

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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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 53:10, ‘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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heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

It is each Elder's duty to Seek Guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.

Secretary For The Twelve
Apostle Leonard H. Draves

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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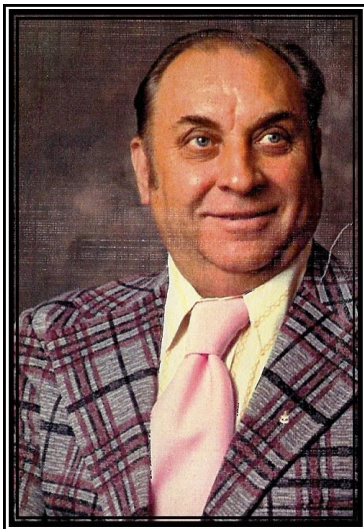
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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

To All People

Ninety-Second Message



The Angel Messenger of The Lord came to me at 4:45 a.m. July 4, 1973, in my home at Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message. The room was filled with Light. He spoke calmly and slowly, as I wrote the words he gave. He left at five o'clock.

W. A. Draves

1. 'Behold, I come to you at this time. Arise and Write the words I shall give you. I am John The Baptist, a Resurrected Being. I am The Elias. My Mission is one of Love and Peace. The powers of the adversary¹ cannot hinder my Work.

2. I come from The Lord's Presence. Look to The Lord, this is His Work. I bring a Message from His Voice and His Will.

3. The Lord's People have seen trials and afflictions but let all Arise to a Closer Walk with The Lord. Come away from contentions and bring Love and Obedience in you Lives. Continue in Good Works. The Lord has Heard the Prayers that are of the Heart, and this Assembly. And I bring Peace and an answer to the problems when it becometh a need.

4. There is none that have done right in all things. They have fallen short².

5. Where is that Great Love and The

Spirit that Mellows the Heart, is it still among you? I say unto you, yea, let it do Greater Work. Qualify to be Leaders of men. Do Good to all mankind. Love always, hate and bitterness is not our Mission.

6. He that Loveth the brethren, Loveth God also. The Lord will uphold him and make him a Blessing

7. Follow The Pattern. Let all that come This Way be Baptized into One Spirit. Teach and Preach the same things in The Way I have given you and it will be well.

8. The Church of Christ will never again be destroyed but will move on Her Mission until Zion is established and the people redeemed from their sins-and The Lord come. The Kingdom and The Dominion shall be for The Saints of The Most High³.

9. A deception has gone out among the people and churches of mankind with doctrines of men with a cry to speak in tongues of unknown words. Such has no meaning but to harden the hearts of those that do so-making The Authority I bring of none effect and will not be a part of them, neither will they receive nor obtain it.

10. There Is no Greater Authority or Gift, or Gifts given to man than that which I bring of The Lord God, after The Order of His Son.

11. Who is mankind to claim more than This? He that will not recognize The Authority and Power I bring. Faileth, and his works will not stand the test in the end. Let this evil not be among you for it will not calm the soul nor will it save you.

12. There will come a day when a

True Gift will be given. With Great Wisdom will it work a Work and convince, moreover convict, but as yet is not among you in Measures of Saving Grace.

13. Turn away from those things that divide and separate you one from another. The Lord Knoweth the hearts and wherein powers of man and deception lies. Except such repent and cleanse their minds of these things they have no part of This Work.

14. I have brought and bring a Message for mankind-that he may heed and conform to it; that he might be a part of The Lamb's Bride when He comes to make up His Jewels. I speak to fulfill The Word of God, to bring all The Faithful in Christendom together to One Fold⁴, One Shepherd, One Spirit of God, One Baptism⁵ with Power for Remission of sins and traditions of man that cannot save.

15. The Lord will Call many into This Way.

16. Be firm, fret not, hold The Peace and your reward will be sure.

17. In time The Quorum of Twelve Apostles will be filled. There are those in The Lord's Preserve. Some will fail, others will take their Calling when The Lord speaks.

18. Peace I leave with you and The Church. Lift your Faith-The Way of The Lord is Sure. I will come again'. Amen!

1. 1 Peter 5:8

2. Psalms 14:1-3
Romans 3:23

3. Daniel 7:22

4. 1 Nephi 22:25 (RN)

5. Ephesians 4:25

From The Editor

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FAITH



The Entire Ministry of Jesus Christ was Based on Faith. From the standpoint of worldly advancement, there was no reason why Jesus should have upheld The Claims He made for Himself and His Philosophy.

But He could not Renounce them and Still be True to The Conviction that was His that He had a Definite Mission to perform.

So Firm was He in This Conviction that He was Willing to Suffer Physical Torture and Death rather than Recant. So Deep a Conviction as this must have been under laid with a most Powerful Conviction.

Even so, we find that a period of The Reformation there were numbers who had so Strong a Faith that they too, were Willing to Endure torture and death in order to Purify The Gospel.

Even in our own Church History we had men who were Willing to give their all in Defense of The Principles which they held to be Right.

There must have been a tremendous amount of Faith in the Hearts of men and women that pioneered our Religious Movement to cause such a demonstration of Courage.

In considering the contribution of Faith to our Spiritual Life, we must not overlook that this Principle involved in the Healing of those who are physically distressed. Both through teaching and observation we have come to know that the Principles of Administration is without value except as it is accompanied by a manifestation of Faith. But to see the Wonderful Benefits which

come when this manifestation of Faith is present is sufficient evidence of The Creative Power of Faith in our Religious Life.

The Apostle Paul spoke of his limitation of humanity when he said, *'Now I know in part, and I prophesy in part.'* We cannot know all things. It is part of the adventure of life to grow into a more complete knowledge of life in all of its meanings and manifestations. And as we become older and through experience come to know more, we are more impressed with the vastness of the great unknown.

Paul, although he realized that he knew only in part, said there would come a time when he would know even as he was known. We must recognize that such a Conviction would be his through the Strong Faith he possessed.

We can not come to knowledge of things without first having passed through the experience of Faith. Knowledge comes to us from others through The Instrumentality of Faith, for we must have confidence in others or 'Books' or we cannot obtain knowledge that has been passed by others.

Message 102:11, tells us that ***'Knowledge Cometh from Study of The Books . . .'*** So if we have no confidence in 'The Books', no Faith that what they speak are True, then they mean nothing to us.

Some of the facts of the universe have been discovered quite by accident, but the great majority of our knowledge have come to us in a very definite way. We must have Faith in 'The Truths' given to us. In fact we must *harvest* Faith in what we accept as 'Truth' and gain knowledge from what is given.

Through added Study and the discovery of other Evidence, a more definite theory is developed.

Faith should be something we should Seek to Achieve for its own Sake, or from the benefits which will grow out of it.

The Apostle Peter says we should *'add to Faith, Virtue, and to Virtue, Knowledge.'* So according to this, Faith is but a Stepping Stone to the attainment of knowledge.

Faith is not only necessary to help us push on to New Knowledge, but it is essential in each New Life to help the individual to an Appreciation of the knowledge which have already come to others.

Real Knowledge can come to each of us only through our Experiences. No matter how many times others have ventured into the unknown, they cannot pass their knowledge on to us ready made.

We can only come to a knowledge of its 'Truth' by only following *The Road of Faith and Experience* which they traveled.

'Faith' ends with The Coming of 'Knowledge'.

We can conceive that with perfection. All Faith will Merge into Knowledge, but so long as we remain strong in our knowledge will be Based on Faith, and with the accumulation of new knowledge our Faith will be Increased to press on to new fields. You have perhaps realized that the more we learn, the more we find there is to be learned.

Message 26:17, ***'Remember the things I have told you. Read The Messages. Study them, that you may know The Will of The Lord, and Save yourselves from the things that are coming to pass. Let no one be idle, that all may Assist in The Lord's Work.'***

Message 44:8, ***'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.'

Message 73:6-7, *'The Lord Knoweth the Hears of mankind and wherein they desire to Learn and do His Will, it shall be like Precious Ointment poured upon The Faithful to Dwell in This Light of Life and Salvation. For unto them, shall be Great Joy, that which the mind of man has not yet Attained to.'*

Be not contentious. Speak The Truth and be Firm. A Great Light has been given but few there be that Perceive it. Because of the precepts and commandments of men; which blind and destroy, closing their understanding. Remember, The Greater your Study and Illuminating of your minds with The Words and Will of The Lord, The Greater your Understanding and Light shall be; freeing your lives from the bands of satan and his powers; making you a Blessing among mankind.'

Message 84:27, *'See those that grope in darkness because they will not or do not Study. Many are Called, some Faithful, some have been Ordained yet they are slow to Prepare themselves to be Leaders. The desires of their Hearts are not yet filled-nor The Lord's Will Obeyed.'*

Message 108:11, *'The people perish for lack of knowledge to perform Properly or Progress Rightly in The Lord.'*

As I said before, *'Faith' ends with The Coming of Knowledge.'*

Be opened minded! Be Reverent! Be Tolerant! And Be Humble!

I Believe a Good Christian, should always 'Seek Truth' and The Lord's Will and KNOWING The Lord's Will Strengthen our 'Faith'.

'No man liveth unto himself alone.'
God Bless you all is my Prayer.

From The Apostles

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
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One Mighty and Strong A Fountain Of Truth

John The Baptist

Message 39:9, *'Floods, wars, pestilence 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 gushes 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 70:2, *'I speak as from a Fountain of Truth and with Power and Authority. I bring The Authority for mankind to Represent Christ and His Church; therefore remember this is a Holy Work and must be kept Holy.'*

Message 84:2, *'I am The Servant of The Lord. I am The Forerunner of The Christ. I am he to Prepare The Way. I give The Word in due season. I speak in The Spirit and Power of God, of The Elias, The Assured Way, A Fountain of Truth. I am clothed with Light for a covering. The Words I speak are Eternal Words. I speak The Words of Christ, The Living God. His Words shall Judge you in the last day. Shape your Lives by The Words I bring and it will be Well with you. This is The Assured Way of The Lord.'*

Message 103:3, '*I bring The Priesthood Authority, I speak as a Fountain Of Truth, and with Power and Authority.*'

Message 114:11, '*You Believe in God, Believe also in my Coming to Prepare The Way. I speak Eternal Words. I am Clothed with Light for a Covering, gushing forth as A Fountain Of Truth.*'

From The Bishops

Message 12:5, '. . . Let the men who have been Placed in Charge and Appointed to Look after and Receive *The Tithes, Offerings and Oblations*, be Mindful of their Work, that the moneys so Received are spent Wisely. Let them give an Accounting to *The Church*, that Things may be Done in *Justice* to all, always being Mindful that they are *Ambassadors for Christ and The Church*, and that they will be without Excuse to God, for everyone must be *Faithful* to their *Trust* for this is *The Lord's Work*, and so Shall it be Required of him in the last day.'

Joseph Smith failed in *The Eyes of The Lord*. He changed The Name of *The Record of The Nephites* to The Book of Mormon, as well as teaching a falsehood on The Godhead. Joseph's group rejected *The Godhead* as taught in *The Record of The Nephites*.

III Nephi 26:9-10, '**And when they have Received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their Faith, and if it shall so be that they shall Believe these things, then The Greater Things be made Manifest unto them.**

And if it so be that they will not Believe these Things, then shall The Greater Things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation.'

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

Message 111:4-5, '**Thus Saith *The Lord*, 'Where is *The House Built unto Me?* You Live in your Sealed Houses- with Sealed set Minds-Established in your own man made and evil doctrines. Even establish-ing false teaching of how *The God of Heaven, Creator of The Universe*, is to Speak to mankind. Ignoring *The Plan of God*, having a Form of Godliness but Denying *The Power* thereof. Therefore your failure is in not Hearing The Truth as it Comes, making *The Word of The Lord* of none effect.'**

We Cannot fail *The Lord*! We Know *The Truth* as God has Given *IT* to us through *The Three Measures of Meal, The Three Gospel Books, The Word of The Lord, The Record Of The Nephites and The Holy Bible.*

We are a *Blessed People of The Lord and His Chosen Ones*. We cannot let *The Lord* down in any of *His Commandments!* Let us not fail in paying our *Tithes and Oblations to The Lord*. For all we have *The Lord* has given unto us. We must be *FAITHFUL* to *His Words and Commandments*, for it shall Bring us all *Salvation in The Lord*.

There is much to do! We must get *The Word* out, Print materials that Teaches *The Plan and Decrees of The Lord*, Build *The Lord's House* so that all may Come and Learn of *The Lord's Dealings and Gospel Plan*. May we all Endure to *The End*, through *Obedience and Actions to The Word*. Amen! (Read Exodus 30: 14).

Primary Department

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We recently celebrated The New Year. I don't know about you, but every time a new year starts, I think about the previous year, what I did wrong, what I did right, and aspects of my Life that needs improvement. I'm not saying that I leave it just for The New Year to think about these things; I think about it all the time. I am constantly trying to think about these things and to Live The Life God wants me to. All I am saying is The New Year brings about a renewal of thinking about them. I sit and write it all down. It is the basis of my New Year's Resolutions. Over the years, a common resolution for me is that I will continue to try to stay on God's Path for us, and His Path for Life is laid out for us in The Three Books.

Matthew 7:13-14 15, (3 Nephi 14:13-14), 'Enter ye in at The [Straitgate](#): 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 it.'

Life is like a road. When you go to Church, you take a road to get there. There are other streets that you can take, but you wouldn't end up at Church. You have to follow a certain Path to get there. If you take a different road, you will end up somewhere else.

Jesus said that The Choices we make in Life are like picking which road to take. He

describes two roads. One is Wide, and flat, and easy with a Wide Gate at the end. The other is Narrow, and Rugged, and Difficult, with a Narrow Opening at its end. Most people take the easy road, and few take The Narrow One. But Jesus said that The Wide and Easy road Leads to destruction, and The Straight and Narrow road Leads to Life.

When we have to make Choices in Life, we have to base our decisions on more than what is easiest. Often what seems easiest or most appealing is the worst choice we can make. Satan wants us to sin, so he makes sin look good. But we have to Know where our Decisions will Lead us. We have to look at The Consequences of our Decisions.

Message 41:13, '**Blessed art thou that Seeketh to bring forth My Zion, for it shall be and The Righteous shall have Victory over all the oppressors. Therefore, I send The Warning, even by My Messenger in The Spirit and Power of Elias, that ye Walk Humbly before Me, even all, Teaching My Law that mankind must Come with Full Purpose of Heart. Cleave unto Me and I shall Cleave unto you. Reject not My Words, Ouench not My Spirit. Let all the erring Repent. Teach men to Come Partake of The Tree of Life. Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Eternal Life, Saith your Lord, for I am he who speaketh. Bring your Sacrifice of a Broken Heart; Repent in a Contrite Spirit.'**

So I ask this of you for the coming year, and all that follow: ask yourself if your Actions are Keeping you on The Straight and-Narrow *or are they causing you to lose*

sight of The Path ahead?

Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

We have studied about why we believe *The Holy Bible, The Record of the Nephites, and The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by An Angel*- from which we receive The Fullness of The Gospel. We have studied about how our Church is different from other churches and how we received The Priesthood Authority from God's Angel, John the Baptist.



Do you know why our Church is Called 'The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message'? If you said because it is Christ's Church and The Angel John the Baptist is bringing Messages to Prepare The Way before Christ's Coming – you are right! Maybe the word 'Elijah' is a bit confusing to you. I would like to explain, Elijah, Elisha, Elias and why our Church is Called '*with the Elijah Message*'.

Long ago there lived a Prophet named Elijah. He lived in a time when people worshiped many false gods. Elijah was very Loyal to our True God. Elijah Obeyed God and told the people that they were wrong and needed to change their ways and follow The One True God.

One time there was a great famine in the land because the people were so wicked. As you know, when there is a famine, there is no food or water. God Provide for Elijah giving him a stream to drink from

and ravens to carry food to Elijah when he was hungry.

Elijah was very Faithful and did many Miracles for God. He was a Great Prophet. God Provided someone, Elisha, to follow in Elijah's footsteps. Elijah taught Elisha many things. When Elijah's time on earth was finished, he did not die. A Magnificent Chariot of Fire took Elijah up to Heaven. Before this happened, Elijah asked Elisha if there was anything he wanted him to do for him before he was taken away. Elisha said, '**I Pray thee, let a Double Portion of thy Spirit be upon me.**' (II Kings 2:9) Elijah answered, '**If you see me when I am taken from you it will be so, but if you do not see me it will not be so.**'

Elisha did see Elijah taken up into Heaven in a Whirlwind by The Horses and a Chariot of Fire. God did Bless Elisha with a Double Portion of His Spirit. Elisha was a Faithful, hard working Prophet for The Lord and did many Miracles – just as Elijah did!

It was Prophesied long ago that The Elias would come to Prepare The Ways for The Lord. John the Baptist did that when Jesus started His Ministry on earth the first time. Now he has come many times leaving Messages to Prepare The Way for Jesus to Come to earth again. Message 24:8, '**I have sent John the Baptist, the son of Zacharias, in The Spirit and Power of Elias, Preparing The Hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to be just, for he is The Messenger of The Covenant to all people, for I, The God of Israel am no Respector of Persons, for All that will Love The Lord, and keep The Commandments that My Son has brought to earth are Accepted of Me.**'

John the Baptist explains in Messages 85:24-25 and 91:9 why we use the expression ‘Elijah Message’ in our Church name. He says **‘that when Israel wanted a True Prophet that they could Trust to Speak God’s Will, they remembered Elijah and asked for someone like him. So the expression ‘Elias must first come’ (before Christ). Elijah was a Prophet in his time and the ‘Power’ of God was upon him, Likewise, John the Baptist has the same ‘Power’ of God upon him and his work and the words he means a True Prophet of The Highest will Come to Prepare The Way before Christ –telling The People of Christ’s Coming.** John the Baptist says he is not Elijah the former Prophet speaks. Therefore, the reason to say **‘In The Spirit and Power of Elias, or Elijah’ means of God not man’.** So our church name means **‘The Church of Christ with the true powerful message from God’** – “The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message”.

We are so fortunate to be part of Christ’s True Church that He has Established on earth by The Touch of His Angel’s Hand. We are so fortunate to have Received Guidance from His Angel, John the Baptist. I Pray that John the Baptist, will return again soon to leave Messages to Direct The Church and continue to Prepare The Church (the people) to be Christ’s Bride.

There is much that each of us can do by being valiant in Prayer, studying The Scriptures, and telling others about Jesus, His Church, The Angel Messages, and this Great Plan of Salvation!

May God Bless, Protect, and Direct each of you. Love in Christ,

Young Adult Department

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Baptism

Today I wanted to talk about the importance of Baptism.

In The Articles of Faith and Practice #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 The Hands for (a) Ordination; (b) Blessing of Children; (c) Confirmation and The Gift of The Holy Ghost; (d) Healing of the sick’.**

Baptism is an Ordinance of The Gospel and is something that The Lord Requires. The Lord Showed the importance of this by His Example. He asked John the Baptist to Baptize Him even though there was no need for Him to be Baptized.

1 Nephi 10: 9-10, **‘And my father said he should Baptize in Bethbara, beyond Jordan, and he also said that he should Baptize with water, even that he should Baptize The Messiah with water. And after he had Baptized The Messiah with water bear Record that he Baptized The Lamb of God, who should take away the sins of the world’.**

Our Lord God was Perfect and there was no need for Him to Baptized by John the Baptist. He did this to show us that Baptism is Required and to be an Example

to us. He Commands us to follow His Example and be Baptized.

In 2 Nephi 9:23, **‘And He Commandeth all men that they must Repent, and be Baptized in His Name, having perfect Faith in The Holy One of Israel, or they cannot be Saved in The Kingdom of God.’**

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

Message 69:9, **‘This is a Holy Work and mankind must come Humbly before The Lord. Let Repentance and Baptism be the answer in Action by each one coming into This Work. Let The Hands be laid on all that The Spirit might come to them in Great Power and Deliverance in times of trials. Let great Faith Rule in Love. Let Peace be in each Heart and Soul, in your homes, and avoid contentions. Trust not in traditions of men, nor the ways of men, nor flesh. They will not Save you.’**

Message 87:23, **‘Let those that come to The Church be Baptized in Water, and The Laying on of Hands for The Gift and Gifts of The Holy Spirit.’**

All these references show us The Commandment that The Lord gives us regarding Baptism. We have to follow The Commandments that The Lord gives us so that we may be able to have Eternal Life with Him someday. The Lord tells us to Obey Him, and Endure to The End so that we

may have Eternal Life.

Message 85:6, **‘Let all that come be Baptized and The Hands Laid on them that The Lord by His Spirit may Confirm their works.’**

After we get Baptized in The Lords Church we then receive The Laying on of Hands for The Gift of The Holy Ghost. Then as Baptized Members of The Church we need to remember that we need to be an Example to others by our Actions. We need to let others know who we are by the things that we do.

REMEMBER:

Our Goal that we are trying to Achieve in this Life is to have Eternal Life with our Father in Heaven someday.

May we always remember The Lord and all the things that He has done for us. Also remember to let your Light Shine through so that others may see it. We all want to reach our Ultimate Goal which is to one day Live with The Lord.

God Bless you all, and also remember to Pray for one another!

Articles From The Past

Study and Be Approved

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Remember the verse: II Timothy 2:15, **‘Study to shew thyself approved unto God ...’**

God wants us to study His Words and The Words of The Prophets, to place them in our Hearts and to Learn and Grow in His

Grace.

Message 112:4, 'Study The Words I send that My Messenger brings to you. Let your Minds be Illuminated in Peace, and Joy will Rule your Lives,' Saith The Lord.



Message 97:7, 'Read and Study The Words, *'The Words of The Lord'* that I bring had have brought and will yet bring; Shape your Lives by them and it will be well with you.'

Message 99:7, 'All those that Shape their Lives by The Words I bring, shall be Blessed. Have Faith in The Prophets of Old and it will be well with you, but Heed not the ways of evil men – such will not Save you.'

Message 102:11, 'Knowledge Cometh from The Study of The Books and Grace from much Prayer, Salvation by Obedience, Deliverance by Endurance'.

Message 115:13, 'Study Deeply The Message I bring. Illuminating your Minds with This Power of Deliverance – Victory in The Lord.'

Message 88:36, 'Satan knows his time is short and he will work to destroy all that he can. He will work to hinder and deceive and lay stumbling blocks for mankind to fall over. He will puff up in pride and he will discourage in Hope, and hinder The Faith of many if you do not Watch and Pray. Have Faith in The Words of The Prophets and The Lord and what I bring and he will not have power over you.'

Message 73:7, '. . . Remember, The

Greater your Study and Illuminating of your Minds with The Words and Will of The Lord, The Greater your Understanding and Light shall be; Freeing your Lives from the bands of satan and all his powers; making you a Blessing among mankind'.

Food For Thought

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The General Assembly is usually The Highlight of our year. It is a Time of coming together from all over America and the world to Unite Together for Worship, Praise and Study of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a Time we can Unite Together to Give and Share Testimonies of The Wonderful Things Christ has Done for us throughout the year.

It is a Time of Reflecting on The Good things that has taken place over the year. It is a Time to Fellowship Together and Share our Friendship and Love one with another.

There is a Praise Hymn that I Love to Sing. It reminds me of How we should Come to The Assembly. It goes like this: *'We have Come into His House and Gathered in His Name to Worship Him; We have Come into His House and Gathered in His Name to Worship Him, We have Come into His House , Gathered in His Name to Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.'*

Let's forget about Ourselves, Concentrate on Him and Worship Him;

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Let's Forget about Ourselves and Concentrate on Him and Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us Lift up Holy Hands, Magnify His

Name and Worship Him;

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Let us Lift up Holy Hands, Magnify His Name and Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.'

When we Come to The Assembly it is a very Sacred Time of Deep Worship, Praise and Glorifying Jesus Together. It is a Loved Ones, for The Sick and The Afflicted, for those who are Struggling Financially, Emotionally, Mentally, Physically and Spiritually. It is a Time of Deep Reverence before The Lord. It is a Time we Partake of The Sacred Emblems Together, The Communion, The Sacrament of The Lord. It is a Time we Unitedly Humble ourselves before The Lord and Seek to Cleanse ourselves Within that we might Come before The Lord with Clean Minds and Hearts.

Message 42:2; **'This is The Lord's Work. You men are Called from among men to Represent Christ and His Church. Therefore be very Humble. Meet in your Assembly in Peace and let The Lord by His Spirit Remain among you. Behold I will Meet with you, for Truly this shall be The Beginning of Great Things to Come to Pass.'**

Message 60:12; **'Gather in The Assembly and Cry unto The Lord. Let no evil come among you. The Lord will Hear all those that Repent and Obey His Will. Let your Prayers be of The Heart. Let not contention be found among you.'**

Message 64:15; **'Let the people meet in The Assembly in Solemnness and Humility and The Lord will Bless them in their Meekness. Seek not to please man but do The Lord's Bidding. Let not The Time be spent in contention.'**

Message 69: 6; **'Let The Assembly**

meet in Peace, let Rejoicing be in your Hearts. Pray Earnestly and The Lord will Meet with you by His Spirit, and Great Peace shall flow to all-and The Faith of The Faithful shall be Heard. Power shall Come as your Hearts shall be Prepared.'

I have written a few of these Verses out that The Lord has Given to us as Instruction, Advise and Promises. The Assembly is a Time of Coming Together in Fasting and Prayer with Deep Humility and Prepared to Serve The Lord in Truth, Spirit and Love, forgetting about ourselves, Magnifying His Holy Name, and Truly Opening our Hearts and Minds that we might be Led and Directed by His Holy Spirit.

If we can all, young and old alike, Come together, Seeking The Lord with all our Hearts He has Promised He will Hear those Prayers and He will Meet with us.

When The Lord Hovers over us with His Holy Spirit, then Great and Marvelous Things will and can take place. If we Come expecting Blessings, Miracles, Revelations and Healings, and Truly Believe, Giving our best in Service and Humility, then, Great Things will Transpire among us.

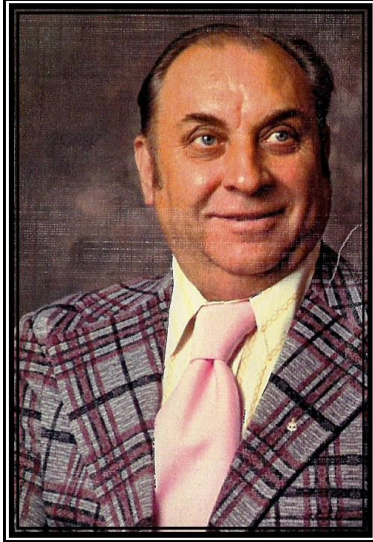
May The Lord Bless each one who has a Desire to Come and be a part of This Very Special, Blessed and Sacred Event.

WHAT IS TITHING?

William A. Draves

The word *'Tithe'* means one tenth. From the beginning of time God has sent apart one seventh of our time as belonging to Him. In The Garden of Eden He set apart one Tree which He Claimed as His Own, and Warned our first parents not even to touch it. That Tree is gone, but in its place

God has Ordained The Tithe as Sacred to Himself, and He Warns us not to use it for our own needs. *One tenth of our increase is His.*



Deuteronomy 14:22, ***'Thou shalt Truly Tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.'***

Increase means profit. The farmer must Tithe his year's profits. The businessman must Tithe his net gains. The workingman turns his time into money. His salary or wage is profit; therefore, he is to Tithe that income. Gifts are also profit or increase of our possessions. *When we earn a dollar, ten cents belongs to God.* When our profit is 1,000 our Tithe is one tenth of that, or \$100.

To the unselfish Christian, it will be a Real Privilege to give God The First Tenth of our increase. *The Tithe is to be carefully set aside for God's Work* before we use the other nine tenths. ***It is Holy to God.*** It should never be borrowed. Certainly it should never be kept, for that is what God calls robbery of Sacred Things.

Malachi 3:6, ***'I Am The Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.'***

Without God's Unchanging Protection we would quickly be consumed by the destroyer. The principle of systematic giving, is *Obeying God's Commandment*, is just as much a part of Genuine Christ Likeness as it ever was. The Spirit of God never chang-

es. Hence The New Testament Christian will be as self sacrificing and liberal as was The Child of God of Old Testament Times.

Luke 6:38, ***'Give, and it shall be given unto you.'***

Most of all, remember, *Tithing is not a Sacrifice, it is a Commandment.*

Message 84:32-37

'Worship and find The Gift. The Gospel is Salvation to The Faithful, Hope in Eternity with The Lord. They that bring forth Fruit shall find Peace and Rest from all their labors—Peace in their Hearts of God toward all men.

Oh! I would that mankind would Hear My Words today as Delivered by Mine Angel and Humble themselves.

Oh! Do they not know The Storms of Life will bring them low—the hard of heart, the haughty, the high-minded? I will be slow to Hear their cry. They speak lightly of My Injunctions and Words of Instructions and come not to Doctrine and My Decrees.

There are those that say I have not Spoken, but I come that mankind may find a Way and Learn Deliverance. There is Safety in The Obeying The Words I bring.

The ideals in man's Heart will fade away. The Great Truth and The Church in Her Bright Garments must Shine and Stand Forth. This Light and Truth that Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God.

For The Faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, The Gentile times are Closing in. The day Comes when it will be said, 'The People of The Lord' and them that Serve Him not. Be ye Repentant and The Lord will Hear and Heal

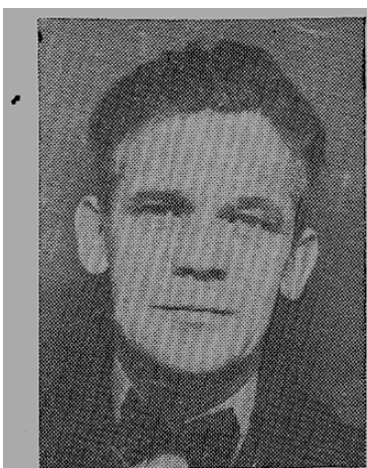
all the weak and make you strong.'

How Important Is Tithing?

March, 1958: Edward Lee Stone

II Corinthians 9:6-11, *'But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God Loveth a cheerful giver.



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And God is able to make all Grace Abound toward you; that ye, always having sufficiency in all things, may Abound to every Good Work;

As it is Written, he hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor; his Righteousness remaineth forever.

Now he that Ministereth Seed to The Sower both Minister for your food, and multiply your Seed Sown, and Increase The Fruits of your Righteousness.

Being Enriched in everything to all Bountifulness, which causeth through us Thanksgiving to God.'

Now, how many Blessings would we Receive, and how many Blessings would be Stored up for us, if we would all, who are God's People, start in and Pay to The Lord The Tithes which we owe Him?

No more would we have to be reminded of the debt that we Owe to Christ and Christ Church.

No more would we have to curtail cer-

tain things, which The Lord has told us to do, because of the lack of money necessary for these things.

No more could the penny say that it is better than the dollar, because it goes to Church more often.

A mother and her young daughter attended Church, The mother found fault with everything. The Hymns used were no Good, The Sermon Preached was still worse, and The Anthems Sung by The Choir was still worse. Suddenly up spoke her little daughter: *'Mother, how much can you expect for only ten cents.'* How True this is! *How much of God's Love and Blessings can we expect to be bestowed upon us, if we give our dollars for worldly pleasures and our pennies and dimes to Christ?*

Here is something for us, who Belongs to *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord* to think about. Jesus never mentioned giving, except to those who paid Tithes. Those who paid Tithes, recognized that their Tithe was a debt to our God, and not a gift (It is a Commandment!).

So when Jesus spoke to them about Giving, that Referred to that which was over and above Tithes. Now please further note that The Church began with Members who paid Tithes, because they were Converted Jews who had been brought up to pay Tithes, and does anyone dare say that these early *People of God* would do less for God under Jesus than they had done for God under *The Law of Moses*?

Malachi, 3:8-11, *'Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me, But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In Tithes and Offerings.*

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have

robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all The Tithes into The Storehouse, that there may be Meat in Mine House, and prove Me now herewith, Saith The Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you The Windows of Heaven, and Pour out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to Receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your Sakes, and he shall not destroy The Fruits of your ground, neither shall your Vine cast her Fruit before the time in the field, Saith The Lord of Hosts.'

Now Brothers and Sisters, are we ready to accept the challenge of our Heavenly Father? Are we ready to put Him to The Test to see if He means what He says? Are we ready and willing to Commence to Receive those Blessings? God does not lie! He means just what He says!

Apostle Paul's talks about giving were to those who paid Tithes, and The Gentiles Coming into The Church, which was first in the hands of The Converted Jews. Those Gentiles most likely took *The Law of Tithing*, for granted, just as they did that one day out of every seven belonged to The Lord, and should be kept Holy, and just as they also did that The Ten Commandments should be Obeyed.

According to this we see that *The Law of Tithing* belongs just as much to *The New Testament*, as it did in *The Old Testament*. Tithing began before Moses; it went back to Jacob, to Abraham, to Melchisedic.

Abraham paid his Tithes to The High Priest Melchisedec, even one tenth of all he owed. *It is just as binding upon us today as it was at that time.*

An old lady had a beautiful flower garden. Unselfish in her Love, she gave her flowers away. When asked why she did not

keep some for herself, she replied, '*The more I give away, the more I have, for the more flowers I cut, the more flowers come.*' Then she added: '*Don't you know that if plants are allowed to go to seed, they stop blooming?*'

That is just the way we will be if we stop paying Tithing. We are not beautiful in The Sight of The Lord any more. *We have gone to seed, and we are dead* as far as The Church is concerned, and we are not doing it any Good.

The Lord has been very Gracious and Generous to us. He Blesses us on the very smallest thing that we do for Him. ***Let us be Generous to Him and His Cause. Let us Obey His Commandments and Pay our Tithing. Let us earn those Blessings!***

Special Notices

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Brother Apostle Donald Thompson of Missouri. We send you our Love, Cares, and Prayers

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