us that if we Pay our Tithing then we shall not want for anything. The Lord will see that we are Provided for, but we must have Faith and Trust in God’s Words.

Malachi 3:10 tells us if we Pay our Tithes that The Lord will Bless us so Abundantly that their won’t be enough room to Receive them. So if we are not Paying our Tithes, just think of all The Blessings we are missing out on from The Lord.

I know for myself that The Lord has Blessed my family and myself for Paying our Tithes. Sometimes it is hard to Pay, but if we Trust God’s Words and His Promises and Believe that The Lord will Provide and have Faith, then He will do so.

Message 91:28, **‘Let The Tithes come in that The Church may stay Alive and Build**

themselves up. For Great is The Call to be Ready when men look for The Standards and find it not else where.'

We must Pay our Tithes so The Church will stay Alive! Let us Strengthen our Faith by being up and doing and Adjusting our Lives to The Word of God.

Message 99:7, 'All those that shall Shape their Lives by The Words I bring shall be Blessed.'

Message 102:7, 'Shape your Lives and Works by The Word's I bring, have brought and will yet bring.'

We must Tidy our Lives and our homes and apply The Written Word to our daily lives. We must make Sacrifices in our life for The Lord. Do whatever it takes to make more time for The Lord in Study and Prayer and to help others.

The Lord Loves us, each of us so very much and He has Blessed us all with *The Fullness of The Gospel*. Let us not take all this for granted. Let us get our Hearts and Minds Right with The Lord, so we will be Ready and Prepared for whatever The Lord has in Stored for us.

Keep moving forward in your Walk with Christ. Strengthen your 'Faith' in God by Study, Prayers, and Obedience. Amen!

A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

I have caught a *Glimpse of Glory*
 Never seen by mortal eyes.
 Just beyond the blue horizon
 Of evening's transient skies;
 But *The Ear of Hope* has heard it
 And *The Eye of Faith* can see
Sound and Sign of Heaven's nearness
 Just beyond mortality.

I have caught a *Glimpse of Glory*,

Of that bright *Eternal Day*,
 When the mists of Time have lifted
 And we lay aside this clay;
 Then shall be the consummation
 Of our longing and desire,
 For we'll sing *The Song of Ages*
 In *The Resurrection Choir!*

I have caught a *Glimpse of Glory*
 Just beyond *The Rink of Time*,
 And I travel toward the sunrise
 Of a better land and clime.
 Soon I'll trade this earth for *Heaven*
 and inside some golden door
 I shall greet the ones I've cherished
 Safe with Jesus evermore.

Forgive and Forget

The *Sorrows of Life*,
 The *Tears* and *The Pain*,
 The *Trials* and *Troubles* that fret,
 Would all turn to *Joy*
 And losses to gain;
 If each would *Forgive and Forget*.

W. A. Draves

Message 59: 3

'I have brought a *Warning of Christ's* soon Coming, and *The Authority* that *The Church* may be Established as *The Lord* would have it, that mankind might find a *Way of Redemption*. For *Salvation* only comes to those that are *Humble* and *Full of Love* and *Obey The Will of The Lord*. My *Message* is one of *Love* to those that *Heed* and *Obey* it.'

The Tree Of Life

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I would like to talk about *'The Tree of Life'*, *'Eternal Life, Eternal and Eternity'*.

To a five-year old, it seemed so easy. He helped his parents dig a hole in the ground into which his dad placed the root ball. Mom and he covered the area around the base of the thin trunk with dirt. Everyone stood back to admire the addition to their backyard landscaping. Then the boy asked to call his grandparents. He wanted to tell them he had planted an apple tree and he was now ready to hang the apples on it! Instant apple tree! Just add water . . . or in this case, apples. But as you and I know, it is not quite that easy, *is it?*

Another family, another yard. another dad. This man bought 25 apples trees for his family's acreage. Four years later, all but one of the trees finally begun to bear fruit. The orchard keeper Loved caring for the trees and picking the apples. He did it for a dozen years.

One summer he decided to visit a nearby orchard to ask about the tree that had never born a single apple. The horticulturalist there explained the mystery. When orchard workers till the ground around the trees, they make sure to hit the trees' trunk until they weep-until the sap runs from them. Apple trees must be 'wounded and weep' before they can produce fruit.

The man went home and drove a 16-penny nail through his barren tree until the sap flowed from the wound. The next year that one tree bore more fruit than all 24 others combined. That tree had 12 years of fruit-bearing potential locked up inside, yet none of it could be released until the tree had been wounded.

Do wounds mark your life? The pain of suffering those wounds have caused you to have deep, deep roots. Those roots have

grown all the way down into the soil of the Garden you and I know as Eden. You likely know the story from Genesis 2:3. The Creation of The Tree, The Command regarding The Tree, the tempter lurking in The Tree, and the people standing at the base of The Tree listening to the temptation. And, finally, the bite those people each took from The Tree's Fruit.

Adam and Eve's disobedience left wounds on every single person who would at any moment in history plant their feet on God's Created earth. Well, not on all people. All but one-The One Named Jesus Christ. The Heavenly Father came down as The Son to take the sins of the entire world upon Himself. He did this in order to bring complete Healing to you, to me, to all who would Believe in Jesus as their Savior. In Jesus, we have Forgiveness for all our sins and The Gift of Eternal Life-right now as we live here on earth. 'The Gift of God' is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).

One day, we will experience that Life, that Healing, that Glorious Rescue in The Banqueting Halls of Heaven.

Yes, 'His Story' Jesus' Story-which has through Faith become our story-also involves a Tree. That Tree rose up from the ground, taking the shape of a Cross. NO one drove 16-penny nails into Tree; Roman soldiers drove spikes into it, spikes that also pierced through The Flesh of the One Named Jesus. While the severity and gruesomeness of our Lord's Wounds makes our eyes turn and weep still today, those Wounds also continues to pierce hearts and turn lives toward The Savior in Repentance and Faith. Yes, The Tree of Christ's Cross bore Blessed Fruit.

That Fruit is personal. Because of what

happened on The Cross, God has brought Blessing upon Blessing into your life, and mine. God has Poured out His Grace upon each of us, and He now Considers you His Beloved Child, an Heir of Heaven's Incredible Beauty and Glory.

Man of Faith, The Holy Spirit has Plans for you! He has Planted you in the fertile, wee-watered soil of God's Love. He is Growing you into a 'Mighty Tree', a Tree that provides shelter, stability, and hope to others whose lives are battered by the fierce storms life often brings.

Listen to The Words The Prophet Jeremiah uses to describe you. *'Blessed is the man that Trusted in The Lord, and whose Hope The Lord is. For he shall be as A Tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river'* (Jeremiah 17:7-8). On a Tree Jesus gave His Life for each of us. In turn, He gives all The Faith-filled a Blessed Life.

Blessed are you, Man of God, whom The Lord has Planted in His Kingdom. You draw up The Living Waters your Savior Promised you as you sink your roots deep into the soil of His Word. You receive nourishment through His Presence and Promises. Blessed are you, whom your Savior Protects, even during the weeping days of drought and pain. Blessed are you, Man of God, as you place your Spirit-created Faith in The One who gave His Life on a Tree, The Tree of The Cross.

In Greek thought Eternity indicates timelessness, a state qualitatively different from time.

If we are to be True to Biblical Thought, however it is probably more accurate to conceive of Eternity as an endless span of time. The fourth Gospel Teaches us that whoso Eateth My Flesh and Drinketh My

Blood hath Eternal Life (John 6:54). Obviously this does not mean that Christians are exempted from physical death but that The New Relationship to Christ is such that it is not affected by temporal boundaries of life.

God is Spoken of as Eternal, in that He is Absolute Lord over time and is in no way bound by it (Psalms 90:4). Frequently the Hebrew and Greek words which are translated Eternal simply indicates the unknown length of a lifetime or any indefinite span of time.

John 6:38-40, **'I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine Own Will, but The Will of Him that sent Me.'**

And this is The Father's Will which hath Sent Me, that of all which He hath Given Me I should lose nothing, but should Raise it up again at the last day.

And this is The Will of Him that Sent Me, that everyone which Seeth The Son, and Believeth on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I will Raise him up at the last day.'

John 6:47, **'Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that Believeth on Me hath Everlasting Life.'**

Romans 6:22-23, **'But now being made free from sin, and become Servants to God, ye have your Fruit unto Holiness, and The End Everlasting Life. For the wages of sin is death;**

But The Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Titus 1: 1-7, **'Paul, a Servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, According to The Faith of God's Elect, and The Acknowledging of The Truth which is after Godliness;**

In Hope of Eternal Life, which God, that cannot lie, Promised before the world began.

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

But after that The Kindness and Love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, but According to His Mercy He Saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of The Holy Ghost;

Which He Shed on us Abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

That being Justified by His Grace, we should be made Heirs According to The Hope of Eternal Life.'

Message 35:4, 'To those who have not Covenanted with Me, This is The Way that shall Lead you to Life Eternal.'

Message 41: 8, 13, 'Let all Come in by The Door, and Humble themselves before God. For This is The Way that Leadeth to Life Eternal for all who Endure to the end. Hold High The Standard of Truth, The Ensign of The Love of God for man . . .

Reject not My Words, Quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring repent. Teach men to come partake of The Tree of Life. Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Eternal Life, Saith your Lord. For I Am He who Speaketh. Bring your Sacrifices of a Broken Heart. Repent in a Contrite Spirit.'

Message 42:5, 'Contend with no man, only for The Truth. Remember The Lord Jesus who Intercedes to The Father for mankind that He shall Draw all who will come unto Life Eternal.'

Message 49:3, 'Behold, Saith The Lord, The Field is White already and The

Harvest is Ripe. Let those that will, come unto Me that they all may Obtain Life and Obtain it more Abundantly. Yea, whosoever will Thrust in their Sickle to Reap is doing My Will, and if they Endure to the end the same shall Obtain My Gift, even The Gift of Eternal Life.'

Message 52:4, 'To The Faithful, thus Saith The Lord, Harken! Ye, My Servants, Arise to your Calling. Oh, I have Plead! Few have heard. If you Believe in God, Believe also in Me, for it is My Words that shall Judge you in the end, for I am The Eternal One!'

Message 55:10, 'Preach Repentance and Baptism that mankind might find Life Eternal in The Way of The Lord. Let The Hands be laid on all.'

Message 56:11, '. . . Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Life Eternal.'

Message 62:4, 'Thus Saith The Lord, O Israel wilt thou come forth that you might be Delivered? I have Called thee. I have Named thee. I have Chosen thee. I Am The Great High Priest. I Am He who Scattered thee and I Am He who shall Deliver-who shall gather. I will bring back all the outcast, moreover all those that are dispersed. Learn ye My Ways and Come unto Me and Life Eternal shall be your Reward.'

Message 64:21, 'I am to direct in all Things of The Work of The Lord, I am to Bring The Instructions that The Spirit of God may Lead men to Righteousness and Life Eternal. His Sheep shall Know His Voice.'

Message 83:21, 'Those that are Covenant breakers, turn away from and those that count My Words and This Work as evil. Let them alone. Thus Saith

The Lord, They know not My Gospel, for I Am The Lord and Savior. I Only Am The Eternal God.'

Message 84:36, 'The ideals in man's heart will fade away. The Great Truth and The Church in Her Bright Garments must Shine and Stand forth. This is Light and Truth that Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God''

Message 85: 9, 14, 'Miracles are for Witness and Proof of God's Power. Yet it is only God's Flow and Power to His own and all that will be His of all nations, color and kind through The Gospel of Salvation of Christ Jesus, The Everlasting and Eternal One . . .

The Lord Rested in the hands of evil men and they caused to be brought about The Plan of God-Redemption and The Resurrection of Himself to an Example of Life Eternal. For all mankind, Resurrection, but to many a Ransom to all that Hear and Obey-Enduring to the end that they might be Saved.'

Message 88:15, 'Mankind shall Live by every Word that Proceedeth out of The Mouth of God, The Very Eternal Christ The Lord and Maker of all. He Cometh down with Power in His Word.'

Message 97:3, 'The Authority is given that This Work Move on and Salvation be Preached in and through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, His Resurrection and Eternal Living: His Coming again to Reign with mankind.'

1 John 2:23-25, 'Whosoever denieth The Son, the same hath not The Father: But he that Acknowledgeth The Son hath The Father also.

Let that therefore Abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning

shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in The Son, and in The Father.

And this is The Promise that He hath Promised us, even Eternal Life.'

Message 59: 10-11,18, 'The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that Believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be seen The Glory of God. For Christ Came to Redeem and to Provide The Way. Therefore, I come to point The Way and that *The Church of Christ*, The Lamb's Bride, may be Prepared to Meet Him when He Comes, when all men will Live to Serve The Lord, that The Millennium Reign shall be. And The Great Day of The Lord shall Come, when all the earth shall Rejoice and be Glad for a New Heaven and a new earth shall be in The Lord's Planning.

This is The Way for mankind to find Eternal Peace, to Endure to the End . . .

This is The Lord's Work and I am His Messenger sent to bring The Warning. *Will mankind Heed It that their feet may be Guided in The Way of Peace and away from the shadow of death out of confusion and darkness into Life Eternal?'*

So God tells us if we Believeth on Him and Obey His Will, we shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity.

We all have our own walk with The Lord, let us try to Obey His Will, that we might be a Blessing to our Lord, and those around us. May God Bless you all!

'Confirming The Souls of The Disciples, and Exhorting them to Continue in The Faith, and that we must through much Tribulation Enter into The Kingdom of

God.' Acts 14:22

*Submitted by Sister Ellen Draves
Missouri*

God's People have their trials. It was never Designed by God, when He Chose His People, that they should be an untried people. They were Chosen in the furnace of affliction; they were never chosen to worldly peace and earthly joy. Freedom from sickness and the pains of mortality was never promised them; but when their Lord Drew up *The Charter of Privileges*, He Included Chastisements amongst the things to which they should inevitably be heirs. Trials are a part of our lot; they were predestinated for us in Christ's Last Legacy. So surely as the stars are fashioned by His Hands, and their orbits fixed by Him, so surely are our trials allotted to us: He has Ordained their season and their place, their intensity and the effect they shall have upon us. Good men must never expect to escape troubles; if they do, they will be disappointed, for none of their predecessors have been without them. Mark the patience of Job; remember Abraham, for he had his trials, and by his Faith under them, he became *'The Father of The Faith-full.'* Note well the biographies of all The Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, and you shall discover none of those whom God made *'Vessels of Mercy'*, who were not made to pass through the fire of affliction. It is Ordained of old that The Cross of Trouble should be engraved on every *'Vessel of Mercy'*, as The Royal Mark whereby *The King's Vessels of Honour* are distinguished. But although tribulation is thus The Path of God's Children, they have the comfort of knowing that their Master has Traversed it before them; they have His Presence and Sympathy to cheer them, His Grace to

Support them, and His Example to Teach them how to Endure; and when they reach *'The Kingdom,'* it will more than make amends for the *'much tribulation'* through which they passed to enter it.

Testimonies Of The Work

From The Vineyard Of The Lord

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful for The Sweet Peace that is here today. It is a Blessing in this life. This past year with all the trials, God never let us down. I cannot Praise Him enough. I cannot Praise The Lord in the way He Deserves. I would if I could. It is Good to Hear The Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. I remember Dad saying he could see Angels sitting amongst us. When thoughts are Inspired of God, we need to Heed it and Follow through. I boast not of myself but of The Holy Spirit within me. I am Thankful for *The Three Measures of Meal*. It is Good to taste. There is nothing like The Holy Spirit and The Fruits of The Spirit. There is not a better feeling. There is nothing better than what we have here right now! But we can lose it through disobedience. Let us all be Obedient, take time to Study and to Pray. In Independence Local we Love Message 102:11. We read it often and speak of it often. If we do these things, God would be Pleased. I am not satisfied in just saying, 'I am Saved, Praise God'! We must ENDURE! God is our Strength. With The Spirit of God we can Rise Above ourselves. Live daily as it is your last! Do all that you can for The Lord. I had a dream when I was a little girl. I was going to the store and had to pass through a field on a very narrow path through the weeds and I saw The Lord. He took my hand and said to me, *'Come, go with Me.'* I told Him no, let

me get my mother and father. He said *NO!* I had to do this alone. *This is a walk you must go yourself. Not to the left or to the right. Stay on the path.* I know that I had to do this by myself. I had to be one with God. No one could do the walk for me. I made the choice to stay on the path as He Led me. Once you know The Lord's Spirit and you get off the path, your life is miserable! **We have The Full Meal Deal!** Do not take it for granted! When I put Christ first and study, I am a better person. God in us is Greater than satan. We will Overcome and Endure daily if we put the effort out to be Obedient to The Lord and His Word. Rise up! Feed the Good and the evil will leave. The Link that held my husband and myself together all these years was The Spirit of God. Pray for us and our Prayers are for you all. Put God First, Be Blessed and be Happy.

Ellen Draves, Missouri; I Praise The Lord and Thank our past fathers since 1929. We are all children from *The Twelve Message*. I Thank all those that carried The Work on for us today, Otto Fetting, W. A. Draves, Leonard Johnson, Sister Pack and all the Believers that stayed Faithful in order for us to be here today.

Brenda Humpert, Florida; I am Thankful to be here today. It is wonderful to have the fellowship. When you are isolated, it is hard to talk with others of This Work. I was brought up from a little girl in This Church. I had to get right with The Lord. I had no Peace. I was away from The Lord for awhile being part of the so called in-crowd, partying most of the time. The Lord told me my days would be short if I did not change my ways. I was in a meeting with my grandmother, I was seventeen, and the minister there Prophesied to me that this is my last Call. I have tried to do right since then. I

came through some tuff times. Continue your Prayers for me and my family.

Michael Greenwell, Missouri; I am standing here today because The Lord wants me to. I Treasure The Lord and His Blessings over the years. The world needs to see The Greater Power and Peace you have in The Lord. My Prayer is that I can hang in, wait upon The Lord, and read The Words He gave us. I hope God Blesses each one of you and I hope This Assembly will be a physical and Spiritual Healing to you all.

Primary Department

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Why is Easter So Happy?

It all started when God made the first people, Adam and Eve. God Loved them so much. He gave them the whole Garden to enjoy, except there was one Rule that He gave them. He gave them this Rule to protect them. He told them they could enjoy the whole Garden, except they could not eat the Fruit from one Tree. They could not eat from the *'Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.* And, can you guess what happened after that? That's right. They ate the Fruit from that Tree. They didn't Listen to God, and they didn't Trust God. They ate the Fruit anyway, even though God had told them not to.

Now there was sin in the world. Now they no longer enjoy the same closeness with God. They could no longer enjoy The Garden once they had sinned. They felt bad and tried to hide from God. And, since they didn't Obey God, now they would die. Death is the punishment for sin. You see, sinful people cannot Live with God, who is Holy.

It makes God sad when people sin. He Loves us and Wants to be Friends with us.

He Wants us to Live with Him Forever, just like He Wanted from the beginning when He made Adam and Eve. *So do you know what He did next?* God Loved us so much that He made a Sacrifice for our sins. So a perfect Sacrifice *was* made. *Do you know what that was?*

Do you remember The Christmas Story we learned a while ago? The one about Baby Jesus? Well, that was all part of God's Plan. Jesus came to Earth for that Purpose. Only Jesus could be *The Perfect Sacrifice* because He Lived a *Perfect Life*. That's right. Jesus *never* sinned. He never did *anything* wrong. He did what God Wanted *completely*. And Jesus Loved us so much that He was Willing to Suffer many things. He Suffered so much He even Died on The Cross to pay for our sins once and for all. Jesus Died on The Cross and was Buried in a Tomb. When Jesus Died on The Cross, He was taking The Punishment for our sins. He was taking The Punishment that we deserved. It was a very sad day for all of Jesus' Friends. *But you know what?* The Story doesn't end there! God Changed Everything. He Turned something really sad into something really Happy! This is what happened next:

Three days later, on the very first Easter Morning, Jesus' Friends went to visit The Tomb. *But, guess what?* Jesus wasn't there! Instead they found An Angel in The Tomb. What The Angel told them was Jesus had Risen from The Dead! He was Alive! And, by Rising to Life again, He Showed us that we can Live Forever too, if we Believe in Him. *So, that is why Easter is so Happy!* If we Believe that Jesus Died for our sins, and we Obey Him, we can Live Forever with Him too!

We celebrate Easter because Easter is The Day when Jesus didn't stay in The Tomb. He

Rose again! Jesus gave up His Life so that we could have Life too. He did this because He Loved us so much. Even though we were sinners, and were far away from Him, He made A Way for us to be Close to Him again.

So won't you come Close to God? Ask Him to Come into your Heart and Forgive your sins. Turn from your sin and ask God to Lead you. When you do that, He doesn't Leave you all alone. He will Send you His Holy Spirit to Lead you and Guide you. He gives us The Strength to follow Him and not do wrong things. When you Believe in Jesus and Decide to Follow Him for the Rest of your Life, He Stays by your side and Helps you to want to do *The Right Things*.

Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

John 3:16. 'For God so Loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever Believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.'

God Loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to show us by Example the way we should *Live*, how we should *Treat* others, how to *Pray*, how to do *God's Will*, how to *Resist* temptation and how to *Trust* in God. Jesus Loves us so much that He Suffered and Died on The Cross, taking upon Himself the sins of the world, that by Believing in Him we can be Forgiven of our sins and even have Life in Eternity with Him!

How wonderful is that to have such a Loving God!

Jesus told us that the only way to the Father is through Him.

John 14:6-7, ' . . . I Am The Way, The Truth, and The Life: no man cometh unto The Father, but by Me.

If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him and have seen Him.'

We must *Know* and *Accept* Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

John 15:12-16, 'This is My Commandment, That ye Love one another, as I have Loved you.

Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are My Friends, if ye do whatsoever I Command you.

Henceforth I Call you not Servants; for The Servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have Called you Friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have Chosen you, and Ordained you, that ye should go and bring Forth Fruit, and that your Fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of The Father in My Name, He may give it to you.

These things I Command you, that ye Love one another.'

Message 119:6, 'Thus Saith The Lord, 'Ye are My Friends . . .'

John 10:11, 'I Am The Good Shepherd: The Good Shepherd giveth his life for the Sheep.'

How Blessed we are to have JESUS as our *Friend*! How Blessed we are to have JESUS as our *Shepherd* to Watch over us! How very much Jesus Loves us – as *He did give His Life for us* – dying on The Cross for our sins! Three days later, He was Resurrected and Lives! We must all 'take up *The Cross*' and Accept Jesus' Love – Accept Him as our Lord and Savior. By His Grace, He will Forgive us our sins! If we strive to Serve Him always, we can have Eternal Life

with Him!

James 1:12, 'Blessed is the man that Endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall Receive The Crown of Life, which The Lord hath Promised to them that Love Him.'

Revelation 2:10, 'Be thou Faithful unto death and I will give you a Crown of Life.'

If you know Jesus as your Savior, it is so Special and Heart Warming. He is Always with you. You know you have a *Friend* that will always be there to *Comfort* you. You can Call on Him and Receive His Comfort when you are in need, scared, lonely, anxious or sad. He will *Guide* you when you are uncertain. He will *Help* you resist temptation. He will *Help* you through all of your trials. Life is so much Sweeter when you know Christ! Your *Joy* is so much Greater!

John 6: 47-48, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that Believeth on Me hath Everlasting Life.'

I Am that Bread of Life.'

May we each be so Thankful for Jesus' Great Sacrifice; for all He has Done for us, and for His Great Love for us! May God Bless you in your *Journey* through life serving Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults;

In today's world with everything so fast paced, we need to focus on the important things in our lives. I know for myself I have to constantly focus on doing things that The Lord would have me do so. He can be in my daily walk. In Matthew 5:14-16, states ye are '**The Light of the world**'. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a

candlestick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your Light so shine before men that they may see your Good Works and Glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

This Scripture is telling us that we need to be doing Good Works for The Lord. We need to be showing 'The Light' that we carry on to others. Good Works means we need to treat others with Goodness, be Kind to people. Live our Lives Representing Christ.

The end of The Scripture says that men will see our Good Works and they will know that these Good Works Represent our Lord.

The Lord is always Pleased when we do things for Him because it is just one way that we show we Love Him and want to Serve Him.

We desire for The Lord to be in our daily walk with us because it makes our burdens a lot easier knowing He is always with us. In order to have The Lord Walk with us in our lives, we need to do the things He would have us to do.

Message 81:17, **'Let all Come to Attendance to Exhortations to Doctrine that Greater Light may come, and it will to those that Prepare for it. Unto The Measure of Christ, in all things showing Good Works.'**

By doing Good Works unto others we not only Represent and Glorify our Father in Heaven, but we also Represent being a Member of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord.*

You never know who is watching us but there are people looking for The Lord's Gospel and may be Touched by The Lord's Spirit by watching 'The Good Works' done by you.

When people are Touched by 'The Good

Works' we do there may be one to come into The Fullness of The Lord's Gospel and be Baptized.

Like I said before, you never know who may be watching us and 'The Good Works' we do. Always remember, The Lord is Watching us also.

There is nothing that we do that He does not See or Know about, so we want to remember and do 'Works' that Glorify and Praise Him. The Lord is always Pleased when we do.

Remember our Goal is to Live in His Glorious Presence. In order to do that we have to do The Things He has Commanded and Endure to The End.

Take time in the day to Study and Ponder The Scriptures. Even if it is only for a few minutes, take time for The Lord.

Again, remember that everything that we do should be for The Lord so we Show we Glorify Him. May we all strive to be the person that The Lord wants us to be. God Bless you all.

2011 General Assembly NOTICE

June 26-29, 2011

Dear Readers of '*The Greater Light*';

Greetings in The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ. It is that time of the year again that we start thinking and preparing to gather together in *The House Of The Lord* to meet and worship with our Brothers and Sisters from all parts of the world.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend **The 2011 General Assembly** of *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.*, as we Study and Teach The Word Of God in Truth.

Come with a Prayer upon your heart that

God will Rule and Overrule in all things. The Gospel of The Kingdom Of God must go forth from This Center Place to all the Nations. We shall meet at 2:00 p.m. at *The Worlds Headquarter Church, 215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri.*

The Independence, Missouri, Local will be holding Services at The General Church Headquarters at 10:00 a.m. They invite all to attend that we may Prepare for The General Assembly together.

Message 18:3, **'The Cleansing time has come. God by His Spirit, will Touch the honest in heart in all nations and will gather them together to Prepare a People that shall be His Church in very deed. I shall go before The Lord, to prepare The Way and prepare a people to meet Christ. This is my work.'**

Message 43:15, **'This is the day that ye who are Called must work with your might for The Pruning of The Vineyard of The Lord for the last time. Therefore turn away from the traditions of men and things that cause contention.'**

Attention

Pre-Assembly Meetings of the Twelve and Bishops will be held, **Saturday, June 25, 2011**, at The General Church Head-quarter' Office, **215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri 64050** at **10:00 a.m.**

Notice

The *Assembly Committee* request any donations to help off set for *The 2011 General Assembly*. Please send any and all donations to The Bishop's Office, **215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri, 64050.**

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(All have 816 area code)

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Message 44:8

'Behold, there is a Cry for Peace, but there is no Peace save in the hearts of them that do The Lord's Bidding, those that Heed His Voice. Nations are in distress and kingdoms are crumbling. Fear not, for The Lord shall Proceed to do a Marvelous Work and the powers of evil shall lose in the end. Study The Full Word of God and you shall know The TRUTH. Follow The Instructions I bring and it will be well with

you. As I say to you so say I to all.'

Message 38:2

'The Lord has Blessed His People, those that are Willing to Hear Him, for The Words I bring are His Words, and they that Heareth *The Words of The Lord* and Obey, shall be His Church in Very Deed.'



I would rather *Live my Life* as if there is a God, And die to find out there isn't, than *Live my Life* as if there isn't, and die to find out there is.

Once a man asked W.A. Draves what would he do when he reached Heaven and found out that The Messenger never was? Brother Draves asked him, What will do you when you reach Heaven a find out The Messenger was True? *I would rather Believe in Him now and reach Heaven and find out he never was than to not Believe in him now and reach Heaven and find out he was. But the fact is, The Messenger does come and he is sent from The Lord God to Direct His Church and His People in Establishing The*

Kingdom of God on earth and to disperse all Confusion.

The Messenger is REAL! Believe and know it is well with you. Study The Word and Know The Prophets of Old and their Testimonies of what is to come about in the end time. Mankind has NO reason in not knowing The Word of God and His Plan. The Midnight Cry is Sounded. Heed and Obey The Words of God.

Matthew 10:22, **'But he that Endureth to The End Shall be Saved.'**



Faith

The Apostle Peter Preached that *'there is none other Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be Saved.'* (Acts 4:12). Jacob taught that men must have *'Perfect Faith in Rhe Holy One of Israel (Jesus Christ), or they cannot be Saved in The Kingdom of God'* (2 Nephi 9:23). Through *Faith* in *The Savior* and through Repentance, we make His Atonement Fully Effective in our lives. Through *Faith* we can also Receive Strength to Overcome temptations (See Alma 37:33).



Rev. 12:1

Msg. 2:7

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