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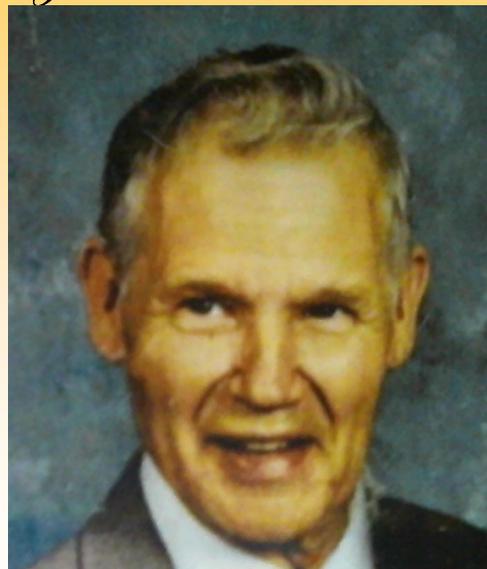
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Articles of Faith and Practice

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 Watch care 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* NINETY-FOURTH MESSAGE

The Angel Messenger of The Lord appeared in my room in my home, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A., June 11, 1975, at 4:15 a.m. The room was Filled with Light as has been each time he came before. He spoke as one having Authority, he was Serious in his words. I wrote The Words as he precisely gave them to me, speaking slowly, as I wrote them down-repeating when necessary-to allow me to write exactly what he said. May The Lord Bless and Reveal to all this The Assured Way-The Bride of Christ, he was with me about Fifty minutes

-W. A. Draves

1. **'Behold, Arise and Write the words I shall give you, a Message of Hope and Life to all that follow through. My Message is one of Love to those that Fully Receive it, who are Humble and Peaceful in The Lord's Way.**

2. **I bring The Authority to Prepare The Way before The Lord's soon Coming; before this generation all pass away.**

3. **Fear not, The Lord is doing a Marvelous Work and a Wonder and the powers of evil shall lose in the end.**

4. **Study The Words I bring. Teach and Study The Full Word of God and you shall know The Truth. Let all follow The Instructions I bring and it will be well.**

5. **I am still at The Helm, for I bring The Gospel of The Kingdom to Awaken and Light The Way. All that come This Way, Repenting of evil ways and the traditions of the world must be Humble and be Baptized in Water in The**

Authority I bring, for The Remission of their sins through The Atoning Blood of Christ Jesus.

6. Let The Hands be Laid on all that His Spirit might Come in Holy Unction to them in Greater Power, for The Promise is that He will send His Spirit to all those that are Humble and Full of Love; Shaping their Lives by The Assured Way.

7. Let The Work Continue in all parts. Preserve The Good and release the evil and those planning iniquity.

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; Hearing His Voice, Refraining from all Contentions that disturb The Soul.

9. Only The Pure in Heart and The Humble in Spirit shall be Able to Stand and Labor in This Work.

10. Blessed are all they that have Come and are Coming to This Work-they shall Bear The Brightness of Saints.

11. Be very Watchful unto Prayer that evil will not succeed as wolves in sheep clothing.

12. The Lord Accepts the publishing of The Messages in other languages.

13. Behold! The Book, *'The Word Of The Lord'*- let this continue, reaching all nations.

14. There is much yet to be done, more Light and Further Records will Come forth-ere time folds in and The Brightness of The Lord Comes.

15. The Lord Accepts the counseling of The Quorums of Apostles and Bishops. Let more be done in Love and Humility.

16. Hold Firm and High The Standard-free from Confusion and Deliverance will come.

17. Much Good has Come from This

Assembly of The People of The Lord. I have been with you. Swing wide The Gate-go forth, The Truth is Set before you.

18. As I speak to you so speak I to all.

19. There are some that have rejected This Way and have not conformed to This Truth. Some will yet Come. Others will speak lightly of This Work, destroying themselves.

20. My Mission was and is to Establish *The Church of Christ*. I bring The Authority-The Priesthood of God by The Touch of My Hands to this day and time it Stands Alive. More Power shall be given as The Servants Prepare for it.

21. Because of Faith, many Souls shall be Brought to This Way of Salvation, to find Eternity with God and Dwell in Peace.

22. I leave Peace with you and all that read these Words. I will come again as The Lord Directs. Amen.'

From The Editor

Our Faith and Commitment To God

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

The Lord wants a Humble People. People that are Willing and Wanting to Serve Him.

Message 104:12, **'Look to The Gospel and The Faith of those that Teach Truth. Build yourselves into The Scriptures in Proof of my Coming and my Words which I have Brought, will Bring, and This Way of Authority.'**

We give our Faith and Strength to God. We are to Help win the battle in Establishing The Kingdom of God in its Purity. It is

Important that we know The Gospel, God's Plan, His Decrees, and to build ourselves into 'The Assured Way' of The Lord. We are told to '*Save ourselves so that we can Save others*'.

God has told us, '**For This Cause were you Born.**' And it is 'This Cause' that we Live.

We know this is 'The Assured Way of The Lord'. And so as Message 104:12 told us, we '**look to This Gospel and Those that Teach Truth.**'

Message 75:8, '**I am Sent of The Lord that I may Bring The Words and Will of The Lord, that This Work may be Established in its Purity. The Words I Bring is 'The Assured Way of The Lord''**

We Love The Truth! God wants us to let our 'Light' Shine. We Rely on God's Words and not that of man.

A great man once told me, '**Unless you remember the past, you are condemned to relive it.**' Why would we want to make or have the same failures of those in the past? We don't! But if we do not Study and show ourselves Approved, we will.

It is Important for us to know where we have been, where we are and The Hope of where we want to be.

Message 65:3, '**I am The Messenger of The Lord. I am Sent to do His Will. I Bring His Words that mankind may Know His Way. Let all take Courage for 'The Faithful' shall not be confounded, but Encouraged in The Lord, for Life Cometh to The Righteous in Love.**'

When we Study and Search The Scriptures, we will Learn The Will and Plan of God.

Message 102:10, '**If mankind Seeketh to be of Service to God, let him Come This Way. Suffer it to be so-Receive This**

Authority and The Lord will multiply their Good Works.'

Authority is a Wonderful Thing-it means to Act for or Represent something. It is One of *The Keys to Salvation*. We must Prove all things by The Words of Truth found in *The Record of The Nephites, The Holy Bible, and The Word of The Lord*.

Message 102:18, '**Prove all Things by The Words of Truth in The Bible, Record of The Nephites, and The Word of The Lord. All this is Established for mankind, The Guidelines of Hope and Deliverance. Man's idealisms shall Come to naught.**'

If it is not of God, it will not Stand! If you are not of God, you will not Stand. The Lord wants people that will Stand Firm for '*This Cause*'. We have been told many times to '*Shape our Lives by God's Words and His Will*'.

We must be True to The Lord. We must be Loyal to 'The Cause'. Our 'Commitment to God' must Come above all else.

Message 81:7, tells us to '**Adjust yourselves to be Up and Doing.**'

Message 81:9, '**Add to your Faith, Knowledge, Wisdom, and Obedience in all Things-Hope in Eternal Salvation.**'

It has been said many times, but it is plain that we must Conform to God's Will and Plan. We must be Watchmen! We must Know our Past and our Presence. We must know where we are Going, and what we are Doing!

Salvation only Comes through Obedience and Endurance! Christ is The Truth, The Light, The Life and The Way-The Rock of Assurance. We must Listen to His Whispering Call (Message 97:2).

It is easy for us here to see what I have said is True, when we keep our Eyes on The Lord and His Will in our hearts. He is 'The

Path' we must Follow.

God has Asked us to take This Message to the World-to bring others into 'This Way'.

We must Serve The Lord in All that we do. We must put our Hearts, our Souls, our Minds, our Personality and all we do at God's Command.

We must be Loyal to Christ and His Words. We must Endure to the end. If we can do all this-we shall be Saved.

Philippians 3:7,11,14, **'But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ . . .**

If by any means I might Attain unto The Resurrection of the dead . . .

I press toward the mark of the prize of The High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.'

What Higher Calling of God is there than This Precious Word? Many people are Blessed because they see This Way!

Message 72:18,22-23, **'Blest are all those that See This Way and The God of The Living, The God of Heaven and earth that Stretched forth His Wise Design . . .**

The Church of Christ shall Continue on that a Church and People be Fully Prepared, and my Duty is to Bring Instructions from The Lord your God to The Church and The Children of Men. Learn The Better Way at this, The Closing Time, The Time The Vineyard shall be Cleansed and Pruned, this, The Last Time, and The Reign of Peace breaks forth.

Keep Sacred The Trust, and Holy The Work, and The Way of Peace in your hearts and homes. I speak to all, The Church, and all who will Hear.'

Let us back up to verse 5 and 6. These two verses are Precious to our Souls, as all are, but they spoke much, **'The Lord has**

sent me with Salvation and Life in The Words I Bring from Him to those that Hear and Obey. Fear not, The Reward is at the end. The Gospel of Christ will Bring you to Life, and away from The Valley of The Shadow of Death, for He is The Good Shepherd. His Pure Unbounded Love shall Rule when there is Unity among The Faithful. The Greater your Love, The Greater your Joy shall be.

Hearken, all ye that Desire to Know The Truth. This is The Way that Leadeth to Eternity and to Godward. There is no Turning Back.'

We know there is no Turning Back! We have no Desire to do that. What would Life be if we lost The Desire and Love for This Work. We will become waxed and cold and The Spirit of God will not be within us. It is a sad thing to see, and when you do, you know that The Word of God has lost its effect in your live.

Message 44:2, **'Yea, Hearken unto Him who is The Lord your God. Ye of My Servants whom I have Called and Chosen and will yet Choose, Hear ye My Word and Obey and you shall find Peace to your Souls. Take The Message to the children of men. Be not Doubtful nor Slothful, for much must be Done in This Work I have Designed, Saith The Lord.'**

Message 44:4-11, **'You men have been Chosen to Assist in This Work and The Lord shall go Before thee to Touch the hearts of men. He has Chosen men in every nation under the sun who shall Assist in The Gathering of The Honest in Heart to The Places of The Lord's Promise, for by His Spirit He shall Touch them.**

All must Repent and be Baptized for The Remission of sin. Let The Hands be

Laid upon all that His Spirit might Come to them in Greater Power. For The Promise is that He will Send His Spirit to all those that are Humble and Full of Love and Trust in His Words.

This is a day when satan has great power and men's hearts will be tried. Some will fail because of the things they will have to pass through. Others will be True. . . The Cleansing Time has Come and God will Cleanse the hearts of the men by The Power of His Spirit. By the conditions that will Come, many will be tried and The Lord's Purging shall take Place.

Abide by and Fully Obey The Words I bring . . . Teach The Gospel of The Kingdom, take it to all the world, to Israel, and verily, The Lord shall Remember His Promises, for The Righteous shall have Victory over the oppressors.

Behold, there is a Cry of Peace, but there be 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 Words I Bring, Teach them. 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.

I Come as The Messenger of The Lord, I speak His Words, Many have accepted them, some reject them. Nevertheless, in time others will accept them, for The Words I bring are from The Lord. The time soon Comes when those that do not Defend This Cause shall not hinder, for the priest craft must be removed.

Up, ye Servants of The Lord, and do The Lord's Bidding. Prepare ye The Way of The Lord; make Straight in the land a Highway for God. Have no part with those whose hearts are not Just before God, nor those that will not Heed The Instructions of The Lord. For some are stained with traditions of men and worldly ways. Therefore they are deprived of The Spirit and Peace of God. The Lord cannot use them in This Great Work. Let others carry The Message who will be True. Many Honest are Praying for This Message and will be glad to know The Lord has Spoken. Take to them The Message of Life. Be Prayerful and The Light The Lord shall Send will Point The Way and The Ambassadors of The Lord shall go forth, for this is The Midnight Cry when Souls must be Warned of that which is to Come, that Israel may know The Lord has Spoken, and from them that Hear shall The Elect be Gathered. The Spirit of The Lord shall Fill the hearts of men and He will Bless their efforts, for This is a Holy Work and the hearts of men must become Clean and Holy before God. With longing hearts mankind is pleading to Come in The Will and Purpose of The Lord. The Servants that Labor for This Righteous Cause, The Lord has and will Direct them. Let all Labor somewhere, for this is a Time of Haste.

In times past The Lord has Chosen men in all ages to do His Work among the children of men. Many have been Faithful; some have failed. Let it not be so with you. Ye Servants The Lord Calls and Chooses in these days, be ye Faithful that ye may be among those that be with Him when He Comes, that be Called, Chosen

and Faithful.'

We must be Truly Committed to The Lord to fulfill these verses. The Lord has told us many times that we must 'Abide and Fully Obey' His Words.

Our Commitment to Christ, Depends upon our Ability to Hear and Feel 'The Holy Spirit' when it Comes. Never Turn from The Lord and Hearing His Voice. Let us never put ourselves in the position that we cannot Hear The Lord when He Speaks. Staying in Tune with The Lord we shall Receive Power. After that, The Holy Ghost will Come upon us, and we shall be Witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Be Blessed, Be Committed, Be Encouraged and Know that God is with you. Endure to The End and be Saved!

From The Apostles

Christ's Church And Its Mission As Restored By His Servant John In The End Time

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Today we find a multitude of churches across the land, many with different names and doctrines. *But where is The Church or New Testament Church what Christ built? Is the church of your choice Christ's Choice? Is a church that is popular the right one?* We find that popular opinion has always been adorned or arranged against The Message and Ministry of The Master.

The court of public opinion is as fickle as it is faulty, *so who can rely on it?* We find not only did Christ neither Accept nor

Condone the popular religions of His day, but He Proceeded to Build His Church, which Pattern and Organization is at The Heart and Core of The Kingdom. Man's opinions and practice on the subject of church government has run the gauntlet of extremities.

John Wesley has some words to relate in his *Sixty-Sixth Sermon*, as follows:

'We have been apt to imagine that the primitive church was all excellence and perfection! And such without all doubt the first Christian church which commenced at The Day of Pentecost was. But how soon did the fine gold become dim. How soon was the wine mixed with water! How little time elapsed before the god (satan) of this world so far regained his empire that Christians in general were scared distinguishable from heathens save by their opinions and modes of worship, and if the state of the church in the very first century was so bad we cannot suppose it was any better in the second. Undoubtedly it grew worse.'

Another quote from his *Ninety-Fourth Sermon* is as follows:

'The Gifts of The Holy Spirit were no longer to be found in the Christian church because the Christians had turned heathen again and had only a dead form left.'

Joseph Smith, being Concerned, and after Inquiring of The Lord about which sect he should join in his day (1820) it was Revealed by God in a Vision to join none of them and that they were all wrong.

God Forbids His People ever to join in with the worship of counterfeit church bodies, no matter how close to The Truth they might seem! Only The Genuine Worship of God with His True Church is Acceptable to Him. Jesus said He would be with His Church till the end of time, that He

would Build His Church and the gates of hell would not Prevail against it in this day and time of the end. His Church, *The True Church of Christ*, is Commissioned to Preach and Publish The Gospel to all the world in these last days. It must be Preaching The Gospel of The Kingdom in all the world for a Witness, perhaps not all converted, but only as a Witness—***‘unto all nations, then shall the end come’*** (Matthew 24:14).

Jesus Christ did not found many different churches, each teaching a different Gospel, each practicing different doctrines. Christ said, ***‘I will Build MY Church.’*** One Church Commissioned to Preach and Publish His Gospel, to Carry God’s Good News to all the world. *But what do we find today?* Hundreds of different and disagreeing churches, founded by men, profession to reach The Truth, yet contradicting and disagreeing with all the others, a modern religious Babylon!

Many people suppose that The True Church was rapidly to grow, making this a better world. But Christ’s Instruction to His Church through *THE HOLY BIBLE*, *THE RECORD OF THE NEPHITES*, and *THE WORD OF THE LORD*, Brought to Mankind by an Angel is to be not of this world and to go into all the world and Preach and Publish His Gospel of The Kingdom which is found in the above Three Measures of Meal.

The Authority of His Kingdom is Divine. Those of His Church are described as being strangers and foreigners in this world. They are to be Ambassadors for Christ, Representing His Kingdom which is foreign to this world. Jesus Called His Church ‘The Little Flock’, despised, persecuted, scattered by the world, totally

separate from the world, yet Living in the world. They are a scattered few.

Jesus Joined none of the religious sects of His day. On the contrary, He Called His Disciples out of them. The Greek word ‘ecclesia’ translated into English means *‘The Called Out Ones’*.

Jesus Foretold that there would be a deceptive Christianity. ***‘Take Heed’***, Said Jesus, ***‘that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My Name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many!’*** (Matthew 24:4-5).

It would not be the few who would be deceived, but the many. (Matthew 7:13-14) Yes, many would come in Jesus’ Name proclaiming that Jesus is The Christ, preaching about Christ to the world; however, simply by preaching about the person of Christ, extolling His Virtues, worshipping Him, yet denying His Message, does not constitute being His Flock--His Church.

Many of those preaching in Christ’s Name are sincerely incorrect, themselves deceived. It is the adversary who has deceived them. Satan has deceived the entire world (Revelation 12:9). He is the author of this confusion (I Corinthians 14:33).

It is satan who has made himself the god of this world (II Corinthians 4:4) and is worshipped as though he were god! This world does not know *The True God*, strange as that may seem. This world believes that if one accept Christ, just makes a decision for Christ, just worship Christ, that is all that is necessary for Salvation! That is what many preach today. *But what did Jesus Christ teach? Did He say that it was possible to only worship Him and obtain Redemption, Salvation, and Deliverance?*

Listen to His Words—***‘In vain do they***

worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, making The Word of God of none effect through your traditions' (Mark 7:7-13). *Is this difficult to believe?* It is one thing to Believe on Christ—that is, on His Person. It is something altogether different to Believe Christ, to Believe what He says!

The Christian world is in confusion with not even two of the sects being able to agree on exactly what constitutes The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each may have a portion of The Truth in its doctrine, but each has a large portion of sin and tradition that is deceiving many.

Listen to Christ's Words—Matthew 7:13-14, **'Enter ye in at The Strait Gate: for Wide is The Gate, and Broad is The Way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because Strait is The Gate, and Narrow is The Way, which Leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find**

Listen to our Lord God Christ—Luke 13:20-21, *' . . . Whereunto shall I liken The Kingdom of God?'*

It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in Three Measures of Meal, till the whole was leavened

Luke 13:24-30, **'Strive to enter in at The Strait Gate: for many, I say unto you, will Seek to enter in, and shall not be able.**

When once The Master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are;

Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in Thy Presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets.

But He shall say, I tell you, I know you

not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity.

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the Prophets, in The Kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in The Kingdom of God.

And, Behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.'

In The New Testament, there is not much evidence of an elaborate or centralized form of government. However, it was a real and visible organization. It partook of material form. Its Ruler was Jesus Christ. Its subjects, members of The Body; its Laws or Code were The Gospel and its officers—The Ministry. As to the reality of the organization, the following Scriptures will confirm:

Matthew 16:18, **' . . . I will Build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not Prevail against it'**

Ephesians 2:20-22, **'And are Built upon The Foundation of The Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being The Chief Corner Stone;**

In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an Holy Temple in The Lord:

In whom ye also are builded together for an Habitation of God through The Spirit'

(Ephesians 1:22-23, **'And hath put all things under His Feet, and gave Him to be The Head over all things to The Church,**

Which is His Body, The Fullness of Him that filleth all in all'

I Corinthians 12:27, **'Now ye are The Body of Christ, and Members in Particular'**.

Ephesians 4:16, **'From whom The Whole Body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of The Body unto the edifying of itself in love'**

The organic Structure of The Kingdom or *Church of Christ* is Described thus in Holy Writ, I Corinthians 12:28, **'And God hath set some in The Church, first Apostles, secondarily Prophets, thirdly Teachers, after that Miracles, then Gifts of Healings, Helps, Governments, Diversities of Tongues.'**

The leading officers described are those of Apostles and Prophets. The work assigned to these officers was very important as described in Ephesians 4:11-12, **'And He gave some, Apostles; and some Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some Pastors and Teachers;**

For The Perfecting of The Saints, for The Work of The Ministry, for The Edifying of The Body of Christ.'

Indeed, one of the purposes was verse 14; and in regard to verse 13, their appointment as an elementary part of the organization was to continue.

Ephesians 4:14, **'That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;'**

Ephesians 3:13, **'Till we all Come in The Unity of The Faith, and The Knowledge of The Son of God, unto a**

perfect man, unto The Measures of The Stature of The Fullness of Christ.'

The Purpose of these Functions and Gifts given to The Church was with the idea of Service in orderly manner.

Also, we find Provision in The Scriptures for Seven Bishops to handle the temporal affairs, In this day and time, in order to legally operate in all the affairs and expressions of life and to be recognized by the federal, state, and local governments—to legally exist so as to receive tax exemptions, own property, perform marriages, et cetera, The Church is incorporated.

The Real Head or Executive Officer of The Church in all Scripture is Reserved for one person and He is Christ. While He is absent in Body, He Sends The Holy Ghost or Comforter.

Message 85: 15,18- 19, 24-25, 34, states, **'He is The Father of our Spirits and The Savior of our Souls, The Redeemer of mankind that was lost to an Eternal Hope, and Eternal King over all . . .**

All alike, all faileth and are empty, because of sin and transgression, changing The Ordinances and Destroying The Teaching of The Lord's Covenant. The Teaching of my Coming and Proclaiming of The Hour of God's Judgment has come, The Time of The end, The End Time, The Lord's Return in like manner as He Ascended.

The Law and The Prophets spoke until I come. Now I speak . . .

When Israel desired a True Prophet, one on whom they could rely upon to Speak God's Will, they remembered Elijah and asked for an likeness of such. Thus it became their expression, a True Prophet must Come—likeness of Elijah.

Therefore The Lord Promised a

Warner of Things to come, to Speak The Truth. Thus in this Elijah saying, 'Elias must first come, Elias for to come' is Promised a True Prophet—a Prophet of The Highest to Come and Restore all things, The Restitution and Restoration of all things as it was in the beginning and mankind lives his age in Peace and Freedom of toil, of pain, of sweat or the fear of death . . .

I am the one Chosen of The Lord, Mighty and Strong One. I shall not falter, The Work shall be Accomplished. The Kingdom shall be Prepared and given to The Saints of The Most High.'

In Message 88:11-12,18,31, John further tells us, 'I come from The Lord's Presence, I come to do His Will. I am His Forerunner. I am That Servant of The Lord. I am The Elias, yea The Prophet of The Highest. I am 'That Prophet'. I am The Elect One. I speak Prudently. My voice is not heard in the street. I shall not lift up, but will give Power and The Words to be spoken that mankind shall be lifted up, all those that Obey.

Fear not man whose heart is not filled with Humility and Truth. He is wretched of a reprobate mind and evil, fighting against my coming and Plan of God. All such know not The Meaning of The Scriptures. They wrest The Word and say The Lord Hasten or Delayeth His Coming. However, The Lord shall Come as His Plan Folds into being and action and the necessary evils try the people, testing their Faith, to determine if they be The Lord's Chosen, Tried and Faithful, or will fall with the evil one. Yet they say they Love The Lord.

I am he that The Prophet Daniel spoke of as The Ancient of Days. I am

The Proclaimer, The Warner. I am he that The People of The Lord Delighteth in my coming and The Words I bring, The Messenger of The Covenant. I sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Mankind, of The Ministry of God, Cleansing out the traditions of men and the power of the adversary.

Some that have been Touched by The Spirit, that have felt its Quacking Power, shaking their very beings. Let them come through The Door to a Higher Plane, and Hands be laid upon them for The Greater Gifts and Obedient Will of God. Suffer it to be so to Fulfill The Way of Authority and Holy Priesthood and The Work of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message*. For this is My Command and Mission to Establish God's Church and Zion—with Authority to bring about The Restoration and Restitution of all things.'

Acts 3:20, through 24 tells us, 'And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was Preached unto you.

Whom The Heaven must Receive until The Times of Restitution of all things, which God hath Spoken by The Mouth of all His Holy Prophets since the world began.

For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall The Lord your God Raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

And it shall come to pass, that every Soul, which will not Hear 'That Prophet', shall be destroyed from among the people.

Yea, and all The Prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.'

In the latter days, The Lord Promised to send His Servant The Messenger, to Prepare The Bride of Christ and bring The Midnight Cry or Warning. This Leadership is not given to any man. The New Testament records no governor, prophet, or president. There are Prophets, but they do not exist in The Church as an office to be perpetuated. Only John, The Baptist, is mentioned as, 'The Prophet of The Highest'.

For those interested to research, we find Scriptures record John's Work through The Prophets and Christ regarding The Preparation of The Church to be The Bride of Christ before Christ's second coming in the last days. Prophets in The Church were always spoken of in the plural sense and had The Gift of Prophecy.

Today, some may be questioning whether The Promises of God will be Fulfilled for one reason or another. One might lose Faith because of the lateness of the hour of time. Remember, the situation recorded in *The Record Of The Nephites* when the people began to doubt Samuel's Prophecy concerning The Birth of Christ. Of course, we read that it all happened as Promised. Praise God!

Some may be wondering why The Messenger has delayed his coming. The Psalmist David is recorded as asking these questions, 'Will The Lord cast off forever? And will He be favourable no more?'

'Is His Mercy clean gone forever? Doth His Promise fail forevermore? Hath God Forgotten to be Gracious?'

Hath HIS anger shut up His Tender Mercies? (Psalm 77:7-9).

We find recorded in Message 74:2-3 these words, '**Behold, this is a day when The Lord has Established His Church among men, to bring Salvation to the**

earth in its Fullness, and Prepare a Bride, The Lamb's Wife, and Power and Authority is given that it shall be done.

Likewise, a day wherein satan has great power and seeks to destroy all he can of the good, but he shall fail in the end. He has swayed men for this long time to follow traditions of men and not The Way of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. They turned from the Former Commandments and remembered it not, until now, The Faithful are Holding to The Truth, even *THE RECORD OF THE NEPHITES* and all The Lord's Words where in there is but One Lord, One God, One Salvation, One Plan of Redemption and a Place in The Hereafter for The Faithful with God, and for those that doubt and are evil, captured by satan, absorbed in his ways, shall remain so till The Resurrections shall be, where The Judgments are spread. It shall be man's own ways while here that decides his decree. Woe to the doubtful, the wicked, the heedless, and those that plan to destroy'.

Satan has and can hinder, whatever the reasons or case may be. Let us Sanctify and Purify our Lives and Trust in The Promises and not give satan power in our lives. The Lord will Fulfill His Promises we can be Assured.

Concerning The Promise of Christ's Second Coming, we find Recorded in II Peter 3:3-4, these words, '**Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.**

And saying, 'Where is The Promise of His Coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.'

Thus, we hear this today from people

who have lost Faith in The Promises of God.

At this point, I want to quote some words from Christ through His Promised Servant, John The Baptist Resurrected, who is Fulfilling many Promises that are Recorded in *The Bible, The Record Of The Nephites and The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by An Angel.*

Message 47:3-4 tells us, ‘**The Promises The Lord has made to Israel shall be Fulfilled, and all things Established in Peace and Righteousness. Therefore, that This Work might be Carried on, The Lord has sent me. I am The Messenger of The Lord. I come in The Spirit and Power of Elias—I am The Elias—I come that a Restoration of all things might be. Behold, I have come! Hear! Oh ye children of men, and turn not a deaf ear to my word, or The Word I bring from The Lord God, for I come to do The Will of The Lord and my name is John.**

I am The Servant of The Lord sent to bring *The Last Pruning of His Vineyard, to Cleanse and Make Ready, that there might be a Holy Priesthood: Clean, Upright, and Just. Therefore The Command is for all to be True, Obedient.*

Let all Abide in *The Words of The Lord* who came to give Himself a *Ransom* that mankind might be *Redeemed*, and a *Way of Deliverance* from that awful state be Prepared for all whosoever will Walk therein and be *Saved*. Therefore, *His Decrees* cannot be Altered nor *His Plan Frustrated*, but *His Design* shall be Fulfilled and Purpose Accomplished, for The Lord turns to do a *Mighty Work* among *His People Israel*, for *The Voice of Truth* shall ring out and *The Sound of Joy* shall be Heard. Then shall all darkness recede and *This Great Spiritual Light* will

Light The Way of those that are Humble before God.’

Message 57:10 says, ‘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.’

Hear and see also Acts 2:39, 47, ‘For The Promise is unto you, and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as The Lord our God shall Call.

. . . And The Lord added to The Church daily such as should be Saved.’

In closing, I will quote a verse from one of the hymns, ‘*Standing On The Promises*’, as follows, ‘*Standing on The Promises that cannot fail when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail. By The Living Word of God I shall Prevail, Standing on The Promises of God.*’

From The Bishops Serving The Lord Today

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Let us all make today the day we start

Serving Christ with all our heart. Let us be True Servants unto The Lord by being Up and Doing Works for The Lord and Obeying His Commandments.

Let us not put off things until tomorrow when we can do them today. That is what satan wants us to do so he has more time to put doubts and confusion in man's mind. The Lord wants us to Apply His Gospel to all our lives not just read it, but Live it. If we do this then The Lord will Bless us and satan will have no power over us when we are Walking in The Lord's Spirit. Man is continually evil without The Lord's Spirit.

Let us take time to be Holy and Ponder and Mediate on The Things of Christ and His Word. His Love for each of us will show through. Take time out of your day to just Think and Pray and let The Lord Fill your heart with His Love, so you can have Peace and Joy in your life.

I know some times it is hard to find the time in our busy schedules, but we all have little breaks in the day or chores we do at home, when we can use some of that time to Pray and Ponder on The Things of Christ.

Another way to Serve The Lord is for all of us to Work together to Promote The Lord's Gospel. To Love one another and help each other out when we can.

Message 57:11, **'Thus Saith The Lord your God, Let all be Established in My Doctrine, be not divided, be ye One in Purpose. For I have Designed The Way. Oh ye My Servants, I have Called thee to be Messengers of Peace among My People. My Love is unto you and I would have you Love one another. Help ye One another and I will send Deliverance unto You. My Spirit shall Bless you if you will Open your Hearts to Me. Bring My Sheep into The Fold, for I shall be their King**

and all mankind shall know I have Spoken. The Words I speak, even by My Messenger, must be Obeyed. Hear My Voice today.'

We must Hear His Voice TODAY, not tomorrow!

So The Lord is Telling us to be a people of One Purpose and to not be divided. We will not be divided, if we are Grounded Firmly in The Lord's Gospel and Church. Division comes when man starts thinking he knows more than The Lord and does not let The Lord Guide him in All Things and does not Stick to The Written Word.

Message 57:12, **'The Lord will Comfort all that come unto Him, therefore be not troubled, but Lift Up and Rejoice, even all. Fail not lest The Lord turn to others. Be Overcomers in all things for satan seeks to set thee at variance one with another. Let it not be so'**

The Lord is Telling us He will give us Comfort if we come to Him. He is Telling us that satan wants to cause contention between The People of The Lord. If we Stand together in The Lord's Ways then this cannot happen because we will be Able to Overcome all things with The Lord.

When we are trying to live our life for Christ, that is when satan really goes to work on us trying his hardest to destroy us. That is why we must Pray, Study, and Stay Close to The Lord at all times, so these things will not happen. The Lord wants people who are Willing to be True Servants unto Him. That is why He gives us our Free Will to Serve Him or satan. He tells us if we Love Him, then to Answer by our Actions! Words mean nothing unless they are backed up by ACTION.

Another way to Serve The Lord is to have Positive Faith in The Lord. Knowing

The Lord can do ALL THINGS. If we Pray and Believe with all our Heart and Soul that The Lord will Watch over us, our Prayers will be answered!

But if we have a negative Faith, then The Lord Knows we do not Believe, so we will not Receive a Blessing.

We must remember that The Lord can do ALL THINGS. Man may not be Able to Change another person's way of thinking, but The Lord can if He Chooses to do so. That Depends on how much one Study. We must Trust in The Lord, and not worry about things we can not control. What we can control is ourselves, our homes, doing more for The Lord's Church so The Work Moves Forward and Paying our Tithes.

We all know ourselves and we know if we are doing all that we can for The Lord. Let us each ask ourselves 'What can I change in my life that I know is not of The Lord'? and be True to yourself and The Lord. Let us not look at others faults but our own and try to work on them so we can be more Christ like.

Let us put all our energy and efforts into things that we can change in order to be Better Servants for Christ. Let us start doing these things today! Let us Listen to The Lord and Pray to Him. Ask Him to Help us to change the things that are not of Him and to Pray for others that they may Over-come their weakness also.

TODAY is the day to Serve The Lord. We should all be Willing to Serve The Lord with all our Heart and Soul. The Lord says '**Many are Called, but few are Chosen**' (Read Message 55:8-9). We all have a Duty to Do for The Lord.

The Lord Called us into His Work because He wants us to be Servants unto Him. The Lord knows what He is Doing. It

is His Plan, it is His Way, but there are those that question His Words.

Why does The Lord Call men so young? Why would He speak to that man? The answer is, '*The Lord knows what He is Doing, it does not matter how old or young you are*', if your Heart is Willing to Serve God and you Trust in Him, then Today is that day!

If you know in you Heart that This is The Lord's Church and you want to live your life for Christ, and be Able to Receive all The Wonderful Things The Lord Promised, and if you want to Endure to the end, then NOW is THE TIME to be Baptized into The Lord's Church.

Time is short. We must not waste it. Let us take up our Calling, Trusting in The Lord. Let The Work move Forward. Let us Help one another out and show Love to our fellow man. When our hands are Clean and we have a Pure Heart, we can Help set up His Kingdom here on earth. Then we may Help Build The Lord's Temple.

Message 88:26, '**Little Flock be not discouraged, for Greater Things are yet to Come for you in your Hope and Salvation. Redemption Draweth Nigh. There is Hope for Eternity with God in what I have to bring you and in what I say.**'

Message 89:4-5, '**The Lord has seen your Gatherings and your Assembly. He will Continue to be with you.**

Read and Study The Words I bring. Shape your lives by what I bring, for this is The Assured Way.'

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 93:32, 'Let the young people Prepare-for The Lord will Call a Band of Elders that will Prepare in Great Love to Help swing wide The Gate and bring Souls unto The Lord.'

Message 101:8, 'The Work may move slowly. The young and old will be Awakened to The Greater Light.'

Let Us Study Together

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A Study on Faith

Definition:

Hebrew 11:1, 'Now Faith is the _____ of things Hoped for, the _____ of things not seen.'

Ether 12: 6-23, 'And now, I Moroni, would speak somewhat concerning these things; I would shew unto the ____ that Faith is things which are _____ for and not seen; wherefore, dispute not because ye are not, for ye _____ no _____ until after the trial of your Faith: For it was by Faith that Christ _____ Himself unto our ____, after He had Risen from the dead: and He _____ not Himself unto them, until after they had Faith in Him wherefore it must needs be that some had Faith in Him, for He _____ Himself not unto the world. But because of Faith of men, He has Shewn Himself unto the world and _____ The Name of The Father, and _____ a way that thereby others might be partakers of The _____ Gift, that they might Hope for those things which they had not seen; Wherefore ye may also have _____, and be _____ of The Gift, if ye will but have Faith. Behold it was by Faith that they of old were Called after

The Holy ____ of God' Wherefore, by Faith, Wherefore, by Faith, was The Law of Moses given. But in the ____ of His Son, hath God Prepared a more _____ Way and it is by Faith that it hath be _____; For if there be no Faith among the children of men, God can do no _____ among them; wherefore He _____ not Himself until after their Faith. Behold, it was The Faith of Alma and Amulek that caused the prison to tumble to the earth. Behold, it was The Faith of Nephi and Lehi that wrought the change upon The Lamanites, that they were _____ with Fire and with The Holy Ghost. Behold, it was The Faith of Ammon and his brethren which wrought so great a ____ among The Lamanites. Yea, and even all they which wrought _____ wrought them by Faith, even those which were before Christ and also them which were after. And it was by Faith that The Three Disciples Obtained a _____ that they should not taste of death; and they Obtained not the _____ until after their Faith. And neither at any time hath any wrought Miracles until after their Faith; wherefore they first Believed in The Son of God. And there were many whose Faith was so exceeding ____, even before Christ Came, which could not be kept from within the veil, but Truly saw with their eyes the things which they had Beheld with an Eye of Faith, and they were glad. And behold, we have seen in this Record that one of these was The Brother of Jared; for so Great was his Faith in God, that when God put forth His Finger he could not hide it from the sight of The Brother of Jared, because of his Word which he had Spoken unto Him, which Word he had Obtained by Faith. And after that The

Brother of Jared had Beheld The Finger of The Lord, because of The _____ which The Brother of Jared had Obtained by Faith, The Lord could not withhold anything from his sight; wherefore He Showed him all things, for he could no longer be kept without the veil. And it is by Faith that my fathers have Obtained The Promise that these things should come unto their brethren through The Gentiles; therefore The Lord hath Commanded Me, yea, even Jesus Christ. And I said unto Him: Lord, The Gentiles will ___ at these things, because of our weakness in writing; for Lord thou hast made us Mighty in Word by Faith, whereunto thou hast not made us mighty in writing; for thou hast made all this people that they could speak much, because of The Holy Ghost which Thou hast given them;’

Moroni 7:41-44, ‘*And what is it that ye shall Hope for?* Behold I say unto you that ye shall have Hope through The _____ of Christ and The Power of His _____, to be Raised unto Life Eternal, and this because of your Faith in Him According to The _____. Wherefore, if a man have Faith he must needs have Hope; for without Faith there cannot be any Hope. And again, Behold I say unto you that he cannot have Faith and Hope, save he shall be ___, and ___ of Heart. If so, his Faith and Hope is ___, for none is Acceptable before God, Save The Meek and Lowly of Heart; and if a man be Meek and Lowly in Heart, and confesses by The Power of The Holy Ghost that Jesus is The Christ, he must needs have _____; for if he have not ___ he is nothing; wherefore he must needs have Charity.’

Acts 24:24-25, ‘And after certain days,

when Felix came with his wife Drusila which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning The Faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of _____, _____ and _____ to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have convenient season, I will call for thee.’

Ephesians 3:5,13, ‘One Lord, One faith, One Baptism . . . till we all come in The Unity of The Faith, and of The Knowledge of The Son of God, unto a ___ man, unto the ___ of the stature of The Fullness of Christ:’

Development:

Luke 17:3-6. ‘Take Heed to yourselves: if thy brother ___ against thee, rebuke him; and if he ___, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee ___ times in a day, and ___ times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I Repent; thou shalt forgive him. And The Apostles said unto The Lord, ___ our Faith. And The Lord Said, *If ye had Faith as a ___ of _____, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou planted in the sea; and is should Obey you.*’

Romans 1:17, ‘For therein is The Righteousness of God Revealed from ___ to ___; as it is Written, The Just shall Live by Faith.’

Message 16:4, ‘Let your brethren labor in Love with you, each in his Place and Calling; go from ___ to ___, and ___ to ___, Warn the people. If you are Humble before The Lord your God. He will Lead you and Direct you from ___ to ___. Remember satan will tempt you, and he will try you, and many times your Faith will be weak, but if you will not yield to the things satan will bring before you, then your Faith will become Strong;

others have yielded to the ____ of satan and where are they?'

Message 51:17, 'Let your Faith be ____ as Job, who ____ himself before God.'

Message 92:18, 'Peace I leave with you and The Church. ____ your Faith – The Way of The Lord is Sure. I will come again. Amen.'

Doctrinal:

Hebrews 6:1, 'Therefore leaving the ____ of The Doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto ____; not laying again The ____ of Repentance from dead works, and of Faith toward God.'

Hebrews 11:6, 'But without Faith it is Impossible to please him; for he that Cometh to God must Believe that He is, and that He is a ____ of them that ____ Seek Him.'

Mark 11:22, 'And Jesus answering Saith unto them, Have Faith in ____.'

Message 47:7, 'Teach The Doctrine with ____ Faith, ____, and boldly in ____.'

Fruits of:

Romans 5:1-5, 'Therefore being ____ by Faith, we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By Whom also we have access by Faith into This Grace wherein we stand, and ____ in Hope of The Glory of God. And not only so, but we Glory in ____ also: knowing that tribulation worketh Patience; And Patience, ____; and experience, Hope: And Hope maketh not ashamed; because The Love of God is shed abroad, in our hearts by The Holy Ghost which is given unto us.'

Galatians 3:8-9, 'And the ____, foreseeing that God would Justify the heathen through Faith, ____ before The Gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee

shall all nations be Blessed. So then they which be of Faith are ____ with Faithful Abraham.'

Galatians 3:14, 'That The Blessing of Abraham might come on The Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might Receive The ____ of The Spirit through Faith.'

Ether 12::27, 'And if men come unto Me I will show unto them their weakness. I give unto men weakness that they may be Humble; and My ____ is sufficient for all men that ____ themselves before Me; for if they Humble themselves before Me, and have Faith in Me, then will I make weak things become Strong unto them.'

Message 5:13, 'Let all your work be done in Faith, for Behold you can do nothing without Faith. Faith will make you _____. Prepare yourselves to be a People who can meet The Lord at His Coming'

Moroni 7:28, 'For he hath answered the ends of The Law, and he ____ all those that hath Faith in Him; and they that have Faith in Him will Cleave unto every Good Thing; wherefore he ____ the cause of the children of men; and he ____ Eternally in The Heavens.'

Moroni 7:20-26, '*And now, my brethren, how is it possible that ye can lay hold upon every Good Thing? And now I come to that Faith, of which I said I would speak; and I will tell you The Way whereby ye may lay Hold on every Good Thing. For Behold, God Knowing all things, being from ____ to ____, Behold, He Sent Angels to Minister unto the children of men, to make ____ concerning The Coming of Christ; and in Christ there should come every Good Thing. And God also ____ unto Prophets, by His own*

Mouth, that Christ should Come. And Behold, there were _____ Ways that He did Manifest things unto the children of men, which were Good; and all things which are Good Cometh of Christ; otherwise men were fallen, and there could no Good Thing come unto them. Wherefore, by The Ministering of Angels, and by every Word which Proceeded forth out of The Mouth of God, men began to exercise Faith in Christ; and thus by Faith, they did lay hold upon every Good Thing; and thus it was until The Coming of Christ. And after that He Came men also were Saved by Faith in His Name; and by Faith, they become The Sons of God. And Assuredly as Christ Liveth He Spake these Words unto our Fathers, saying: Whatsoever thing ye shall ask The Father in My Name, which is Good, in Faith _____ that ye shall Receive, Behold, it shall be done unto you.'

I Nephi 1:20, 'And when The Jews heard these things they were angry with him; yea, even as with The Prophets of old, whom they had cast out, and stoned, and slain; and they also sought his life, that they might take it away. But Behold, I, Nephi, will show unto you that the tender _____ of The Lord is over all them whom he hath Chosen, because of their Faith, to make them Mighty even unto The Power of _____.'

Ephesians 6:14-20, 'Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on The _____ of Righteousness; And your feet shod with The Preparation of The Gospel of Peace; Above all, taking the _____ of Faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take

The Helmet of Salvation, and The Sword of The Spirit, which is The Word of God: Praying always with all Prayer and _____ in The Spirit, and watching thereunto with all Perseverance and Supplication for all Saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth Boldly, to make known The _____ of The Gospel, For which I am an Ambassador in Bonds: that therein I may speak Boldly, as I ought to speak.'

Ephesians 2:8, 'For by _____ are ye Saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is The _____ of God.'

Message 74:12, 'A word to those that _____. Yea, Greater Things are yet. The unfolding of much is before you. The _____ of God will no longer be hid, if you will have Great Faith and Endure.'

How it Works:

Romans 12:1-3, 'I _____ you therefore, brethren, by The _____ of God, that ye present your bodies a Living _____, Holy, Acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable Service. And he not conformed according to this world: but be ye _____ by the renewing of your mind, that ye may Prove what is that Good, and Acceptable, and Perfect, Will of God. For I say, through The Grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think _____, According as God hath Dwelt to every man The _____ of Faith.'

Romans 14:22-23, '*Hast thou Faith?* Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that _____ not himself in that thing which he _____. And he that doubteth is _____ if he eat, because he eateth not of Faith; for whatsoever is not of Faith is _____.'

Mark 11:22-23, 'And Jesus answering Saith unto them, Have Faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this ____, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the ____; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall Believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.'

James 1:5-7, 'If any of you lack ____, let him ask of God, that ____ to all men ____, and unbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in Faith, nothing _____. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall ____ any thing of The Lord.'

Message 37:18, 'Many there be that ____ The Name of Christ, but you men of The Servants of The Lord are to Represent Christ and His Bride, His Church. Great shall be your work and men shall be ____ by The Glad Tidings you _____. Have Faith, think not that you can work with out Faith and Help of God.'

Message 90:9, 'Those that work ____, stay together in Faith and Good Works.'

Importance:

I Corinthians 13:13, 'And now ____ Faith, Hope and Charity, these three; but The Greatest of these is _____.'

Moroni 10:20-21, 'Wherefore, there must be Faith; and if there must be Faith there must be _____; and if there must be Hope there must also be _____. And except ye have Charity ye can in nowise be Saved in The Kingdom of God; neither can ye be Saved in The _____ of God if ye have not Faith; neither can ye if ye have no Hope.'

Power of:

Matthew 17:14-21, 'And when they were come to the multitude, there came to Him a certain man, kneeling down to Him, and saying, 'Lord, have Mercy on my son: for he is _____, and sore vexed; for oft times he ____ into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to Thy Disciples, and they could not cure him.' Then Jesus answered and said, 'O faithless and perverse _____, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you?' bring him hither to Me. And Jesus _____ the devil; and he departed out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the ____ to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus Said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have Faith as a grain of _____ ____, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be _____ unto you. Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by _____ and _____.'

Matthew 21:21, 'Jesus Answered and Said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have ____, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the ____ ____, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be _____.'

Hebrews 11:17-35, 'By Faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he had Received the ____ offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be ____: Accounting that God was Able to Raise him up, even from the dead; and whence also he ____ him in a figure. By Faith Isaac Blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to _____. By Faith Jacob when he

was dying, Blessed both the sons of Joseph; and _____, leaning upon the top of his _____. By Faith Joseph, when he died, made _____ of the departing of The Children of Israel; and gave _____ concerning his bones. By Faith Moses, when he was born, was hid _____ months of his parents because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's _____. By Faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer _____ with The People of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a _____. Esteeming The Reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the _____ of the reward. By Faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the _____ of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through Faith he kept the _____, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By Faith they passed through The Red Sea as by dry land: which The Egyptians _____ to do were drowned. By Faith The Walls of Jericho fell down, after they were _____ about seven days. By Faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that Believed not, when she had received the spies with Peace. *And what shall I more say?* For the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae, of David also, and Samuel, and of the _____. Who through Faith subdued kingdoms, wrought Righteousness, obtained Promises, stopped the mouth of _____. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

_____ received their dead Raised to Life again: and others were tortured, not accepting Deliverance, that they might obtain a better _____.'

Jacob 4:6, 'Wherefore, we search The _____, and we have many Revelations, and The Spirit of Prophecy; having all these _____ we obtain Hope, and our Faith becometh _____, insomuch that we Truly can Command in The Name of Jesus, and the very trees Obey us, or the _____, or the waves of the sea;'

Moroni 10:23, 'And Christ Truly Said unto our fathers, *If ye have Faith, ye can do all things which is _____ unto Me.*'

Mormon 8:24, 'And he knoweth their _____, that they were in the behalf of their brethren. And He knoweth their Faith; for in His Name could they remove mountains; and in The Name could they cause the earth to _____; and by The Power of His Word did they cause prisons to tumble to the earth; yea, even the fiery furnace could not harm them; neither wild _____ nor _____, because of The Power of His Word.'

Proven by:

James 2:18-26, 'Yea, a man may say, Thou hast Faith, and I have works: shew me thy Faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my Faith by my Works. Thou _____ that there is One God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and _____. But wilt thou know, O vain man, *that Faith without works is dead?* Was not Abraham our fathers Justified by Works, *when he had offered Isaac his son upon the alter?* Seest thou how Faith _____ with his works, *and by works was Faith made _____?* And the _____ was fulfilled which saith, Abraham Believed God, and it was imputed unto Him for _____: and he was

called The ____ of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is Justified, and not by Faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the ____ Justified by Works, when she had received the _____, and *had sent them out another way?* For as the body without the ____ is dead, so Faith without Works is dead also.'

Alma 7:24 "And see that ye have faith, hope, and charity, and then ye will always ____ in good works;'

Required:

Hebrews 11:6, 'But without Faith it is ____ to please Him: for he that cometh to God must Believe that He is, and that He is a ____ of the them that diligently Seek Him.'

Message 18:5, '... Preach ____ and Faith, for all must have Faith in God and His Work. All must ____ and be Baptized for The Remission of Sin, The Hands must be Laid upon all, that The ____ of God might come to the children of men in Greater ____, and it will to those that are ____ and Full of Love and have Great Faith in God.'

Romans 5:1-2, 'Therefore being Justified by Faith, we have ____ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have Access by Faith into this ____ wherein we stand, and Rejoice in Hope of The ____ of God.'

Ephesians 3:17-19, 'That Christ may ____ in your Hearts by Faith; that ye, being Rooted and ____ in Love. May be able to comprehend with all ____ what is the Breadth, and Length, and Depth, and ____; And to know The Love of Christ, which passeth ____, that ye might be Filled with all The Fullness of God'

Romans 9:30-33, '*What shall we say then?* That The Gentiles, which followed

not after ____, have Attained to ____, even the ____ which is of Faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of ____, hath not attained to The Law of Righteousness. *Wherefore?* Because they sought it not by Faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they ____ at that stumbling stone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a ____ and rock of offence: and whosoever Believeth on Him shall not be ____.'

Hebrews 10:19-24, 'Having therefore, brethren, Boldness to enter into The Holiest by The Blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath ____ for us, through the veil, that is to say, His Flesh; And having an high priest over The house of God; Let us draw near with a ____ Heart in Full ____ of Faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with Pure Water. Let us hold fast the ____ of our Faith without wavering; (for he is Faithful that ____;) And let us consider one another to ____ unto Love and Good Works.'

Message 5:13, 'Let all your work be done in Faith, for Behold you can do nothing without Faith. Faith will make you _____. Prepare yourselves to be a people who can meet The Lord at His Coming.'

Hebrews 4:2, 'For unto us was The Gospel ____, as well as unto them: but The Word ____ did not profit them, not being mixed with Faith in them that heard it.'

Ephesians 3:12, 'In whom we have ____ and access with confidence by The Faith of Him.'

Moroni 7:38, 'For no man can be Saved, According to The Words of Christ,

Save they shall have Faith in His Name; wherefore, if these things have _____, then has Faith ceased also; and _____ is the state of man; for they are as though there had been no _____ made.'

III Nephi 17:8, 'For I _____ that ye Desire that I should shew unto you what I have done unto your _____ at Jerusalem, for I see that your Faith is _____ that I should Heal you.'

Source:

Hebrews 12:2, 'Looking unto Jesus The _____ and _____ of our Faith; who for The Joy that was set before Him Endured The Cross, _____ the shame, and is set down at The Right Hand of The Throne of God.'

Romans 10:14,17, '*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not _____? And how shall they Believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they Hear without a _____ . . . So then Faith cometh by _____, and _____ by The Word of God.'*

Moroni 10:11, 'And to another, _____ Great Faith; and to another The Gifts of _____ by the same Spirit.'

Trials:

James 1:2-3, 'My brethren, _____, it all Joy when ye fall into divers _____; Knowing this, that the trying of Faith worketh _____.'

I Peter 1:7, 'That the trial of your Faith, being much more _____ than of gold that _____, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto Praise and Honour and Glory at The Appearing of Jesus Christ.'

Message 6:2, '. . . for trying times will come; for The Heaven and The Earth will be shaken, and men's _____ will be filled with fear; but to you who are _____, The Lord shall be with you; nevertheless, your

Faith shall be tried and many shall _____ cold.'

Message 90:4, 'Press on, Greater _____ await the nations, the people and the Church. Let nothing _____ your Faith and Good Works. _____ has come—reach out. The Way is Prepared for Greater _____ of The Spirit and Mighty Things will be _____, but only to The Humble.'

Ether 12:6, 'And now, I Moroni, would speak somewhat concerning these things; I would shew unto the world that Faith is things which are Hoped for and not seen; wherefore, _____ not because ye see not, for ye see not, for ye _____ no witness until after the trial of your Faith.'

Works Done by:

Galatians 3:5, 'He therefore that ministereth to you The Spirit, and _____ Miracles among you, doeth he it by the _____ of the law, *for by The Hearing of Faith?*'

II Nephi 27:23, 'For Behold, I Am God; and I Am a God of _____; and I will Shew unto the world that I Am The Same Yesterday, Today, and For ever; and I Work not among the _____ of men, Save it be According to their Faith.'

Jacob 4:6, 'Wherefore, we search The Prophets, and we have many _____, and The Spirit of Prophecy; and having all these Witnesses we Obtain a Hope, and our Faith becometh Unshaken, insomuch that we Truly can _____ in The Name of Jesus, and the very trees Obey us, or the mountains, or the waves of the sea;'

Mosiah 8:18, 'Thus God has Provided a means that man, through Faith, might Work Mighty _____; therefore he becometh a great _____ to his fellow beings.'

Message 86:6, 'Many Represent Christ and have Faith to do many _____. This is

Good. If they Hear The Final Call—this the _____ and Obey it. Their works will stand The Test.'

Moroni 7:37, 'Behold I say unto you, Nay; for it is by Faith that Miracles are _____; and it is by Faith that Angels appear and _____ unto men; wherefore if these things have ceased, woe be unto the children of men, for it is because of unbelief, and all is _____;'

The above 'Study' is just a starting point. There are many, many verses that you can add to it. As you find them, please make a list and send them to us. Thank you.

The editor.

Food For Thought

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Sometimes we find ourselves being under test when we least expect it to happen and under unusual circumstances.

I was running really late. I was trying to get some groceries in the cart for Nikki so that as soon as she got off for lunch break, she could just come in and pay for it. This was to help her with her time as she only gets an hour for lunch. I had only a few minutes to get what she asked me to get for her so I was almost running. I got my cart and was whizzing by people, yet still being courteous and there was this woman who just stopped right in front of me. So, I politely, well, I thought I was being polite, went around her. I guess this didn't set well with her and she almost yelled at me, 'Well, you have a lot of nerve'.

I turned around to see who she was talking to, and it was me. I said, 'Oh I'm sorry, I didn't mean to be rude, I was just in a hurry and I'm sorry.' She spoke back in a gruff voice, 'Well, you were rude and if

you're in that big of hurry, just go on lady, move on lady!'

I wanted to speak to her again, but I could tell no matter what I said, no way was she going to be open to anything I had to say. So, I just moved on, with other people staring at me, like they thought I had done something terrible to the elderly lady. I just shook my head and went on ahead, now running even later than I was.

As I shopped for the groceries I couldn't get this lady off my mind and a part of me felt anger rearing its ugly head. I knew I had done nothing wrong; all I did was to go around her, with lots of room on each side, so it wasn't like I was squashing her or anything like that. Thoughts began to roll around in my head and I was thinking, boy, she sure is a grumpy old lady and a few other unpleasant thoughts crossed my mind as I thought about that event. But then after I begin to settle down, the part of me that is Christian, begin to think about it with a bit more humility.

Yes, she was totally out of line, she was mean and harsh in her actions with me, yes, she was cross and full of anger at me, yes, she was unfair and unkind in her disposition and yes she was being what some would call an old crank. However, I begin to look at her situation with a different attitude myself. Well, maybe she doesn't feel good, maybe she has had a hard day, maybe she has some really tough things she is facing right now, maybe she just needed to get her frustrations out and chose me to do it too. My thoughts went on and on trying to excuse her attitude and look for a logical reason. It was really hard to do.

So, I just said to The Lord, 'This lady made me really angry Lord. She was unfair and unreasonable, and I know I didn't do

anything wrong, but, I am just going to Pray right now for this woman and ask You to help her with whatever is causing her to be so miserable and unhappy.'

When I did this, Peace Filled my Heart and I no longer felt the same way about her. It was my test and God just used her to see how I would react and respond to such a grouchy, grumpy, unreasonable, unfair and unkind lady.

Well, I'll have to say, I don't think I passed this test with flying colors. It took me a bit before I could think Christian like thoughts and put the anger aside. But, after about an hour or so, I was able to deal with it like God would want me to do.

There will be times when we will be challenged in the way we are talked about or treated by others. Some of these challenges are very tough to get through, especially with a good attitude. The human side wants to latch out right back at someone, but the Christian side of us knows we must handle it in a Christ like Way.

Remember, as you go through life you will face many different circumstances that will utterly test your Christianity. Little lessons come along to Prepare us for the big stuff that eventually come our way. Read up, Pray Up, Study Up on the things that will help you draw Closer to The Lord; and Give Up the things that hinder you getting Closer to The Lord.

Annoying People?

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Many people annoy us, even those we Love. Amazingly enough, if we think about it, we, ourselves, can be pretty annoying also.

What can we Learn from The Bible about

annoying people (including ourselves)?

Well, here's some Great Bible Scripture (paraphrased and shortened).

Colossians 3:13, 'Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye,'

Ephesians 4:32. 'And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's Sake hath forgiven you.'

Galatians 6:7, 'With Good Will doing Service, as to The Lord, and not to men:'

1 Thessalonians . . . (Encourage One Another).

ARTICLES

From The Vineyard

The Coming of Jesus

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Do you realize The Importance of This Great Question? That Jesus is Coming to the earth again to begin The Reign of Peace and Righteousness, when wickedness, wars, and bloodshed on the earth will end?

It is The One Important Theme of The Old Testament, Prophets, and of The Apostles. The Apostles Preached Faith in Christ and Repentance, that our sins may be blotted out forever **WHEN HE COMES**: for that is The Time when The short—comings of The Righteous are to be blotted out forever, and their Final Redemption Accomplished.

Before Jesus Comes, The Gentile nations of the earth must reach their 'Times' or 'Fullness'. Their cup of iniquity must be full. The Lord is going to let the so called civilized nations of the earth reach their

limit in sin. They are at war because they have forgotten God. Their secret or hidden sins are many. They have made wonderful progress, harnessing The Power that moves the universe, electricity, producing marvelous inventions for the convenience of mankind. We push the button today and it is done. We operate the wireless instrument and converse through space across the ocean. And unto themselves, saying, We have accomplished all this by our own power and wisdom. They are conducting the affairs of State in their own power and wisdom. They are not looking to God who has Blessed and Prospered them so Abundantly for many years past. As nations, they have forgotten The God who Created them, and there is woe, sorrow and trouble in store for them unless they Repent.

Matthew 16:26-27, **'For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own Soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his Soul?'**

For The Son of man shall Come in The Glory of His Father with His Angels; and then He shall Reward every man According to His Works.'

Read Matthew, Chapter 24, where in Jesus goes into the details of His Second Coming, telling them 'The Sign of The Times', to His Apostles.

Mark 8:38. **'Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall The Son of man be ashamed, when He Cometh in The Glory of His Father with The Holy Angels.'**

Let us not be ashamed of The Lord as we do not want Our Lord to be ashamed of us at His Coming. To the wicked, His Coming will be sudden and unexpected. To The Faithful, His Coming will be a Blessed

Day. Let us have our Light trimmed and Burning when He Comes. Blessed is he that Cometh in The Name of The Lord.

John 14:3, **'And if I go and Prepare a place for you, I will Come again, and Receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.'**

God Came to earth to be Born of Flesh and took The Name of Jesus. He gave The Example for us to be Christ Like. He Gave His Gospel to His Apostles (Disciples), and Established His Kingdom on Earth. He Gave His Authority to His Apostles to Represent Him and His Church. He Ascended into Heaven in Body, so will He Come Again to the earth in Body.

Jesus Gave His Forerunner The Authority to Preach and Teach His Gospel. He went unto John The Baptist to be Baptized to Fulfill all Righteousness. John The Baptist not only went before Our Lord to Warn and Direct people to The Lord and into His Kingdom and so he will do the same when Christ Comes to earth in Body at His Second Coming. The Gospel even Speaks of John's Coming before Jesus would place His Foot on earth again.

The Old, Old Path of Our Lord is still Available to all that Seek to Learn and Obey The Will of The Lord Jesus Christ.

To those of little Faith in The Lord when He Comes: Luke 18:27, **'And He Said, The Things which are impossible with men, are Possible with God.'**

Malachi 3:1-3, **'Behold, I will send My Messenger, and he shall Prepare The Way before Me and The Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His Temple, even The Messenger of The Covenant, who ye Delight in, Behold, he shall come, Saith The Lord of Hosts.'**

But who may Abide The Day of his

Coming? And who shall stand when he Appeareth? For he is like a Refiner's Fire, and like Fuller' Soap:

And he shall sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Silver: and he shall Purify The Sons of Levi, and Purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto The Lord an Offering in Righteousness."

Malachi 4:5-6, **'Behold, I will Send you Elijah The Prophet before The Coming of The Great and Dreadful Day of The Lord:**

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I Come and Smite the earth with a curse.'

Matthew 11:9-15, **'But what went ye out for to see? A Prophet? Yea, I say unto you and more than a Prophet.**

For this is he, of whom it is Written, Behold, I Send My Messenger before thy face, which shall Prepare thy way before thee.

Verily I say unto you, Among them that were born of woman, there hath not risen a Greater than John The Baptist' not with standing he that is least in The Kingdom of Heaven is Greater than he.

And from the days of John The Baptist until now, The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

For all The Prophets and The Law Prophesied until John, And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.'

Matthew 17:10-13, **'And His Disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come.**

And Jesus Answered and Said unto

them, Elias Truly shall first come, and Restore All Things.

But I say unto you, That Elias is come already,, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also The Son of Man suffer of them.

Then The Disciples understood that He Spoke unto them of John The Baptist.'

Revelation 22: 16,20, **'I Jesus have sent Mine Angel to Testify unto you these things in The Churches. I Am The Root and The Off spring of David, and The Bright and Morning Star . . .**

He which Testifieth these things, saith, 'Surely I Come Quickly, Amen.' Even so, Come Lord Jesus.'

Luke 1:76, **'And thou, child, shall be Called The Prophet of The Highest: for thou shalt go before The Face of The Lord to Prepare His WAYS.'**

It has been those of The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, to Preach Repentance and Truth of The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Written Word has told of The Comings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Man in all his knowledge of The Word fails to recognize The Work of John The Baptist. They say it is in the future and not of today. Some even feel that Ministry of Angels were for the past and not of today, Did not God say that He is the Same today as He was yesterday? They do not rightly divide The Word of God.

I would like to quote of 'The Testimony of William A. Draves', The Lord's Scribe, concerning the coming of John The Baptist.

'In all sincereness, I make this solemn

declaration before my Lord this day. He being My Witness also my Judge. I expect to stand before The Great and Pleasing Bar of God to answer for what I may say herein.

The Manifestations, Experiences, and Words of the visit of The Messenger are True. I have seen him from time to time. I have heard his voice, I have seen his face, I have seen The Light that accompanies him which Precedes his appearance and Remains after he leaves, sometimes for an hour or more. I have felt his touch on my shoulder, and in holding to my hand. I have been Enwrapped in that Wonderful Heavenly and Divine Power of God.

I want to make this statement that everyone may know that this is True. I do not fear the hear-after, and I cannot nor will not deny the things that I have Seen and Heard from this Heavenly Source, The Messenger, as long as I have my right mind and God gives me Life and His Grace to Endure here on earth.

I may have been misunderstood by those who should be my fellows and I may have failed in some things in the past, still others may make statements about me but I want this to be understood that this statement is True, and I shall Abide by The Advice and Instruction given by The Messenger regardless of what man or men may say.

The Messenger wears a White Robe, his hair is a tiny bit gold next to his skin and blended to Whiteness like pure wool, White as snow. His eyes are like a Flame and his feet like The Brightness of Fine Brass, as they were Ablaze. His voice has the sound of One having Authority. His Countenance is as The Brightness of the sun with its Greatness in Light, even

brighter than Light that shineth down on the earth. He is Enveloped in Light and immediately around him it is very bright.

I wish all could see or feel The Sweet Powerful Influence that comes with this Heavenly One and surely all doubt would flee from the minds of natural man.

Peace to all and may The Lord's Will be done. These are my words to you this day and may The Spirit of God Bear Witness.'

Message 107:3-4, 'The Lord Changes not and has been God from The Beginning, Shedding Forth His Spirit as Holy Men in the past have Spoken when Moved by His Holy Spirit. I am The Prophet born from among the Brethren like unto Moses and I Speak The Words and Will of God, The Lord Christ Jesus, Creator of The Universe and All Things that are therein; even mankind that hear my Words which The Lord Putteth in my mouth.

Mankind creates stumbling blocks to satisfy their traditions—full well they know their traditions will come to naught, making The Word of God of none effect'

Do you not see, dear One, how Important it is for us to Look Forward to This Blessed Hope of The Coming of Our Lord to Establish Peace and Righteousness on the earth, when wars, sin and wickedness will cease? Brothers and Sisters, are you ready for His Coming?

Trust and Obey

*Apostle Jairus Cree Yates
Missouri*

There is no other 'Way', than to 'Trust and Obey'.

On June 28th, 2009, I was Baptized by Mike Greenwell, an Apostle, and Confirmed as a Member of The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord. The Confirmation was by Apostles Leonard Draves and Mervyn Johnson.

Some will ask why. I find the answer in history and in The Word. In Biblical history God gave Commandments and The Heroes of Faith were Obedient to The Commandments. By Faith, Noah moved with fear and built an Ark in the desert, where it had never rained. He worked on The Ark for 120 years, while he Preached The Gospel. He Obeyed because of The Word or Commandment, not because of what it looked like.

Hebrew 11:8, **‘By Faith Abraham, when he was Called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, Obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. He did not know where he was going. He did not have all the answers. He had the Word and he was Obedient to The Word.’**

Genesis 22:18, **‘And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be Blessed; because thou hast Obeyed My Voice.’**

Exodus 20:5-6, **‘Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I The LORD Thy God Am a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;**

And shewing Mercy unto thousands of them that Love Me, and keep My Commandments.’

Our children will be Blessed if we are Obedient.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28, **‘Behold, I set before you this day a Blessing and a**

curse;

A Blessing, if ye Obey The Commandments of The LORD your God, which I Command you this day:

And a curse, if ye will not Obey The Commandments of The LORD your God, but turn aside out of The Way which I Command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.’

If we are Obedient, we will be Blessed. If we are not Obedient, we are cursed.

I Samuel 12:15, **‘But if ye will not Obey The Voice of The LORD, but rebel against The Commandment of The LORD, then shall The Hand of The LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.’**

Like Saul, The Lord will Replace us with other Servants that are willing to Obey.

Again, Saul was disobedient in I Samuel 15:3,8-10,13-15,22-24, **‘Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass . . .**

And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

Then came The Word of The LORD unto Samuel, saying . . .

And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of The LORD: I have performed The Commandment of The LORD.

And Samuel said, What meaneth then

this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto The LORD Thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed . . .

And Samuel said, Hath The LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in Obeying The Voice of the LORD? Behold, to Obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected The Word of The LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed The Commandment of The LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and Obeyed their voice.'

When we Reject God's Word, that rebellion is the same as witchcraft and idolatry. If we Reject God's Word, he will Reject us.

Matthew 7:21-23, 'Not every one that Saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into The Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth The Will of My Father which is in Heaven.

Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not Prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name done many Wonderful Works?

And then will I Profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.'

In the past, I (we) have done some good

things. But the question must be asked 'Was it The Will of The father?'

Let us have Clean Hearts. Let us be Real. Let us not be like the Scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 23:23-28, 'Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of The Law, Judgment, Mercy, and Faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.'

Definition: Lighted sepulchres or whited wall (whitewashed). Whitewash is a thin paint used to make something dirty look clean.

Acts 23:1-3, 'And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest

thou to judge me after The Law, and Commandest me to be smitten contrary to The Law?’

The high priest had a title and looked good to men, but his heart was not right with God. It was a big cover up.

King David, Saul’s replacement after his disobedience, had a heart that was Real and True. We find his Prayer in Psalms 51:6,10-12, **‘Behold, thou Desirest Truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.**

Create in me a Clean Heart, O God; and Renew a Right Spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy Presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me The Joy of Thy Salvation; and uphold me with Thy Free Spirit.’ He understood that he had sin, and that God looked upon The Heart. In the inward parts of a man...in the hidden place. The place that so many cover up with paint.

Romans 2:13, **‘For not the hearers of The Law are Just before God, but The Doers of The Law shall be Justified.’**

Psalms 19:12, **‘Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults.’**

James 2:14, **‘What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath Faith, and have not Works? can Faith Save him?’** What does it profit us to say we Believe in all 120 Messages, and don’t do what they say?’

After the division in 1994, The **118th Message** came and the **2nd** verse says to W.A. Draves, **‘Fret not nor worry not, this is The Lord’s Work, mankind cannot run it his way. I come to you to give Encouragement. The Authority and Trust is upon you. No one or none other can take it from you.’** The **9th** verse also tells

who else has the Authority: **‘Take your place as an Apostle, likewise Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson. Let Leonard H. Draves keep The Records as he has been told to do and other Works Instructed in the office.’** Verse 8 tells us who does NOT have The Priesthood Authority. **‘Let these I shall give you John O’Keefe, Howard Leighton-Floyd, Charles S. Martin, Edward Sechrest be Released of Priesthood Authority and Terry Laws Released of the Apostleship.’** I followed those in verse 8, which means I left The Church.

Message 12:4, **‘Behold, The Lord has Rejected all Creeds and Factions of men, who have gone away from The Word of The Lord and have become an abomination in His sight, therefore, let those that come to The Church of Christ be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; Preparing themselves, that they may be Fit and Worthy for The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost, and as The Greater Power shall Come, that they may be ready to Receive it with Joy. For this is The Time of The Restitution and Restoration of all Things, and this must Come to all that shall be permitted to Dwell in The Presence of Christ, for sin cannot receive The Glory of God, nor The Power of The Holy Spirit.’** So, when I came back to The Church, I got Baptized.

Many of the problems of The Church in the 1800s and 1900s, whether purposefully or not, was because of being disobedient to The Word. I submit The Tract put out by The Church, **‘Why The Church of Christ was Established Anew in 1929.’**

‘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' (Message 30:6).

'Truth is Truth wherever found, on Christian or on heathen ground.' This axiom often used in the early days of The Restoration Movement echoes back a challenge today.

This is Written primarily for the people who are members of some part of The Great Restoration Movement. It is my Prayer that it may Appeal to The Honest in Heart and be Instrumental in shedding some Light on why The Church of Christ was Established Anew in 1929.

All who are Honest in Heart must be Informed of The Great and Marvelous Things God is bringing about in this generation, for they will Desire to take part in The Work. The things that are taking part in this generation might well have taken place at the time of the Fullness of The Gospel (The Nephite Record) and The Holy Priesthood were Restored in 1829, had that generation heeded The Commandments, given them by The Lord.

In 1829 Joseph was told, **'And thus if the people of this generation harden not their hearts, I will Work a Reformation among them, and I will put down all lyings, and deceivings, and priestcrafts, . . . and all manner of iniquities, and I will Establish My Church, like as it was taught by My Disciples in the days of old'**. (Book of Commandments 4:5). Think of this Wonderful Promise, with only one condition, **'If the people of this generation harden not their hearts.'** It is self evident that the generation of 1829 did harden their hearts; we know this because we still have

all manner of iniquities with us, which God Promised to put down if they hardened not their hearts. There is another point too; the history of The Restoration Movement proves The Church of 1830 was not Established, like as it was taught by Christ's Disciples in the days of old. The Pattern or Design was given but they failed to follow The Directions.

When The Angel of The Lord Delivered The Plates containing The Record of The Nephites it marked The Dawn of a New Dispensation. A Dispensation having The Fullness of The Gospel, ushered in under Angelic Administration. If any have lost sight of the beginnings of this Great and Marvelous Work, how that God Spoke and Sent Angels to Instruct and Ordain; they have indeed lost sight of The Power of Almighty God.

The century from 1829 to 1929, tells a story written in blood and tears and false doctrines introduced into The Church. The errors during this hundred years are largely the result of transgressions in the first seven years of The Restoration. It was at an early date that satan was able to harden their hearts and bring into the newly organized church such evil traditions as High Priests, Presidency, High Council, Patriarchs, two priesthoods and false doctrines such as, baptism for the dead and polygamy. I ask you frankly, do you think such unscriptural offices, falsehoods and abominations could have been introduced had they feasted upon The Words of Christ in The Bible and The Nephite Record that had been Preserved by The Almighty God and brought forth by His Matchless Power? Had they done this there could have been none of these offices because there is no mention of them being in The Church that Christ Established, either

among The Jews or among The Nephites. There could have been none of these abominable doctrines because The Record condemns them, each separately.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1829?

In 1829 Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery completed the translation of The Record of The Nephites. They also Received The Holy Priesthood under The Hand of An Angel, John The Baptist, in this year. They were then in position to build up the same Church, so in June, 1829 God gave The Revelation that became Chapter 15 of The Book of Commandments or Section 16 of Doctrine and Covenants. The heading of this Revelation reads, 'A Revelation to Joseph, Oliver and David, making known The Calling of The Twelve Disciples in these last days, and also Instructions relative to building up The Church of Christ, according to The Fullness of The Gospel.' In this Revelation God made known that He wanted Twelve Apostles in His Church—(Reorganized Church History, Vol. I, Page 538.)

The Lord also told them he wanted The Church of Christ built up according to The Fullness of The Gospel (The Nephite Record). He told Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer they were Called by the same Calling as Paul Mine Apostle.

'And now Oliver, I speak unto you, and also unto you David, by way of Commandment: For Behold I Command all men everywhere to Repent, and I Speak unto you, even as unto Paul Mine Apostle, for you are Called even with the same Calling with which he was Called' (10-11).

To me this means, these two men were Apostles just as much as Paul was. They should have been Ordained and The Quorum formed then. Yet they never occupied in that Quorum. These two men were also told in

this Revelation, 'And now Behold, there are others which are Called to Declare My Gospel, both unto The Gentiles and unto The Jews; Yea, even unto Twelve.' To me this means Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer were Apostles and there were ten others who were also Called to this Office, 'Yea, even unto Twelve' (26-27). In verse 31, 32, and 35 of this Revelation The Twelve Apostles were told their duty.

'And they are they which are Ordained of Me to Baptize in My Name, According to that which is Written; and you have which is Written before you.' (the manuscript of The Record of The Nephites) 'Wherefore you must perform it According to The Words which are Written'" (The words which had been Written was the manuscript of The Record of The Nephites.) 'And Behold you are they which are Ordained of Me to Ordain priests and teachers to Declare My Gospel, According to The Power of The Holy Ghost which is in you, and According to The Calling and Gifts of God unto men.' How simply it could have been done had they not hardened their hearts. If they would have only Relied on The Fullness of The Gospel in building *The Church of Christ*, God would have put down all abominations as He Promised. They failed to Rely on His Word, The Quorum of Apostles was not Ordained until 1835, five years later. In the five years from The Calling of The Twelve in 1829 until that Quorum was Ordained in 1835, many other offices never in The Church that Christ Established in His Ministry was introduced. Such as, a presidency established on January 25, 1832 (Reorganized Church History, Vol. 1, page 244 and 282).

Paul in 1st Corinthians 12:28 and Ephesians 4:11-13, informs us, God placed

in The Church first Apostles. It would have been so in 1829 had they followed The Example and Commandments of Jesus Christ. As it turned out, High Priests were ordained June 6, 1831.—(Reorganized Church History, Vol. 1, page 193-247). In fact history proves that a Prophet, Seer and Revelator, High Priests, Presidency and High Council, all were Established in The Church before The Twelve Apostles were Chosen February 1835, Lyman Johnson being the first chosen.—(Reorganized Church History, Vol. 1, page 643).

WHAT HAPPENED APRIL 6TH, 1830?

Many will say, *'The Church was Organized According to laws of the land on that date.'* And so it was, but that is not all that happened. Several Revelations were Received on that date, one in particular is worth of note. Book of Commandments 22 or Doctrine and Covenants 19:1-3. This Revelation in speaking of Joseph Smith, verse five reads: *'For his word ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith.'* Only the previous year 1829 they had been Commanded to *'Rely on the Things which are Written (The Nephite Record) for in them are all things Written Concerning My Church, My Gospel, and My Rock.'*

Yet on April 6, 1830 they were told to receive the words of Joseph as if from God's own mouth. Was this NOT a Commandment to put their trust in man? What does *The Bible* say about this sort of thing?

Jeremiah 17:5, **'Thus Saith The Lord; Cursed is the man that trusteth in man.'** By receiving the words of Joseph as if from God's own mouth they were indeed trusting in man. In this Revelation given April 6, 1830, The Church was also told, Joseph

should be Called a Seer, a Translator, a Prophet, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, in the thirtieth verse Oliver Cowdery was Commanded, *'Wherefore it behooveth me, that he should be ordained by you, Oliver, Mine Apostle.'*

Joseph was ordained to an office which should never have been an office in The Church. Nowhere in The Scripture, do you find such an office perpetuated in *The Church of Christ*. There may be many seers, translators, and prophets but it is not an 'office' to be perpetuated, it is a Gift from God to whom He may Choose.

DAVID WHITMER'S TESTIMONY

'Now brethren, how can it be that The Church was any more Organized—Spiritually – on April 6th, than it was before that time? There were six elders and about seventy members before April 6th, and the same number of elders and members after that day. We attended to our business of organizing, according to the law of the land, The Church acknowledging us six elders as their Ministers; besides, a few who had recently been Baptized and not Confirmed were Confirmed on that day; some Blessings were Pronounced, and we partook of The Lord's Supper.'

I do not consider that The Church was any more Organized or Established in The Eyes of God on that day than it was previous to that day. I consider that on that day the first error was introduced into *The Church of Christ*, and that error was Brother Joseph being ordained as 'Prophet, Seer and Revelator' to The Church.

'The Holy Ghost was with us in more Power during the eight months previous to April 6th, 1830, than at any time thereafter. Almost everyone who was Baptized Received

The Holy Ghost in Power, some Prophecy, some speaking in Tongues, The Heavens were Opened to some, and all The Signs which Christ Promised should follow The Believers were with us abundantly. We were a Humble, Happy People, and Loved each other as people should Love.' The above is a quotation from the book by David Whitmer 'An Address to all Believers in Christ' (Page 44).

From the history of the church organized on April 6, 1830 one may see that that generation chose to follow The Revelations given by Joseph as though they were from God's own mouth and in so doing they built up, 'The Church of the Latter Day Saints,' an organization different in concept to The Church that Christ Established in the days of The Apostles of old. This came because in 1829 they didn't heed The Command. '*Behold I have Manifested unto you, by My Spirit in many instances, that the things which you have Written are True: Wherefore you know they are True; and if you know that they are True, Behold I give unto you a Commandment, that you Rely upon the things which are Written;* (The Nephite Record) *for in them are all things Written, concerning My Church, My Gospel and My Rock. Wherefore if you shall build up My Church, and My Gospel, and My Rock, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you.*' (Book of Commandments 15, Doctrine and Covenants 16). You see they received a Commandment to build The Church; they were Commanded to Rely upon the Things which were Written. (*The Record of the Nephites* manuscript was what Oliver Cowdery had Written as a Scribe to Joseph.) They were Promised the gates of hell would not prevail against them if they should follow The Pattern therein. They choose to

treat lightly these things they had received. They didn't build up *The Church of Christ*. They built up, The Church of the Latter Day Saints; they accepted the revelations of Joseph as if from God's own mouth and built up their church according to them. The result of their acts came in 1832 and is recorded in Doctrine and Covenants 83:8, '*And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, which vanity and unbelief hath brought The Whole Church under Condemnation. And this Condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; and they shall remain under this Condemnation until they Repent and remember The New Covenant, even The Record of The Nephites and The Former Commandments which I have given, not only to say but to do According to that which I have Written that they may bring forth Fruit Meat for their Father's Kingdom, otherwise there remaineth a scourge and judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion, even all*'. Let us reconsider a few dates. In 1829 the leaders were told, if the people hardened not their hearts God would Work and Reform and put down all manner of iniquities and He would Establish His Church like it was in the day of The Disciples of Old. Book of Commandments 4:5. Also in 1829 the leaders were told to build up *The Church of Christ* According to The Fullness of The Gospel. In 1829 they were instructed to choose The Twelve Apostles. These Commandments were disregarded.

Another priesthood was added to the one brought by The Angel, (John The Baptist) Joseph was ordained as President, (Reorganized Church History, Vol. 1, page

244, January 25, 1832). June, 1831 High Priests were ordained (Reorganized Church History Vol. 1, page 193). All of these things were added because they received Joseph's words as if they were from God's own mouth. In 1832 the condemning Revelation recorded as 83:8 Doctrine of Covenants was received. It Warned them they had treated Lightly the things they had received. (*The Record of The Nephites and Former Commandments*). They were Warned to Repent, because their deeds had brought condemnation on The Whole church. They were also told, this condemnation would remain upon the children of Zion, even all. They were Warned if they didn't return and not only say but do According to that which was Written that a scourge and a judgment would be poured out upon them. Remember this was in 1832. The very next year this Warning was verified in very deed. 1833 was fateful for them, they were massacred and driven from Independence, Missouri. All are familiar with the great persecution that followed.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1834.

This proved an eventful year, notwithstanding a great scourge and judgment was brought against The Church, they persisted in their own way.

February of 1834, they organized a council of High Priests, which is known as the High Council, (Reorganized Church History, Vol. 1, page 429). The point I desire to make is: this council was made up of High Priests and no where is there a mention of High Priests in The Church after Jesus Christ. This office was Symbolic of Christ. He Fulfilled it and became our Great High Priest. Read Hebrews 7th and 8th chapters, it is also True that there is not one word mentioned in *The Record of The*

Nephites of High Priests being in The Church, *after* Jesus Christ came and Established His Church among The Nephites. Jesus did say, '**And He Said unto them, Marvel not that I said unto you, that old things had passed away, and ALL Things had become NEW**' (The Nephite Record 643:4). High Priests were a part of the old things, as it was the highest office in The Mosaic church.

The evidence shows *The Church of Christ* was not fully established in 1830 like as it was taught in the days of The Disciples of Old, neither was it built up According to the things that were Written, yet it was called *The Church of Christ*. Many early Revelations refer to The Church as *The Church of Christ*. Let me give you a few examples; Doctrine and Covenants Section 16 heading, '*Instructions relative to the building up of The Church of Christ According to The Fullness Of The Gospel*'. Also in Doctrine and Covenants 19:3, '*. . . that you might be an Elder unto This Church of Christ bearing My Name . . .*' Then in Doctrine and Covenants 17:1, '*The rise of The Church Of Christ in these last days . . .*' Verse 13, '*The several Elders composing The Church of Christ*'. Verse 19, '*Every member of The Church of Christ . . .*' Verse 25, '*It will be duty of the several churches composing The Church of Christ . . .*' We see from these quotations The Church of 1829 and 1830 was called *The Church of Christ* by God in Revelation.

Now let us consider some evidence from *The Nephite Record* which teaches that Jesus Christ Established His Church here in America after His Resurrection, and He taught The Nephites thus: '**Therefore, whatsoever ye shall do, ye shall do in My Name; Therefore ye shall call The Church**

in My Name' (The Nephite Record 673:19). The Nephites were Obedient to Christ's Teachings, for it is Recorded, **'And it came to pass that they did all things, even as Jesus had Commanded them, and they who were Baptized in The Name of Jesus were Called The Church of Christ'** (The Nephite Record 672:13-14). In reading The Record we find that The Disciples Chosen by Christ soon Formed a Church in all the lands round about. **'And Behold The Disciples of Jesus had Formed a Church of Christ in all the lands round about'**. *The Nephite Record* informs us that in some two hundred years after Christ the people began to deny The True Church. **'And they began to build up churches unto themselves, to get gain, and began to deny The Church of Christ'** (The Nephite Record 684:28). I have one last reference on this subject found on page 762:4. These are the words of Moroni, where he gives us some of The Covenants and Ordinances to be had in The Church: **'And after they had been received unto Baptism, and were wrought upon and Cleansed by The Power of The Holy Ghost, they were numbered among the people of The Church of Christ'**. To me, here is sufficient evidence, to convince the most hardened, yet I know man will persist in treating lightly, *'The things that are Written.'*

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1835?

The situation in 1835 was this: they had many of The Revelations, and *The Nephite Record*, giving them The Name that Christ chose to Call His Church, yet they chose to change the name of the church. Reorganized Church History, Vol. 1, page 454, *'After Prayer the conference proceeded to discuss the subject of names and appellations, when a motion was made by Sydney Rigdon and*

seconded by Newel Knight, that this church be known hereafter by the name of, The Church of the Latter Day Saints'. Kindly note at this time The Name of Christ was omitted entirely.

It was 1835 that the first Quorum of Apostles was set in the Church of the Latter Day Saints. You recall they had been Commanded in 1829 to search out The Twelve of *The Church of Christ*. Had they kept this Commandment, Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Joseph Smith, all would have been Apostles in that first Quorum. (See Book of Commandments 15 or Doctrine and Covenants 16 and 17). As it turned out Joseph was ordained to the office of President, Reorganized Church History Vol. 1, 244-282. According to them the office of President has greater authority than The Apostles. We have already seen that *The Bible* teaches **'God set in The Church, first Apostles'**.

Jesus did that in His Ministry among The Jews and also here on this continent amongst The Nephites. They were Commanded to do so in 1829, nevertheless they chose to wait five years. The Apostles Ordained in February 1835 became the first Quorum of twelve in The Church of Latter Day Saints (Reorganized Church History Vol. 1, page 643).

1835 saw the introduction of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Latter Day Saints, Reorganized Church History Vol. 1, page 572. Can't you see The Latter Day Saint Church was built according to the revelations contained in this book and became a different organization from *The Church of Christ*, they were Commanded to build According to The Fullness of The Gospel which was contained in *The Record of The Nephites?* 1837 saw The Church of

the Latter Day Saints publish a changed, or as they said, carefully corrected edition of *The Nephite Record*. They called this edition the Kirtland edition. 1841 to 1844 brought the false doctrine of baptism for the dead which is a bed partner of probation after death. Then came polygamy and the long journey to Salt Lake.

These events were followed by a reorganization of parts of the church some years later. What an opportunity the leaders of the Reorganized Church had; they could have renounced the mistakes of 1830-1837 and built The Church According to The Fullness of The Gospel. Instead they chose to build on the revelations of Joseph as though they were from God's own mouth, the same as they did at first. A scourge and judgment was poured out on the first, the latter will fare no better. **Truth is Eternal, God is Unchangeable.**

CHURCH OF CHRIST ON THE TEMPLE LOT

This group dates back to the early fifties, when it was formed near Bloomington, Illinois, by merging parts of small branches composed of almost exclusively of persons who had been Baptized during the life time of Joseph. Some of these early members were officers of The Church since almost a year or so of its Organization in 1830. They continued to use the same name that was used in the latter day Revelations and Nephite Record (*The Church of Christ*). They were pioneers in the return to Independence, after the expulsion in 1833.

Under the counsel and leadership of Granville Hedrick they began purchase of The Temple Lots, that Joseph Smith and others Dedicated in 1831 for the building of 'The Temple of The Lord' (Reorganized Church History Vol. 1, 209).

This group had The Holy Priesthood, they also had The Fullness of The Gospel and to their credit, they did not follow all the revelations of Joseph as if from God's own mouth. This explains largely why they didn't accept many of the false doctrines such as baptism for the dead and polygamy, also many of the added offices such as Presidency, High Priest and High Council were not accepted. They were Honest in their positions. They maintained they were waiting for Divine Direction, and in this, they deserve great praise.

I submit there a statement found in the reprint of 'The Evening and Morning Star', printed in 1911 by *The Church of Christ*, (Temple Lot), John R. Haldeman, Editor. On page 3 you will find these words in an article under the title, 'Who We Are': 'We have no Apostles nor Seventies but hold that these and other necessary officers will be Appointed and set in place through The Ministry of The 'One Mighty and Strong' of whom Joseph Prophesied in 1832.'

This is substantial evidence to show that the group on The Temple Lot did not claim to be a fully organized church. It was their Faith, that God would Fulfill His Word and send 'One Mighty and Strong' to Appoint and set in place The Apostles, Seventies, and other necessary officers. (See Reorganized Church History, Vol. 1, Page 260).

We have already seen that the church organized on April 6, 1830 was out of order, because that generation hardened their hearts and would not build The Church According to The Fullness of The Gospel (Book of Commandments 15 or Doctrines and Covenants 16).

Thus we come to see, that all Factions had The Fullness of The Gospel as Revealed

in *The Nephite Record*, likewise all Factions had some degree of The Holy Priesthood. What was it that they did not have? The answer is evident, they did not have *The Church of Christ* Established as Christ Established it in the days of The Disciples of Old (Book of Commandments 4:5). They had The Pattern but failed to build The Church According to Design, they either had too much or too little (Message 12:6).

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, ESTABLISHED ANEW

The Church with the Elijah Message.

After considering the events during the early years of the churches of The Restoration, is it not evident beyond question that there was a need for God to Intervene? That is precisely what He has done, God spoke in 1926 in Revelation to those on The Temple Lot, and Called men to be Apostles. These men formed the first Quorum of Apostles in *The Church of Christ* since The Church that Christ Established among The Jews and Nephites went into apostasy. The Apostles called in 1835 did not rank first in The Church in Authority, they were under a presidency, as we have hitherto seen, they were the first Apostles in The Church of the Latter Day Saints.

In 1927 God sent An Angel to one of The Apostles that had been Chosen the previous year in *The Church of Christ* on The Temple Lot, Otto Fetting. Here is what this Messenger told him: **‘I am the man sent from God and my name is John. I am The Messenger to Prepare The Way, I am come again that in the mouth of two or three witnesses ALL THINGS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED’** (Message 2:1). Just as The Faithful anticipated and Prayed

for, God spoke and sent *One Mighty and Strong* that all things might be Established.

In the very First Message The Angel Warned the people, **‘The Temple will be built, if not by the people in charge, The Lord will Raise up a people, that will build’** (Message 1:4). The Messenger explained to The Apostles whom God had Called in 1926 that they were members of The Twelve set apart to Represent Christ and His Church, with the same Authority as The Apostles of Old. Message 5:2, **‘Many are Representing Christ, but not Christ and His Church, but you men have been Chosen to Represent Christ and His Church as He Established it when He was here.’** How wonderful to contemplate! God in our day has Spoken and Revealed His Mind and Will from Heaven, by sending An Angel from His Presence, to Establish, to Restore, to Direct in the gathering of Israel, to Prepare a people worthy of meeting Christ, whose Coming to His Temple is near at hand.

It has been a great struggle for man to find Faith. Some who first Believed in The Divine Work of This Holy Messenger and Testified of The Truth, later decided he was not An Angel from Heaven after all but rather satan appearing as An Angel of light. The principle reason for this doubt arose when The Angel brought The Word from The Lord on his Twelfth visit. He spoke in this manner: **‘Behold The Lord has Rejected all Creeds and Factions of men, who have gone away from The Word of The Lord and become an abomination in His Sight, therefore, let those that Come to The Church of Christ be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men;’** (Message 12:4). Let’s just stop here and consider the situation.

Here it was July 1929, one hundred years since God had Restored The Gospel and The Holy Priesthood to men on the earth; yet they had not heeded His Commandments to build *The Church of Christ* According to the Things that were Written. They were divided into creeds and factions according to their own design. In Message 19:12, The Angel Explained this situation as follows: **‘For one hundred years The Lord Waited and yet they have not Heeded His Words, this people that Profess His Name, (the people of The Restoration) but The Lord Will Establish His Church in its Fullness and Will do The Work among the nations, but The Work will be done in haste.’** We see from this God has Great Patience. He Waited a century, giving all factions opportunity to Repent of their traditions. The additions and subtractions they made became false traditions, hence, they were in a true sense a sin, in that they were contrary to God's Will. It is therefore imperative that all lay down those traditions of the past. Some contend they have been Baptized with Authority into Christ, yet in this act they not only took upon them Christ but became a part of the traditions of the Church that baptized them.

The Angel has told *The Church of Christ*, that all should be Baptized, not only for the remission of personal sin but also that they may rid themselves of these traditions and sins of men; **‘. . . preparing themselves that they may be Fit and Worthy for The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost, and as The Greater Power shall Come, that they may be ready to Receive it with Joy. For this is The Time of Restitution and Restoration of all Things, and this must come to all that shall be permitted to Dwell in The Presence of Christ, for sin**

cannot receive The Glory of God, nor The Power of The Holy Spirit’ (Message 12:4).

TIME OF RESTORATION

This is The Time of Restoration. Jesus Promised His Disciples in the days of His Ministry, **‘that Elias Truly shall first Come and Restore all Things.’** The Scripture states, **‘then The Disciples understood that He spake unto them of John The Baptist’** (Matthew 17:10-13). The Angel who Comes to *The Church of Christ* today has identified Himself as being The Resurrected person of John The Baptist. He comes to Restore all Things as Jesus and The Prophets have Foretold. This Restoration of all Things embraces much more than The Restoration of The Gospel, Priesthood Authority and The Church. His Work has to do with The Restoration of Peace to man and the earth.

TIME OF PREPARATION

The Bible Teaches The Lord would have a Day of Preparation. This Day of Preparation coincides with The Time of Restitution and Restoration of all Things. Amos 3:7 tells us, **‘Surely The Lord God will do nothing, but He Revealeth His Secrets to His Servants The Prophets.’** God Revealed to The Prophet Nahum 2:3-6 that He would have a Day of Preparation and we are indeed Thankful that The Prophet gave a definite sign whereby all men might know a surety when The Day of The Lord's Preparation would be. Nahum stated **‘. . . The chariots shall be with flaming torches in The Day of Preparation . . .’** Verse 4 reads **‘The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broadways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightnings.’** Here we have a remarkable description of the auto-

mobile in our own day. The Prophet made this Prophecy some seven hundred years before Christ. It was never Fulfilled until our generation, hence we live in a day of The Lord's Preparation. It behooves all to understand something of what is to transpire during this Time of Preparation. The Angel made it clear God is Preparing a People. Christ is Preparing to return to the earth. Verse 5 in The Third Chapter of Nahum, He informs us, when the automobiles rage in the streets then God would recount His Worthies, and the reason for recounting them is, they have stumbled. **'He shall make Haste to the wall thereof and the defense shall be Prepared'** (Nahum 3:4). We have already seen how the people of The Restoration stumbled in their walk almost from the beginning. Nahum informs us a Day of RECOUNTING would come and a defense will be prepared. This defense shall be the result of the combined efforts of The Lord, His Servant The Messenger, and The People of *The Church of Christ* that is Established in our day like as it was in The Days of The Disciples of Old (The Nephite Record 187:136-141.) Nahum also said in The Day of Preparation God shall *recount His worthies*. How is recounting to be accomplished? The next verse states, **'the gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved'** (Nahum 3:6). How has The Lord ever counted a man Worthy to enter His Kingdom? The Nephite Record 162:24 teaches: **'For The Gate by which He shall enter is Repentance and Baptism by Water; and then cometh a remission of your sins by Fire and by The Holy Ghost.'** Jesus Taught His Disciples during His Ministry, **'Repent, therefore, and enter ye in at The Straight Gate . . .'** (Matthew 7:22). We understand a Gate is an

opening through which to enter, thus the gates of the rivers being opened, signifies The Way that man may enter the defense that God is today Preparing. This defense, this Place of Safety for The People of The Lord shall prove a Way of Deliverance in this Day of Judgment and Indignation that today engulfs the world.

The Angel has been Instrumental in The Restoration of *The Church of Christ*, setting it in Order as it was in The Days of The Disciples of Old, with The Gifts and Blessings as in those former days.

The Messenger has identified himself and told us of his mission in these words, Message 18:17, **'I am John The Baptist, I am sent from God with Full Power and Authority, to set in Order, to Prepare The Way of The Christ that shall Come, to Warn the People of The Things that shall come to pass, to Preach The Gospel, to set The Church in Order. I come to you in Light, I come to you in Power, I come as the Messenger of The Lord, but I come to you in Love. I come to Save The people from destruction. Will they Heed it?'**

I invite all to read The Words The Angel brings, they are Enlightening and Encouraging, they are indeed Light shining in a world of distress and darkness. John on The Isle of Patmos saw this day and declared, **'And after these things I saw Another Angel come down from Heaven, having Great Power; and the world was Lightened with His Glory'** (Revelation 18:1).

After quoting a part of the Thirty-ninth Message 3:9, I shall leave the matter with you, for I have labored to show the reasons for Establishing *The Church of Christ* Anew. God has Promised to Reveal The Truth of all Things, if man will but ask Him in Faith Believing. The Nephite Record

775:5. 'And if ye shall ask with a Sincere Heart, with Real Intent, having Faith in Christ, He will Manifest The Truth of it unto you, by The Power of The Holy Ghost; and by The Power of The Holy Ghost, ye may know The Truth of all Things.' We see from this Promise we are not left alone in our search for Truth, all Honor to His Name.

Message 39: 3-9, 'The Lord your God has borne Witness to many of The Messages, I have brought and bring to you, and will yet bring. For This Work Came I into the world, as spoken of by the mouth of The Holy Prophets of The Lord, which have been since the world began. I come to give The Warning of Christ's soon Coming, of Knowledge and of Salvation, that all may find The Way of Repentance and Remission of sins through The Just Plan of God, and that His Promises might be Fulfilled.

I am The Elias which was for to come. I am John The Baptist, The Messenger of The Lord. The earth shall be Filled with The Light that I bring and have brought from The Lord God. *Will the people Heed it, that their feet might be Guided in The Way of Peace and be led out of darkness and contention and away from the shadow of death?'*

Thus Saith The Lord: Many that Profess My Name have sinned and gone astray. They have counted that which is Holy, not Holy, and My Commandments they have forgotten. For one hundred years much of My Design and Law you have turned aside. Return unto Me and I will return unto you.

Hear ye! Hear ye! I am Establishing My Kingdom to never again be overthrown and it shall fill the whole

earth, and all men will Obey Me for out of Zion shall The Gospel be Taught and The Word of The Lord from Jerusalem.

Heed Ye My Words even The Voice of My Messenger. Make ready for I your Lord soon Comes to Claim all that Know and Obey My Voice.

Many Things shall take place that shall cause you to know that I have Spoken, for this is a Day of Haste when much must be done—a Holy Work—a Great Work, and I Call those that will Heed My Voice, even many that are unlearned to bring about My Wise Purpose, that man may not glory in himself, for Knowledge and Wisdom shall be given to the lowly, and those that do Humble themselves before Me.

Floods, wars, pestilences and plagues shall come and many things that will cause the hearts of men to fail them, for I send One Mighty and Strong and unto him have I given Power to Utter Words—Eternal Words— and Light is his covering, to set in Order My House. From his bowels gushed forth Truth, a Fountain of Truth, to speak My Words, for I have Spoken. In Me is The Light that Shineth in darkness and by My Servant I give these words unto you. I Send a Great Light and few there be that perceive it because of the precepts and commandments of men.'

Message 105:10-12, 'Because of man made doctrines and traditions, The Lord's Work has suffered and many are wandering in darkness.

Few there be that Behold The Truth or are Desirous to bring it to pass The Lord's Way.

Leave the past behind—its bitterness, its contentions, bring Repentance, Love

and Obedience in your hearts. Hasten, be Obedient to The Words I bring—for so it is Spoken to all Restoration—all mankind, even unto the world’.

John 14:15, ‘**If ye Love Me, keep My Commandments’.**

Testimonies Of The Past

Donald Thompson, Missouri: I would like to stand and Thank God for His many Blessings He has giving me. I am Thankful for my sons and daughters and grandchildren.

I wished I had walked Closer to God than I did. I could of helped my children more. The Lord Called me out of the world and I am trying to Serve God the best I can. I ask God to Bless you all and I Thank Him when I get up in the morning. We can Communicate with God and be Blessed.

I am a country boy. One day getting a tire fixed, *I said how you’ans doing? They asked what part of Arkansas are you from?* We have a beautiful country, especially around Branson.

The Spirit was Strong yesterday and I feel it’s looking good today as well.

Ellen Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful for being here this year. I want to do more for God. I Thank Him for my husband and son. I Thank Him for all of you. I am Thankful for how God brought me to The Gospel in my life through Matthew. I hope we’re Blessed Greatly this Assembly to have more of a Desire to keep The Church Growing.

Tammy Thompson, Missouri: I Thank God and Praise His Blessed Name. I am Thankful for my two jobs. Sometimes I am tired and weak within. I am Thankful for my daughters and This Precious Gospel. When I

do not walk Close to God, I say things I should not. I want to be more Up and Doing and do what I should do, so please Pray for me. I am filled today with God’s Spirit. It doesn’t matter if we’re small. I Love you all and God Bless.

Mike Greenwell, Missouri: In 1994, before Brother Draves passed away, I called him on the phone. We talked and he said ‘*Mike, The Lord going to Call you. Do not get discouraged, for awhile we’re going to be small’.*

I listened to Donnie’s Sermon and it was Good. We must Walk in The Lord if you want to see God’s Blessings. Walk a Righteous Walk! I use to come to The Services and Pray and Read but didn’t always feel The Lord. If you Seek God, He is going to Stand with you. You will find Him as you Desire Righteousness. God has Blessings to Pour out on us but He wants more Service and more Love from us. This might be why we have been reduced to small numbers. Righteousness must be more Important to us than the reward. Search comes first. Get the world out of your mind except God’s Way. I asked The Lord why things were so hard when I was working. I saw these words on a truck it said, ‘*Jesus knows’.* I knew God Spoke to me from the side of this truck. I saw something else on his truck, ‘*Where much is given, much is required.’* That’s it! This Work is so Great that the mind of man cannot comprehend it. The Best is yet to come!

Richard Johnson, Iowa: I Thank The Lord for His Love for me and for all of us. Being a small group does not change my Faith in The Lord. Sorry that This Church is not full, but I am Thankful we are in This Work.

I was Raised in This Work. I heard my dad Preach one day and The Lord Touched

my heart and I never forgot that. We have a Faith that cannot be shaken! The Lord wants us to get The Testimony that it is God doing The Work, not Mike, or I or anyone but God.

The shifting time for us is now. I Hope it is through. What others are going through now we have gone through. Even when I was a young man, I never got away from The Work but at times I let the 'fire' get low. You must have your own Testimony of This Work. It will get you through.

We had a brother who said, '*If you see me going the wrong way, do not follow me, but stop and tell me, but do not follow me*'. He is not with us now. The Lord Tests us when we speak.

Happy Valentine's Day Love At Work

William A. Draves
March 5, 1978

When *Love* must do some lowly task,
She stitches reams of beauty-
Into a bodice and a basque
To cover once naked duty.

When *Love* must melt a frozen heart
She emulates the sun.
Her warmth soon makes the teardrop start
To trickle down one by one.

When *Love* must heal a broken heart
She weaves a magic spell,
And pours it on the aching part,
Then suddenly- alas- it's well!

When *Love* has found a sin sick soul-
To save him from despair,
She shares her crust and wooden bowl-
And low! The Christ is there!

When *Love* is seated deep within

She sees' no fault at all
In him she holds so free from sin
But Praise, Praise to God for all.

Mystery Valentine

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Have you heard of '*The Story of the Mystery Valentine?*' It seems a lady received a Valentine that was not signed and she ask everyone she knew if they had sent it or knew who may have done so. No one knew a thing!

So she started watching people to see if she could figure out who might have sent this 'Lovely Valentine'. From time to time she convinced herself she knew, only to realize her guess was not correct. This went on for sometime. Yet the well spoken 'Valentine' made her want to know this fine person. She could not get this matter out of her mind. After awhile, she knew in her heart if she ever came upon the person who sent this 'Valentine' she would know by his *Spirit* that he carries.

Sure enough one day she ran into a man at the post office. She nearly knocked him off his feet, when she went to apologize, she knew this was the man by his *Spirit* and she asked him about 'The Valentine' and he said 'yes', he did send 'The Valentine', but was to shy to let her know who he was. Now had she not listened to her *inner voice* and approached this man when she did, she would of never met him, for he would of not had said a thing about it to her.

Today they are married and their Love grows deeper daily.

This is the way JESUS wants us to do, to ***read His Words, Listen and respond to His Spirit.*** He wants us to be close enough to Him that you will always know *His Spirit*

and when He Speaks, you will know *His Spirit and His Voice and His Love* that He has for us all.

So HEAR with your heart and RESPOND with your heart. STUDY *THE THREE BOOKS*. You will KNOW JESUS and when He Comes to you. You will know and you will GROW in *His Spirit and Knowledge*. NO GREATER LOVE is there, than The LOVE Jesus has for YOU!

Primary Department

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Loving God's Way

God's Love is so different from our Love. We often don't feel Love or express Love. God always feels Love toward us—for He is Love.

1 John 4:7-8, *'Beloved, let us Love one another: for Love is of God; and every one that Loveth is Born of God, and Knoweth God. He that Loveth not Knoweth not God; for God is Love'.*

His Love is Unconditional, which means, He will Always Love despite what we do or say. God can never stop Loving us. It's in His very Nature to Love. Even when we say and do wrong things, He still keeps on Loving us. We need to Build God's Love into our Lives, so we may Love as He does. Let God Fill you with His Love.

Ask Him to Help you Love people and see them through His Eyes. As we continue to Walk with Jesus, and choose to Respond with Love, the more God's Love Grows in us. So Choose today to Love God's Way. *But how do we Love God's Way?*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, *'Charity suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not;*

Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not Her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but Rejoiceth in The Truth;

Beareth all things, Believeth all things, Hopeth all things, Endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be Prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be Tongues, they shall cease; whether there be Knowledge, it shall vanish away'.

But what does this all mean? To understand how we are to Love, we must first realize that Charity is Love. So knowing that Charity is Love, then we can Learn that Love is Kind. Love is not proud. Love is Patient. It does not envy. Love does not dishonor others. It is not easily angered, and it does not keep a record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but Rejoices with The truth. Love always protects, always Trust, and always Hopes. Love never Fails.

Wow! Love does a lot. It is Amazing. These are The Things God wants us to Show when we Love. After all, this is The Way He Loves us!

Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

Seems like we are living life at a faster pace now than ever before. We are involved in many different things which require our time and have deadlines. There are different sports to participate in and hopefully excel. There are clubs to join and volunteer work to do. There is always a lesson or class project that has a deadline and tests that must be passed. You may have goals you

want to meet to be able to progress to the next level or be able to be admitted to a certain class or college. You want to also meet the expectations of your parents or those you Love. You want to do The Right Things, yet you always want to be accepted by your peers. You also want to do some fun things with friends or family that takes up more time. You may add working or doing odd jobs to earn some money to the list that takes up your time. Some days are filled to overflowing with things you need to do from the time you get up until the time you finally go to bed. All these things add stress to your life. Sometimes stress can make you feel overwhelmed!

Sometimes in the busyness of life you make not take the time to do some of the things that are most important—because you are so busy with other things that require your time and attention.

Do you take the time to Pray each morning—even just a minute or two—to Thank God for your rest and to ask Him to be with you for this day? Do you take time to Study God’s Word and time to just quiet your mind and Think about God and His Word— even just a few minutes each day? Do you Pray during the day for God’s Help when you feel overwhelmed and need His Guidance or Assistance? Do you take the time to Unselfishly Pray for others and their needs—even just a few minutes a day? Do you take the time to Bless your food with Prayer? Do you end the day with Speaking to The Lord in Prayer—Thanking Him for all your Blessings, Praising Him, and Asking Him to Watch Over you and those you Love? All of this does not have to take a long time—but what Wonderful Benefits you will Reap if you will make it a priority to do these things! You will see the stress lighten in

your life as you spend time with The Lord.

God wants you to Depend on Him and to give Him your problems:

Matthew 11:28-30, (Jesus is speaking), **‘Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

Take My Yoke upon you, and Learn of Me, for I will give you Rest.

For My Yoke is Easy and My Burden (load) is Light.’

Psalm 55:2, **‘Cast thy burden upon The Lord, and He shall Sustain thee: He shall never Suffer The Righteous to be moved’.**

II Corinthians 12:9-10, **‘And He said unto me, ‘My Grace is Sufficient for thee: for My Strength is made Perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather Glory in my infirmities (weakness) that The Power of Christ may Rest upon me.**

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, and in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s Sake; for: when I am weak, then I am Strong’.

Psalm 28:7. **‘The Lord is my Strength and my Shield, my heart Trusted in Him and I am Helped: therefore my heart Rejoiceth; and with my Song will I Praise Him’.**

We need to give our Cares and Burdens to The Lord. No matter how large or how very insignificant our problem may seem to us, it is important to The Lord. Jesus says that *He is our Friend and He Loves us*. It is amazing what Relief you can feel when you spend time with The Lord in Studying His Word—when you Pray and Release your problems to The Lord.

Remember: GOD IS LOVE. He Loves us so very much that He even died on The

Cross so that by Believing in Him we can be Forgiven our sins and Live our life Everlasting with Him.

He wants to Help you and Encourage you, to Ease your stress and Lighten your burdens! So take the time to let Him be an Important Part of your life by spending Time with Him in Study and Prayer! *Do you know the song, 'Love Lifted Me?'* This is the chorus. 'Love Lifted me! Love Lifted me! When nothing else could Help, Love Lifted me'.

Let God's Love Encourage and Lift you! Love in Christ.

Young Adults Department

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Dear Young Adults;

We wanted to talk today on the importance of being Prepared for when The Lord Comes again.

You cannot turn on the television without hearing of something disastrous happening, whether it is flash floods, hurricanes, tornados, killings, or war.

In Mormon 8:26-32 it reads; '**And no one need say they shall not come for they surely shall, for The Lord hath Spoken it for out of the earth they come by The Hand of The Lord and none can stay it, and it shall come in a day when it shall be said that Miracles are done away and it shall come even as if one should speak from the dead.**

And it shall come in a day when The Blood of Saints shall Cry unto The Lord because of secret combinations and works of darkness.

Yea, it shall come in a day when The Power of God shall be denied and

churches become defiled and be lifted up in the pride of their hearts, yea even in a day when leaders of churches and teachers shall rise in the pride of their hearts, even to the envying of them who belong to their churches;

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be heard of fires and tempests and vapors of smoke in foreign lands;

And there shall also be heard of wars, rumors of wars and earthquakes in divers places.

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth, there shall be murders and robbings and lying and deceiving and whoredoms, and all manners of abominations when there shall be many who say, 'Do this, or do that and it mattereth not for The Lord will Uphold such at the last day. But wo unto such for they are at the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity.

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be churches built up that shall say, 'Come unto me, and for your money you shall be forgiven of your sins.'

These verses were prediction of what were to happen during the end times before Christ is to Come again. These things are happening NOW! Time is Short! There are many more things to come-worse things before The Lord Comes again and we all have to be Prepared. If we are not Strong in The Lord, if our Faith is not Strong in The Lord, we won't be Able to Prevail against the power of satan when worse things happen. We cannot allow satan to have power to tempt us. The Lord has *Promised* us that He will Stand us in Holy Places when trials and tragedy surrounds us. In order to have This *Promise* from The Lord,

we have to do our Part and be Faithful Servants unto Him. We have to continue to have our Faith in The Lord grow on a daily basis. We have to Study His Words, Pray daily for Strength, and have a Continued Relationship with our Father in Heaven, Jesus Christ.

Message 100:4, **'Satan is at hand in the minds of many everywhere to bring havoc and trouble.'**

Satan knows his time is getting shorter to the day when he will have no power over The Children of God. So he is trying his hardest now to obtain as many Souls as he can.

1 Nephi 22:26, **'And because of The Righteousness of His People, satan hath no power wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years, for he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in Righteousness, and The Holy One of Israel Reigneth.'**

11 Nephi 30:18, **'Wherefore, all things which have been Revealed unto The Children of Men, shall at that day be Revealed, and satan shall have power over the hearts of the children of men no more, for a long time.'**

These verses tell us that there will be a day when satan will have no power over God's Children. The day when The Lord Comes again is when satan will be bound, for the space of a thousand years.

We have to Prepare ourselves for The Lord's Coming but also for The Return of John The Baptist. The Lord Tells us that John is *'The Forerunner'*, so he has to return before The Lord does.

Malachi 3:1-2, **'Behold, I will send My Messenger and he shall Prepare The Way before Me and The Lord whom ye Seek shall Suddenly Come to His Temple even**

The Messenger of The Covenant whom ye Delight in, Behold he shall come Saith The Lord of Hosts.

But who may Abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth for he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap?.'

Message 19:8-9, **The Temple will be Built by a People whose hearts are Pure. God will not Accept any unclean thing, nor the work from men that will not follow The Instructions given by His Servant that He has Sent.**

But Prepare ye a People for The Lord. Prepare a Place for there is no place among the wicked for God's People to Abide.'

We need to Prepare ourselves NOW for The Return of John The Baptist, and also The Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us do all we can to Prepare ourselves for The Lord in Keeping our Relationship with Him Strong, as well as our Faith.

Remember to be Good Examples of Christ. You may never know who is watching your example.

Message 99:9, **'Be very Careful what you Say, how you Speak, and where you Are, so is My Message to all.'**

In closing, we wanted to let you all know our Thoughts and Prayers are for all of you. Let us continue to Pray for one another during This New Year (2012) and Always. God Bless!

Special Notices

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Brother Apostle Mervyn and Sister Marianna Johnson of Missouri. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to

you both. May God Bless! **The Editor**

The Church has a CD available of 'The Testimony of William A. Draves' spoken by himself, for \$5.00. Please contact The General Headquarters Office.

Missionary Journey

Both Quorums are planning a Missionary Journey, hopefully, this June, 2012 to foreign fields. Any contributions you can help with Travel expenses, The Church will greatly appreciate. May The Lord be with you all. God Bless!

Obituary

George Harrison Wilkin

George Harrison Wilkin went home to be with The Lord on January 28, 2012 after a short illness. He was surrounded by friends and family holding his hands as he passed from this earth into Paradise.

George was born August 29, 1922 to George William and Esther Herrel Wilkin in Chillicothe, Ohio. At age 4 George and his older sister Ruth Swaochka lived in the Veterans Children Home in Zenia, Ohio. He lived there until he graduated from high school, then moved in with his dad for a short time while he was attending college and worked.

George became an Eagle Scout while attending High School. He Loved to share his experiences about the challenge and difficulty it was to receive such an Honor. He also enjoyed playing around with crystal radio sets and building things. He learned how to become a hard worker and do his

best at whatever he strive to accomplish at his school and caring adults who help guide him in life.

George was married to Frances Brooks in 1941. In this union he had three daughters. He served his country in The Army Air Force for 2 years and traveled much for the Government. He also taught night school in Engineering after he was out of The Service. He moved to Holden, Missouri in 1963. He worked at Whiteman AFB outside Warrensburg, Missouri. He again traveled all over The United States as a Quality Control Rep, working mostly on The Missile Sites.

In October of 1967 he married Karen Rhodes (Wilkin). They made their home at first in Holden, MO, then moved across The United States to several different states for his job with The Government. They moved back to MO for the birth of their first child in 1974, at that time he retired from The U. S. Government. They were Blessed with two beautiful children. They resided in Preston, MO for over 30 years and they celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in October.

George and his wife also cared for many foster children over a 7 year period of time. George had such a big heart with the children and they Loved him dearly. He treated each one like he or she was his own child and Loved teaching them about The Things of God. He always had time to play a game, pitch a ball, play some soccer, play basket or baseball and he made sure they always won. He enjoyed doing volunteer work wherever and whenever he could. He did hospital visitations for the terminally ill patients in Independence, Mo. He spent a lot of time doing Missionary Work for his Church and visited people across The United States and Canada. He Loved to travel and see the beauty of God's Creation. I guess we

could say his favorite hobbies were just doing things with his children that they enjoyed doing. Their homework, crafts, projects, 4-H projects, building model cars with his son, camping and hiking with the kids and teaching them how to Trust in Jesus.

George was Baptized into *The Church of Christ, With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.* in 1955. He was Called an Elder, then as an Apostle. He Loved his Church with all of his heart and strive to do his very best in Service to The Lord and His Great Work. He remained Faithful to his Covenant with Jesus Christ and Endured to the end. Before he passed away, twice he lifted his hands toward the upper ceiling and wall, reaching for something that he saw. He had this Glorious Smile on his face and he just Radiated leaving us to Believe he saw some Beautiful Angelic Personages and they were about to come and escort him home to Jesus.

George traveled twice to East Africa to Serve The Lord on a Missionary journey, his last travel being with Apostle Jairus Yates. It was one of the highlights of his life. He had many wonderful and happy stories to share after his visits in Africa. His last visit he lost about 25 lbs due to the food and water conditions, but never once complained about any of it. The people had a deep admiration and respect for him and admired his deep Love for them, especially taking such a deep interest in the children. We were often amazed at how little children would just flock to George to sit on his lap and he Loved it. He genuinely Loved the little children.

George spent most of his time each day reading and studying The Word of God. His entire life was centered around The Things of God. He spent much time in his secret

closet, down on his knees Praying to The Lord for over an hour at a time. He was very thrilled that he had made it through 33 Chapters of The Book of Isaiah, beginning in early January. He also enjoyed watching The Christian Stations each day. He Loved listening to The Christian Music Stations and would often sing right along with the songs he knew. He Loved reading stories to his grandchildren, Alexyss and Joshua and also telling them stories about his childhood.

George had a deep Love for people, especially those considered the under-dog. He had such a big heart and Loved doing Good Things for others, often sacrificing himself just so he could help someone else.

George left behind his 4 daughters, Nancy Spears and her husband Gilbert of Anderson, Missouri, Brenda Henson and her husband Don of Holden, Missouri, Alicia Brady and her husband Jeff of Anderson, Missouri and Nicole Skinner of Preston, Missouri. He also leaves behind 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his only son, Joshua Michael Wilkin. He was also preceded in death by his Father and Mother, George and Esther Wilkin, his sister Ruth Swaochka and his in-laws, George and Velma Rhodes, along with some Beloved nephews, brother in laws and sister in law.

He Loved each one very much and always looked for The Good qualities in them. He was so Loved by so many and we will all miss him terribly.

George would want to Encourage anyone who has not yet made a Covenant Relationship with Christ to seriously consider doing so. It was a Righteous Desire of his Heart to Save Souls and he often Prayed Deeply for the lost and sought The Lord for their Salvation.

He will be deeply missed by all of his Church friends, friends, family, and all those who Knew him and Loved him.

Funeral Services George Harrison Wilkin

January 31, 2012

He Walked With God

Romans 8:28, ‘And we know that all things work together for Good to them that Love God, to them who are The Called according to His Purpose’.

John 9:1-3. ‘And as Jesus Passed by, He saw a man which was blind from his birth.

And His Disciples asked Him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jesus Answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that The Works of God should be made Manifest in him’.

God has an Opportunity here today. Our Hearts are heavy. We think about Life and death. We think about Heaven and hell. We think about our Walk with God. Our Hearts are broken. Our Hearts are fertile ground for Receiving The Seed of The Word of God. Like the ground our Hearts need to be broken for The Planting of The Word. God can use blindness and work it to The Good. God can even use death and Work it to The Good and Manifest His Works in us.

What a Precious Soul George is. George was the kindest, sweetest man. Some of us have people in our lives that we don’t like. We try to be a Good Christian and say

‘I Love him but I don’t like him.’ George is the kind of guy that you say *‘I Love him and I Like him.’* I Like him a lot.

George was a well groomed man. He liked to be clean shaved and often he would be wearing a tie. I was Blessed to go with George to Africa. When we were trying to catch a flight from Amsterdam to Nairobi Kenya our plane was about to leave us. I could not find George. I went into the bathroom and there was George combing his hair.

It was of greater importance to George that his Walk with God was a Holy Walk. In his attempt to have a Holy Walk he Believed if he made a mistake or offended someone or offended God he wanted to make The Proper Correction and Seek Forgiveness.

In The Book of Luke, Jesus is Talking to Peter and Calls him Simon.

Luke 22:31-32, ‘And The Lord said, Simon, Simon, Behold, satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:’ (*George understood that the devil was his adversary*).

But I have Prayed for thee, that thy Faith fail not: and when thou art Converted, strengthen thy brethren’.

Romans 10:8-10, ‘But what Saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy Heart: that is, The Word of Faith, which we Preach;

That if thou shalt Confess with thy mouth The Lord Jesus, and shalt Believe in thine Heart that God hath Raised him from the dead, thou shalt be Saved.

For with the Heart man Believeth unto Righteousness; and with the mouth Confession is made unto Salvation’.

James X:19-20, ‘Thou Believest that there is One God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that Faith without Works is dead?'

Peter was an Apostle that Walked with Christ, he ate with Him, he laughed with Him, and he cried with Him. He was the loudest to say he would follow Jesus to the end. Peter Believed he had maxed out in his Walk with The Lord. He Believed he had arrived Spiritually. Some of you here today are like Peter; some of you have never entered into a Covenant Relationship with Jesus Christ; some have wondered off The Path because of the difficulties of life. I need to tell you that today is a Call for Repentance; today is a Call for Conversion. We need to do more than just Confess with our mouth. We need to Believe with our Hearts. It needs to be a different kind of Belief than what the devils have. It needs to be more than just saying you Believe in God. It needs to be a Belief that Causes you to get up and do something for God. It is a Belief that Powers you to Fast and Pray and Study The Word of God.

George's Close Walk with The Lord was Personal, it was Passionate, it was Precious, it was Prayerful, it was done by Fasting, and it was done by Feasting on The Daily Bread The Word of God. George was Transformed Daily by The Renewing of his mind. I need to tell you that if you want a Holy Walk with God you need to have a Daily Walk with God.

I Believe if George was here he would say *'Follow The Example I have given and when you are Converted strengthen your brother.'* George's ending was Better than his beginning. He finished Strong. He Walked with God.

Condolences From Africa

*Disciple Mobutu
Republic of The Congo: Africa*

Dearest Sister Karen, Nikki, the family of Brother Apostle George Wilkin, The Quorum of Twelve Apostles and *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message: The Assured Way of The Lord*, entire Church in America and around the world.

Greetings in The Name of The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ our God. We The Disciples and Vice Bishops, Elders, Priesthood, Handmaidens of The Lord and the entire local Churches of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message: The Assured Way of The Lord* in Africa wish to send you our Condolences for the news we got from Sister Oladawn about the passing away to the other side of Vail of our Beloved Apostle George Wilkin. Surely He is Resting with our Lord Jesus Christ. We Prayed and Fasted for Brother Apostle George for Recovery, but our God sent an Angel to us Confirming it to us that our Prayers Reached The Heaven and many Angels came to take Brother Apostle George to Heaven. Without doubt we Know Brother Apostle George is Returning Home with much Success. No body who got a Chance and Grace in this world like Brother Apostle George. Be Comforted and Believe it that we shall go to also to be with Brother Apostle George if we Endure to the end. We know the feelings and affections you had for Brother Apostle George and we know how it is heavy at this time of much sorrow but we are sure that we shall meet with Brother Apostle George one day on that Resurrection Morning. We are joining you and The Spiritual world in Prayers with all our Church Member here in Africa for Three (3) days up to Thursday for Funeral and to give our Last Respect to Brother Apostle George. May God Comfort you with His Word. On behalf of The Church in Africa,

your Brother Mobutu, with Disciples and Vice Bishops.

Welcome Home

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Thank you all for your Prayers for Brother Apostle George Wilkin. All these days we are Praying and Fasting on his behalf. An Angel appearing to me this time in my Vision this night local time 00:15 midnight. and Confirm it to me that soon we will not be with Brother George Wilkin here on earth. His Visa will expirsering soon, he will go to Rest for Eternity with our Heavenly Father, he won The Race and The Crown of Eternal Life awaiting him. I see Angels are so many no body who can count them singing *'WELCOME HOME GEORGE WILKIN YOU WON THE RACE, YOU HAVE A BETTER END, COME AND ENJOY WHAT YOU BELIEVED IN YOU WILL EAT AND DRINK WITH JESUS CHRIST'* They repeated and repeated this song. I feel to write it to you. As I ignore to send it to you, by fearing that it may be a simple dream, but it returned to me more than twenty times, there is no way to sleep, until I find it that I must write to you. But didn't send a copy of this letter to Brother George neither to Sister Karen. Let Sister Karen, Nikki, The Quorum of Twelve to take Heart as they will lose one Important Person in flesh but Heaven is Opening to him. W.A.DRAVES IS AMOUNG THE ANGELS WHO ARE SINGING, I IDENTIFIED HIM, I SEE ALSO MY WIFE MAGGY IN WHITE ROBE AMONG THEM. Thank you Jesus Christ my God.

Your Brother BAMA WA MOBUTU
Gloire. Africa

Letter

*Sisters Karen Wilkin & Sister Nicole Skinner
Alexyss and Joshua
Missouri*

We want to Sincerely THANK YOU for your Gift of Love. I know George would have appreciated your Kindness so much as we do.

We Thank you so much for you Support and Prayers during this very difficult time our family has endured. We know you were Praying for George from the time he went into the hospital right up to his departure into Paradise. We know it is because of The Prayers of our friends, Church family, and family that we were able to get through this terrible time. Without The Lord's Help, I don't think I could have endured all that we went through. It was Truly a time of test and great worry, but we also know The Lord Knew best for George and He had Mercy upon him and Led him Home to the place he longed to be all his life. He now Rest in The Arms of Jesus and we know he is Rejoicing. I can't help but think how thrilled he was to get a 'Big Hug' from his son Joshua.

George dedicated his entire life to The Lord and gave of his best when he could. It wasn't always easy, but yet his main goal was to do his best. He remained Faithful right up to The End and he will now Reap his Rewards from Christ. He Loved The Lord and This Work with all his heart and now he Abides with Him in His Glorious Kingdom.

Again, Thank you so much for all you did to help Comfort us, Support us and Stood by us in the hour of great need. Thank you for being there for us in whatever way you could. Because of your Act of Kindness, we were Truly Blessed.

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 Watch care 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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