

# The Greater Light

## The End Time Messenger

*'... 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.'*

Happy New Year  
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## Message 62:7

*'Those that are His shall be Counted His Jewels, His Bride, The Lamb's Wife, when He Comes. Thus The Church of Christ shall continue on that a People may be Fully Prepared; therefore, it is my duty to bring The Message, The Instructions from The Lord your God to The Church, and for the children of men. That all might Learn this is The Closing Time when The Vineyard of The Lord is being Pruned for The Last Time and The Christ soon Comes to make His Reign of earth.'*



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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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and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

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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*

## Forty-Seventh Message

*While on a visit at the Oliver home at 637 Millwood Road, Toronto, The Messenger came to my room at 2:20 a.m., April 21, 1940, and left the Message which follows. He was enveloped in Light and spoke as one having Authority from God.*

W.A. Draves

1. **'Arise and take The Message that I will give you that The Work of The Lord will not suffer. This is a day wherein a Light shineth even in Power from The Lord God. I come from His Presence. I speak at His Command. The Word I bring is for mankind that they may know The Lord has Spoken. Take The Message to all the world that The Honest in Heart may find their God and Learn The Way of Salvation.**

2. **The Prophets have foretold this day. Behold, The Lord has Spoken, and it shall be. His Kingdom shall Fill the whole earth and The Dominion, shall be given to The Saints of The Most High.**

3. **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.

4. 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 and Upright, and Just. *Therefore The Command 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 there in 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.

5. Fear not, for it is The Will of The Father that This Message be carried to the ends of the earth, and The Warning of The Judgments taught. That The Honest in Heart will come, for The People must know The Way of Deliverance.

6. See those that are yet in darkness-see the weakness and sin of man-see those who are struggling in blindness-see those seeking for Light, willing to Heed it when they Hear it. Take to them The Message of Life. You will see The Hand of God move to Accomplish His Work. You will see the evil powers struggle and lose in the end.

7. Teach The Doctrine with Diligent Faith, Patience, and Boldly in Meekness.

8. Many are called for special work, for The Messengers of Peace shall cause

that all things that offend shall be taken out. Therefore, let Peace be in the hearts of all that will Heed The Message I bring and Prepare themselves to walk Humbly before The Lord. *This is The Way whereby mankind can be brought to The Presence of God.* All that Come must be Baptized and The Hands laid on them that The Greater Promise of Light might be given.

9. There shall be wars, pestilence, and plagues sweep the land; suffering among the people, for the people must Learn that God has Spoken.

10. Israel must be gathered,<sup>3</sup> The Jews Delivered to their Ancient Promised land, and the hearts of the people Turned and Prepared to meet their God.

11. As I have spoken-it is The Command of The Lord-let all labor in their Place and Calling. The Lord Calls many. *Behold, He Stands near and Knocks!*<sup>4</sup> To all that open unto Him, He will send His Spirit, and those whom He Loves. He will Rebuke and Chasten. Be zealous therefore and Open unto Him, I speak The Words and Will of The Lord.

12. Many will come to Worship The Lord and because of those that Keep and do His Will, He will Cause that they shall Overcome. They that are patient,<sup>5</sup> to keep His Words shall be Delivered from The Hour of Temptation. *They that Overcome shall Drink of The Water of Life Freely.*

13. The Harvest is White and The Lord Knows the hearts of men. Therefore, let Martin Case, Talmas Dean, Robert R. Rickman, John Wade, and Edward Vowels be set apart as Elders and let them labor in their Place and Calling. For many are Honest of Heart and are Seeking for The Light. Take to them This Message. Many will Obey

when they Hear it.

**14. There are those Called for Special Work because of their Faith. Let them work in their Calling.**

**15. Let F. E. Nelson, Kenneth Goff, John A. Neal, Jasper Dutton, R. H. Hitchinson, Frank Miller, Joseph Gersbacher, Leslie Ard, and R. A. Rieger Come into This Work and let them be set apart as Elders and God will use them to His Honor and Glory. Let Donald Dobson, Louis Freeman, and Harry Hood be set apart as Deacons-let them be Watchful and Prayerful in all things. Let all be True to their Calling.**

**16. All must remember this is The Lord's Work, and all must Come in by The Door to Assist in This Great Work. This is The Lord's Directions. I speak His Will.**

**17. I will come again to Instruct, to Direct until The Lord's Will is Accomplished. Amen!'**

*He gave me some Instruction of a personal nature which are not given here. He left at 4:30 a.m.*

1. Daniel 7:27
2. II Nephi 9:27 (R.N.); Alma 40:14 (R.N.)
3. Message 28:6; Zechariah 8:7-8
4. Revelation 3:20
5. Revelation 3: 10; Romans 12:12

## From The Editor

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
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### Growing Old, Growing Weary?

*I hope not!* Growing old, there is nothing anyone can do about, but growing weary? Well that's another matter.

I know the older that I get, I realize that our time is short in doing that what God has Commanded us to do. It is not a good feeling. But I try not to get discouraged in

well doing. I am just like everyone else, and when I get feeling low, because of the lack of Encouragement I see from those around me, I always turn to The Lord.

*The Word of God* is always there to Uplift me and to Carry me through, and it will be so with you.

My favorite verse in the Messages is found in Message 84. I hope that you can find Encouragement from it if you are feeling down and weary. (Verse 6), '**Keep The Faith and Endure and The Sunlight of Righteousness shall Arise over you, with Healing in His Wings and ye shall be Preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command Peace and it will bring you through.'**

*Is not that a wonderful Promise that God has given unto us? I surely think so!*

I hear from some, that they think the work of John The Baptist is over, that is why he is not coming back to earth with more Messages. **This is far from The Truth.** John The Baptist WILL COME AGAIN. The *Scriptures* Promises this. He shall come until his work is done and that will be when Christ Jesus places His Feet on earth again.

Message 102:60, '**I will come again until The Work is Finished.'** *Do you think The Work is Finished?* I don't think so. There is much that has not been Fulfilled that God has Spoken that must take place before He Comes to earth again. One thing that comes to mind quickly is that The Work is not yet Established in every nation. And when this is done, The Lord said He would Come to Claim His Jewels. Then there is The Temple!

Some feels that John The Baptist will not come again as *The Scriptures* Speaks of Three Witnesses in Receiving The Mess-

enger. So they feel that Joseph Smith was the first, Otto Fetting, the second and William A. Draves the third. The problem here, is that Joseph Smith WAS NOT a Scribe for The Messenger. Yes he saw him but not as a Scribe. Besides that, there were times that when John The Baptist appeared to the brethren there were other Angels with him, holding other Records to come forth and those Records have NOT yet been given to mankind.

I feel that some wants to make excuses or to reason something out in their mind to have a reason that John is not coming again. The problem here may be that we are not Praying enough to The Lord concerning The Coming of His Servant John The Baptist.

The Lord said that He would send His Messenger when there is a need. In my mind, there is no greater need than now, so I Pray Continuously for The Coming of The Messenger. *Perhaps there is not enough desire in our hearts for The Messenger to come?* I know The Lord hears The Prayers of *The Faithful* and Peace will come in the hearts of those concerned about The Words and Work of The Lord. *I want everyone to be Encouraged in The Lord and in This Work. It is so Great and Wonderful! It is our Life and our Hope and Joy.*

Message 113:1,4, **‘I come with a Message from The Lord. I bring a Refreshing to all who will Hear my words The Lord had put in my mouth. I come to speak His Words, complying with His Spirit, Will and Plan . . .**

**The Lord Jesus is The Resurrection and The Life. He is The Savior, Redeemer, and King of all mankind. All that Hear and Obey have Right to The Tree Of Life and to Eternity. His Glory shall Overshadow them.’**

So let us not place an end to The Lord’s Work, by saying that John’s Work is finished. The Lord has not Spoken in Secret nor in Hiding. He has Spoken His Will and His Words. It shall Stand, for this is His Pleasure. He knows the end from the beginning, and has Planned Deliverance to all that will Call on His Name in Righteousness and Humility. Read Message 112.

The Lord told us to let *The Hands of The Faithful* carry on. This we shall do! And those that seek prominency or the praise of men will come to nothingness. We do not have time for such foolishness. Our time is short. We must maintain The Lord’s Trust. In so doing, we must Trust each other and Trust in The Lord’s Words. He will not Lead us wrong. ***This is The Assured Way of The Lord.*** You are Blessed to be part of it. Thank you Jesus! Praise His Holy Name!

Let us Seek to be Just in all things. To go Forth in *The Strength of The Lord*, showing Love and Respect to all those we meet. Let Peace be Restored to the weary, but let them Obey and Defend The Messages.

Message 80:2, **‘. . . There are many Faithful that grow not weary in well doing. The Lord’s Work is set in Pace, let it Move on.’**

*The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord* will move forward! Already The Lord has Prepared many to come This Way. *We know this to be True, as it is Spoken in The Word.* **We shall bring forth Fruit Meat for The Father’s Kingdom.**

We are part of *The Greatest Work* on earth. God has Called you from out of the world to Represent Him and His Church. You are so Blessed. You are Fathers and Mothers of Zion. *Servants of The Lord. Children of The Kingdom.* Your hearts has

been Prepared to Represent The Lord and His Church and His Kingdom, *The Rock of Assurance*. God will Look to His Remnant, that His Work will be Done. *We are Ready!*

Please, dear ones, grow old, but do not grow weary. People perish for lack of Knowledge to perform Properly or Progress Rightly in The Lord. Continue to study The Lord's Words, and Plan and know His Doctrine, that the fancy words of others can not pull you away.

Message 108:21, **'This Way Of Truth is set firm, yet Bold and Sure, and The Lord will have His Way with all.'**

Message 106: 8-9, **'Remember *The Lord Jesus Christ is The Truth, The Way of Life and Salvation-Deliverance* from all sin. No Other Way can mankind be Saved in the life of the flesh, this life of the flesh, This life of probation only. Thus mankind chooses this day what his destiny shall be in the hereafter-in The Resurrection.**

**All that Obey and Defend This Cause shall be Favored of The Lord. Try The Lord and see if He will Open *The Windows of Heaven* and make you a Delight-some People-Mighty in His Strength.'**

I Love you all, and it is my Desire to Endure to the end with you. Remember Love is your Mission, but never let *The Standard and The Rule* fall because of weakness. Be Strong and Give God The Glory. God Bless you all.

## From The Apostles

### Questions On Holy Priesthood Authority

#### Answered

*Apostle Richard Johnson*  
Iowa

Brother Jarius spoke to us well about The Messenger's Instructions of the need for The Lord's People to come to Greater Knowledge and Understanding of The Holy Priesthood and Authority. Let's continue and find that Knowledge and Understanding today.

Message 47: 4, **'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 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.'**

Peter wrote in *1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter* that ***The Lord's People are a Chosen Generation, a Royal and Holy Priesthood***, a Peculiar People who were not a people but are now The People of God. (*Revelation 1:5-6, 5:9-10*) They obtained Mercy when they were with out it by Believing in Christ and were no longer confounded (*Thrown into confusion or disorder*) by darkness but Called out of it into His Marvelous Light but unto them who were disobedient not Believing The Word he became a stumbling stone and rock of offense.

***This Marvelous Light is The Spiritual Light and Truth of God's Word.***

As new born babes having tasted the sincere milk of The Word, Desiring that they might Spiritually grow thereby they are drawn unto Christ, The Chief or Head Cornerstone of This Spiritual House. (*Isaiah 28:6*)

This People and House or Kingdom or Nation of Israel were no longer called a people (*Hosea 1:6-11 and 2:23*) because God had scattered them throughout the world. These being the descendants of Jacob whom The Lord named Israel were known as The Kingdom of Israel also known as Joseph who were separated from the children of Israel called Judah. It was Promised that one day both would be gathered together again under one head as one people of The Lord Called a Holy Priesthood and Generation; a Holy Nation, Peculiar People, a Spiritual House called Zion.

Brother Jarius spoke of Understanding, Joseph and ***The Holy Priesthood*** with *Message 84:11*. My work is that Israel might be gathered and Joseph brought to Under-standing.

Let me add to this with *Message 48: 6-7*. ***'This is a day when much must be done that The Ways and Means of a Real Zion shall be brought about. Let those that hinder be removed from their responsibility for in their doubts their minds have become darkened and they fear because I your Lord have Called others. None shall take part in that which is Holy until they have Humbly Prepared'.***

**Verily I have Felt after the hearts of men and I Plead that they will Hear when I Call. Seek Good and hate evil, and Establish Justice in The Gate, for I have**

**Said I will be Gracious, even unto Israel. Moreover, I shall Deliver Joseph. I will Deliver them from their bondage and gather The Outcasts and True Israel shall come Rejoicing for I Prepare a Way of Deliverance.'**

Peter therefore wrote to The Church, saying you also are as lively stones, are built up a Spiritual House, and **Holy Priesthood to Offer up Spiritual Sacrifices**, (see *Romans: 12:1*) Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ, The Head Corner Stone of This House and through Him Obtain Mercy.

To build This House, God Laid a Foundation of Apostles and Prophets with Christ, The Word being The Chief Corner Stone (*Ephesians 2:19-20*)

From this, people there were some Called and Chosen as Servants of The Household by The Word that they might add Believers to This House and Body, The Kingdom of God. (*Luke 4:36 and 9:1-2 and Romans 1:1-6 and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1: 4-5 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:1-11 and Matthew 28:19-20*)

There were offices and duties provided under a Plan of Holy Priesthood Authority after The Order of God. There was The Power given to act with functions granted by The Calling and Gifts of God. (*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:6-11 and Message 102:59*) confirms there are many functions of duties but ONE Plan of Authority. ***It gives The Right to Represent Christ and His Church. And a Trust is given to keep The Work Holy.*** The Hand of Power and Trust are His.

The Lord has told us that He giveth as mankind Prepares to those who Believe, but not unto those who take offense and stumble at The Word, being disobedient.

It is The Charge of The Twelve and Ministry to keep This Holy Priesthood and The Authority given Pure and Holy,

Teaching men to Repent of sin and Obtain Mercy through Faith in The Atoning Blood of Christ. *They are Commanded to bring those that Believe and Repent into This Spiritual House with Remission of sins by The Door of Baptism making them Clean Vessels of Honor, Fit and Worthy to Receive The Holy Spirit and Offer up Spiritual Sacrifices in The Way of Righteousness Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. To bring yourself and your Worship and Gifts as a Spiritual Offering and Sacrifice into The House of The Lord. You must bring them in a Clean Vessel. (Isaiah 66:20). You might study my sermon on this Chapter two years ago at Assembly. (Also Malachi 3:1-3)*

Words of The Lord for more background:

Message 21:7, **'The Lord will Direct His People, those that will Trust Him and Obey Him. I have again brought to you The Authority of The Son of God, and The Lord has Called you to do The Work as The Apostles of old. Remember, there is no Greater Power given to man than that of The Son of God, and He has Entrusted this to you and your brethren. Therefore, keep it Sacred, lest it will be taken from you, and this shall be your sign that it has been taken from you, for your hearts will be filled with selfishness and sin, and your minds will be darkness, and your hearts filled with un-belief'**.

The Authority and Trust are removed from those that reject The Lord's Message (His Words) –*Message 20:3* and The Lord said in The 12<sup>th</sup> Message. Priesthood and Authority is taken if you deny Him. This Authority gives men the Right to Represent Christ and His Church like the early Apostles.

Remember all must come to The Truth

and Doctrine of God's Word and The Message spoken by The Messenger are God's Words'.

Message 49: 6, **'I have sent My Messenger and he speaks My Words'**.

Message 29:3-7, **'For thus says The Lord, 'I have given My Commandments to those that have Named My Name to Serve Me, and have made a Covenant with Me. I speak to those that are The Church of Christ and to all that will become My People and My Bride. I have given to Mine Apostles their Charge, and Instructed them to do My Work in all the world. Be ye not slothful in your work, for I shall Require it at your hands at the last day.**

**I have given to Mine Elders their Work, and I shall Require it of them in the last day, therefore, be ye not slothful lest you lose your reward.**

**I have given to The Bishops their Work and Mission, and I shall also Require their Stewardship at the last day, for The Lord has Entrusted this Great Work to you that His Law shall be kept; be ye therefore not slothful, for your Work is no idle tale.**

**I have given The Women their Work that The Message might be taken to the homes that All may be Warned, for I have heard the cries of the people that have been led away by the traditions of men, and My Spirit shall Feel after them.**

**Find not fault with one another, for all have their Work to do and I The Lord shall Require it at The Last Day'**.

Message 90:25, **'Let The Women help all they can—there is much to be done'**.

Message 117:1, **'Behold, My Fellow Servant, I have come again to you with a Message—a Message of Life to The**

**Obedient. Remember ye are The Body of Christ, The Church, and Members in Particular**’.

Message 114:5, ‘The Message and Authority that I bring is The Pure Love of God, The Priesthood after The Order of God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, The Creator of ALL Things, even The Lord Jesus Christ’.

Message 58:4, ‘. . . I have Chosen and Appointed you. My Anointed with Authority. This only is taken from man when he denies Me, and The Words I speak, even by My Messenger’.

To deny them means you no longer have Faith in them being The Word’s of The Lord. Since Faith and Trust are synonyms you must lose The Lord’s Trust when you lose your Faith in them. We were told to Trust God that we might be Trusted by Keeping our Faith in His Words.

Message 82:6, 15, ‘They that deny and reject My Words are as clouds with out water, empty Vessels. How Good and Great of Vessels of Honor could have been for those that once were Filled with The Gift of This Work-but now turn from it. And they choose darkness rather than Light. Hence let them be released of their Charge and Responsibility . . .

They that reject My Words and Heed not, already they are without The Authority of This Work’.

Message 83:5, ‘The ways of man will not Save you. I give The Instructions and The Authority in its Assured Way. Those that speak lightly of My Words deny Me and The Trust and Authority-it is taken from them for they lose by their sin. In time they will amount to nothing. Fear them not. They have no Right nor Authority from My Words’.

Message 86:60, ‘In The Bible and Record of The Nephites contains The Teachings and Pattern of The Fullness of The Gospel in its Plain and Precious Parts. But My Words and Authority gives The Right to set The Church in Order-*The Church of Christ* with The Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to Act in The Establishing The Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in The Zion of The Lord. The Kingdom and Dominion shall be for The Saints of The Most High’:

The question is asked: *‘why would former Members that followed former Ministry who were removed by The Messenger of Priesthood Authority and then set up their own way; Calling and Ordaining others that Believed in them while performing The Sacraments of The Church need to be Baptized to come back or return to The Church of Christ that held to The Standard and The Work as Directed by The Messengers Words?’*

Message 118:2-6, ‘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.

Some let satan drive them into bitterness and evil acts against you.

My Mission is One of Love, I come from The Lord’s Presence. I bring Peace to Fulfill The Way of The Lord. To Cause mankind to be made Pure and Holy, Righteous in The Lord’s Sight. The Hand of Power and Trust are His, He Giveth as mankind Prepares. I bring Glad Tidings to The Faithful. The Word I bring Giveth Salvation to all that Believe and Obey. *Will mankind hear it?*

**You have done The Lord's Will and Work, Preserve it and keep it Sacred'.**

*In The 119<sup>th</sup> Message, The Lord Spoke to those of The Faithful Members and their Prayers who had considered The Words he had brought with Humility and Repentance and found Peace and Forgiveness and Salvation in The Lord's Communion.* They stayed with those who The Lord said The Authority and Trust was upon. He said to Restore The Ministry and Position to those that showed forth repentance. There was one who was Obedient not continuing in the planning of the evil works of unbelief and not being Right before God. *Both The Ministry and The Members faced a time of decision of choosing to follow The Lord's Words or reject those with Authority of The Holy Priesthood that The Messenger Confirmed for all to see and Obey.*

Message 41:6,13, **'Be Right before God. Let your conversation be in Humility. Speak The Truth . . .**

**Reject not My Words, Quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring Repent'.**

Message 42: 6, **'Repent ye that have erred and ye that are not right before God, for The Church Work is Holy and it must be Carried on under The Just Plan of The Lord. Let no contention come among you. They that contendeth against The Word of The Lord contendeth selfishly to their woe. Let all ye Servants be as One and Great Things shall come to pass that shall Awaken many and Hosts shall gather to Learn The Will of The Lord'.**

Message 43:17, **'Some that have rejected My Words will Repent, others will not. Be at Peace. Look to The Lord and go Onward with The Work. Let All Come in by The Door and Prepare themselves to**

**Walk Humbly before God'.**

Remember This Work is about our Church being The True Church and Body of Christ. John's Baptism with Holy Priesthood Authority brings Remission of sins and also Receives you into The Body of Christ as a Member as long as you Believe, Follow and Obey his Word's from The Lord. Do not let yourself be confounded and confused by stumbling over The Word as Peter spoke of happening but be a Holy and Clean Vessel with your Service as a Living Sacrifice Acceptable to God. There are churches that receive members without baptism and some who hold to no order of authority or organization while others have and yet others allow transfers of members. The Messenger's Work includes bringing the works of man to an end that cannot Save you. **Ask yourself: are you a Particular Member (as distinguished from others) inside The Door of This Spiritual House and Body with The Lord's Holy Priesthood and its Authority or of a house and body without it?** This Doctrine of returning to The Lord's Holy Priesthood and Church by The Door has been consistently Given and Obeyed since *The 12<sup>th</sup> Message*. The Good Brother in Africa words is correctly given ***'Come into The Lord's House through The Door and not a window or some other way.'***

**The Door and Way of Righteousness of John's Baptism with Authority** remains Open to all and has not closed. Be not deceived: **It is a matter of The Right Way or the wrong way.** Speak often to each other; and with Prayer and Fear of The Lord. You will Discern The Way of Righteousness and those that Serve The Lord. The Word of The Lord in His Spirit and Truth and His Will. **Show your Love for The Lord by**

Trusting Him and Following Through.

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## From The Bishops

*Submitted by Editor*

### TITHES

Genesis 28:22, 'And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's House: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.'

Leviticus 27:30, 'And all The Tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is The Lord's: it is Holy unto The Lord.'

Numbers 18:21, 'And, Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an Inheritance, for their Service which they Serve, even The Service of The Tabernacle of The Congregation.'

Malachi 3: 10; '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 you out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to Receive it.'

Luke 18:12; 'I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I Possess.'

Hebrews 7:4, 'Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even The Patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.'

## Let Us Study Together

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### Remnant

The portion of Israel which was preserved to form a renewed Israel—one which could replace the nation upon which Judgment had fallen.

Micah 5:3, 'Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which \_\_\_\_\_ hath brought forth; then The Remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.'

II Kings 19:30-31, 'And The Remnant that is \_\_\_\_\_ of The House of Judah shall yet again take \_\_\_\_\_ downward and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a Remnant, and they that escape out of Mount Zion: The Seal of The Lord of Hosts shall do this.'

Joel 2:32, 'And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall Call on The Name of The Lord shall be \_\_\_\_\_; for in Mount Zion and shall be Deliverance, as The Lord hath said, and in The Remnant whom The Lord shall Call.'

Isaiah 10:20-22, 'And it shall come to pass in that day, that The Remnant of Israel, and such as are \_\_\_\_\_ of The House of Jacob, shall do no more again stay upon him that \_\_\_\_\_ them; but shall stay upon The Lord, The Holy One of Israel, in Truth: The Remnant shall \_\_\_\_\_, even The Remnant of Jacob, unto The Mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a Remnant of them shall return: the \_\_\_\_\_ decreed shall overflow with Righteous.'

Isaiah 11:11, 'And it shall come to pass in that day, that The Lord shall set His Hand again the second time to \_\_\_\_\_ The Remnant of His People, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from

Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the island of the sea.'

II Nephi 25:16-17, 'And after they have been scatter, and The Lord God hath \_\_\_\_\_ them by other nations, for the space of many generation, yea, even down from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, until they shall be persuaded to Believe in Christ, The Son of God, and the \_\_\_\_\_, which is infinite for all mankind; and when that day shall come, that they shall Believe in Christ, and Worship The Father in His Name, with Pure Hearts and Clean Hands, and look not forward any more for another \_\_\_\_\_, then, at that time, the day will come that it must needs be \_\_\_\_\_ that they should Believe these things. And The Lord will set His Hand again the second time to Restore His People from their lost and fallen state. Wherefore, He will Proceed to do a Marvelous Work and a Wonder among the children of men.'

Jeremiah 23:3, 'And I will gather The Remnant of My Flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be Fruitful and \_\_\_\_\_.'

III Nephi 20:13, 'And then shall The Remnants which shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth, be gathered in from the east, and from the west, and from the south, and from the north; and they shall be brought to the \_\_\_\_\_ of The Lord their God, who hath Redeemed them'

Jeremiah 31:7-8, 'For thus Saith The Lord; Sing with \_\_\_\_\_ for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations; publish ye, Praise ye, and say, O Lord, save Thy People, The Remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts

of the earth, and with them, the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that \_\_\_\_\_ with child together; a great company shall return thither.'

Micah 4:7, 'And I will make her that \_\_\_\_\_ a Remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation; and The Lord shall Reign over them in Mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.'

Message 52:7, 'There shall be \_\_\_\_\_ in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem and with The Remnant whom God shall Call, for there shall be a \_\_\_\_\_ for all those that look to God and Obey His Design.'

Message 102:42, 'This is the land where \_\_\_\_\_ is found and help in The Way of Justice and Truth. There shall be Deliverance in Mount Zion and Jerusalem and The Remnant whom God shall Call'.

Message 106:26, 'Thus Saith The Lord, 'I will give you a New Heart and put a New \_\_\_\_\_ within you, and you shall walk in My Statutes. I will put My Laws in your minds. There shall be Peace throughout The Land of Zion, and Jerusalem, and The Remnant, whom I shall Call My Strongholds, deliverance will be there.'

Micah 7:18-19, 'Who is a God like unto thee, that \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity, and \_\_\_\_\_ by the transgression of The Remnant of his heritage? He \_\_\_\_\_ not his anger for ever, because he \_\_\_\_\_ in Mercy. He will turn again, He will have Compassion upon us; He will Subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.'

Zechariah 8:12, 'For The Seed shall be \_\_\_\_\_; The Vine shall give Her Fruit, and the ground shall give Her Increase, and

The Heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause The Remnant of this people to possess all these things.'

Romans 11:5, 'Even so then at this time also there is a Remnant According to The \_\_\_\_\_ of Grace.'

Message 66:23, 'Behold, this is Christ's Church and shall be His Bride, The Remnant. She shall be \_\_\_\_\_ ready. The Message is given—The Authority is Entrusted with man. The Call goes out. The Cry is given. The Warning must be heard. The Work must be Carried on'

Message 81:5, 'Let none destroy The Plan nor The Power or Sacredness of The Holy Priesthood after The Order of The Son of God that was once Delivered to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and Faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ to this day and time through The Command of \_\_\_\_\_ of Baptisms through The Lord's Servant Otto Fetting and your Fellow Leader who was Faithful in his day of Works.'

Message 82:4, 'You are The Remnant of The \_\_\_\_\_ down to this day and time in which The Lord will do a Work, and Deliver His People as in the days of old.'

Message 96:9, 'Lo, The Lord has Waited long for His Bidden Ones to Awaken and Press forward in \_\_\_\_\_ their lives for Greater Things to \_\_\_\_\_, and build The Kingdom, The Zion of the Lord among mankind, but they have failed. Thus He looks to The Remnant, that He shall Fulfill His Work'

### Remnant of The House of Israel

II Nephi 28:2, 'The things which shall be \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be of Great Worth unto the children of men, and especially unto our seed, which is a Remnant of The House of Israel.'

II Nephi 30:3-4, 'And now, I would \_\_\_\_\_ somewhat more concerning The Jews and The Gentiles. For after The Book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto The Gentiles, and \_\_\_\_\_ up again unto The Lord, there shall be many which shall Believe The Words which are written; and they shall Carry them forth unto The Remnant of our Seed. And then shall The Remnant of our Seed know concerning us, how that we came out from Jerusalem, and that they are descendants of The Jews.'

### Seed of Jacob

Alma 46:23-24, 'Moroni saith unto them, Behold, we are a Remnant of The Seed of Jacob: yea, we are a Remnant of The Seed of Joseph, whose \_\_\_\_\_ was rent by his brethren into many pieces; yea, and now Behold, let us remember to keep The \_\_\_\_\_ of God, or our garments shall be rent by our brethren, and we be cast into prison, or be sold, or be slain;

Yea, let us preserve our \_\_\_\_\_, as a Remnant of Joseph; yea, let us \_\_\_\_\_ the words of Jacob, before his death; for Behold, he saw that a part of The Remnant of The Coat of Joseph was preserved, and had not \_\_\_\_\_. And he saith, Even as This Remnant of garment of my son's hath been \_\_\_\_\_, so shall a Remnant of the seed of my son's be Preserved by The Hand of God, and be taken unto himself while the remainder of The Seed of Joseph shall \_\_\_\_\_, even as The Remnant of his garment.'

III Nephi 5:23-24, 'Yea, and surely shall he again bring a Remnant of The Seed of Joseph to the \_\_\_\_\_ of The Lord their God; And as surely as The Lord Liveth will He gather in from the four

quarters of the earth, all The Remnant of The Seed of Jacob, which are scattered abroad upon all the face of the earth:’

III Nephi 20:16, ‘Then shall ye which are a Remnant of The House of Jacob, go forth among them; and ye shall be in the midst of them, which shall be many; and ye shall be among them, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, and as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who if he goeth through, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver,’

III Nephi 21:12, ‘And my people which are a Remnant of Jacob, shall be among The Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them as a \_\_\_ among the beasts of the forest, as a young \_\_\_ among the flocks of sheep, who, if he go through both \_\_\_\_\_ down and \_\_\_\_\_ in pieces, and none can deliver.’

III Nephi 21:22-24, ‘But if they will Repent, and Hearken unto my words, and \_\_\_\_\_ not their hearts, I will Establish my Church among them, and they shall come in unto The Covenant, and be numbered among this The Remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their \_\_\_\_\_, And they shall assist my people, The Remnant of Jacob, and also, as many of The House of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called The New Jerusalem; And then shall they assist my people that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ in, which are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.’

Mormon 5:24, ‘Therefore Repent ye, and Humble yourselves before him, lest he shall come out in \_\_\_\_\_ against you; lest a Remnant of The Seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion, and tear You in pieces, and there is none to

deliver.’

III Nephi 10:17, ‘Behold, our father, Jacob also \_\_\_ concerning a Remnant of The Seed of Joseph. And Behold, *are not we a Remnant of The Seed of Joseph?* And these things which Testify of us, *are they not written upon The Plates of Brass which our father \_\_\_ brought out of Jerusalem?*

III Nephi 15:12, ‘Ye are my \_\_\_\_\_; and ye are a Light unto this people, which are a Remnant of The House of Joseph.’

Ether 13:6-10, ‘And that a New Jerusalem should be \_\_\_\_\_ upon this land, unto The Remnant of The Seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type; For as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there; wherefore The Lord brought a Remnant of The Seed of Joseph out of The Land of Jerusalem, that he might be \_\_\_\_\_ unto The Seed of Joseph, that they should perish not, even as he was Merciful unto the father of Joseph, that he should perish not; Wherefore The Remnant of The House of Joseph shall be built upon this land; and it shall be a land of their \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall build up a Holy City unto The Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall be no more be \_\_\_\_\_, until the end come, when the earth shall pass away. And there shall be a New Heaven and a new earth and they shall be like unto the old, save the old have passed away, and all things have become \_\_\_\_\_. And then cometh The New Jerusalem; and Blessed are they which dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through The Blood of The Lamb; and they are they which are \_\_\_\_\_ among The Remnant of The Seed of Joseph, which were of The House

of Israel’.

Articles of Faith and Practice 24, ‘We Believe that a New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land ‘unto The Remnant of The Seed of Joseph’, which city shall be built, beginning at The Temple Lot’

## ARTICLES From The Vineyard

### Sanctification

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

I have been pondering the things that have taken place in the past and realizing that the divisions were caused by lack of Sanctification in The Lord. Lack of The Fruits developed within us to where The Gifts can manifest itself. First of all, we must have God's Spirit within us before we can receive The Fruits which are The Gifts given to us from God as we Prepare to become the men and women God would have us to be in Service to Him.

This brings to my mind, 'Sanctification'. We must 'sanctify' our-selves to be Holy. To do this is to ALLOW God to work a Work within us by coming to OBEDIENCE to HIS WILL in The Written Words as well as in The Spirit, take upon us The Likeness of our Father, and become Holy as He is HOLY!

Leviticus 11:44, ‘For I Am The Lord your God. Ye shall therefore Sanctify yourself and ye shall be Holy for I Am Holy.’

Leviticus 20:7-8, ‘Sanctify yourself therefore and be ye Holy: for I Am The Lord your God.

And ye shall keep My STATUES, and do them. I Am The Lord which Sanctify you.’

The dictionary states: *Sanctify means to 'Make Holy'. Consecrate, to make free from sin, Purify.*

Through True Repentance with REAL intent, we can begin our journey into Sanctification. We can Cleanse our inner Vessels, become Pure in Heart and have Clean Hands (Free from sinful thoughts, ways and actions).

Message 116:7, ‘Be Discreet, be Humble, lift your life style to be Tidy, Neat, Patient and Full of Grace. Think again, you Represent The Lord's Body and Members in Particular, that your Humility will be Accepted of God and man. God is Just, He will Open The Door before you. My Message is to all that will Hear, Listen, Open and Obey. Deliverance will Come.’

*We have made a Commitment to Christ to Live Upright and Holy. To become Holy we must Obey God and get to Know Him through The Gospel, Prayer, Meditation, Studying and even Fasting. We need to know Christ's Nature, to become like Christ. We need to Prepare our Hearts and Desires. and bring forth His Fruits, which are Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance (Galatians. 5:22-23, Articles of Faith and Practice #8, Ephesians. 5:8-10, Message 34:6,*

*Moroni 7: 1-47, Ester 12:28, I Corinthians. 13th and 14th Chapters). Take time to read these Scriptures.*

**Our hearts are Purified by Faith in The Scriptures and in our Lord.**

Acts 15: 8-9, ‘And God which Knoweth the hearts bare them Witness giving them The Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, Purifying their hearts by Faith.’

Message 51:4, ‘Therefore The New Light is Promised continue to Prepare for it. The Greater your Understanding The Greater your Work shall be. All must Sanctify (*become Holy*) their lives unto The Lord, for sin cannot Receive The Glory of The Lord nor The Power of The Lamb Slain.’

*Be rid of our besieging sins. Rise to a Higher Ground and be Holy in our every*

day life. Develop The Fruits of our Lord in our lives. Take upon us The Fasting Way of Life, one where we give up our will and live in God's Will in all things. Fast from your own desires and will and live in The Fruits of our Lord.

Message 95:14, **'Be ye Humble, be Fruitful unto The Spirit- even ALL. This is The Assured Way.'**

*Sanctification comes by yielding our hearts to God's Will.*

The Record Of The Nephites, Book of Ether, Chapter 4, verses 6-8, **'For The Lord Saith unto me, They shall not go forth unto The Gentiles until the day that they shall Repent of their iniquity (sins), become clean (pure) before The Lord;**

**And in that day they shall exercise Faith in Me, Saith The Lord, even as The Brother of Jared did, that they may become Sanctified in Me, then will I Manifest unto them the things which The Brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them ALL My Revelations, Saith Jesus Christ, The Son of God, The Father of The Heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them is.**

**And he that will contend against The Word of The Lord, let him be accursed, and he that shall deny these things let him be accursed; for unto them will I Show no Greater things, Saith Jesus Christ; for I Am He which Speaketh;**' (read the whole chapter of Ether).

**God wants us to be strong in His Power, and His Will, to know His Voice in all things and be filled with His Holy Spirit, to take upon yourself The Fruits of His Spirit and to Walk as Children of Light.**

**We must take upon us God's Nature to become Holy through The Word and be OBEDIENT.**

*We need to apply these things to our every day life, be Sanctified in The Word, Cleansed from our besieging sins, be Strong in Christ's Love to Overcome our weakness, and 'MAGNIFY The Lord. (Psalms. 34:4).*

James 4:7-8, **'Submit yourself therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

**Draw Nigh to God and He will Draw Nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners and Purify your hearts, ye double minded.'**

*So, let us be Single Minded unto The Lord. Strong Belief and Directed by His Spirit. Know your God in Word and in Spirit.*

Remember, The Lord will Bless and Bring Success by HIS Spirit (Message 120:7).

Let us Tidy our lives by being True to The Gospel of Christ, riding ourselves of sin and Applying The Word to our everyday living.

Take time to Be Holy. If you are too busy to spend time with The Lord, then you are just too busy, and you are heading for disaster in your life. Ask God to Show you things in your life that are not bearing Fruit and change that part of your life. Look yourself in the mirror and ask, *"What image do I bear?"* Are you carrying The Fruits of The Lord in your life? Be Honest and True and know where you are in your Relationship with Christ!

God says, *'Awake Sleepers and Arise from the dead and Christ shall Shine upon you, and give you Light.'*

Make the most of your time because the days are evil (*Ephesians 5: 14-16*), be Sanctified with The Washing of The Water by The Word (*Read Ephesians., Chapter 5*), and learn The Will of The Lord. *'Put on The Whole Armour of God that ye may be able to Stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but... against spiritual wickedness in high places' (Ephesians., 6: 11-12).*

Take time to be Holy, grow into the person God can use to bring about His Design and His Kingdom here on earth.

When we are Truly Sanctified, we are Pure and will do a Pure and Holy Work in Honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Message 52:13, **'Unto The Servants of The Lord: except you make ready and quickly Prepare your hearts before The Lord The Greater Light will not come to you. But you that Overcome bearing The Fruits of His Spirit, do, and shall understand Great Things of The Plan and Design of God. Much will yet be Revealed - even The Records that shall Prove and Reprove all men, berating them before God and**

their fellowmen that a **NEW DAY** may come forth.'

May we ALL be found with God's Fruits in our lives, a Living Testimony to our Lord and His Gospel. May our Fellow Servant John The Baptist come again SOON!

## **Christ's Prayers**

*Submitted by Ellen Draves  
Missouri*

John 12:28, 'Father, Glorify Thy Name ...'

John 11:41-42, '... Father, I thank thee that thou has heard me.

And I knew that thou hearst Me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that thou may Believe that thou hast sent Me.'

Matthew 11:25-26, Luke 10:21, '... I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast Revealed them unto babes,

Even so, Father: for so it seemed Good in Thy Sight,'

John 17: 1-26, '... Father, the hour is come; Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may Glorify Thee:

As thou hast given Him Power over all flesh, that He should give Eternal Life to as many thou hast given Him.

And this is Life Eternal, that they might know these The Only True God, Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

I have Glorified Thee on the earth: I have Finished The Work which thou gavest Me to do.

And now, O Father, Glorify thou Me with Thine Own Self with The Glory which I had with thee before the world was.

I have Manifested Thy Name unto the men which thou gavest Me out of the

world: thine they were, and thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy Word.

Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given Me are of Thee.

For I have given unto them The Words which thou gavest Me; and they have Received them, and have Known Surely that I Came out from Thee, and they have Believed that Thou didst send Me.

I Pray for them: I Pray for the world, but for them which thou hast given Me; for they are Thine.

And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am Glorified in them.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I Come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine Own Name those whom thou hast given Me, that they may be One, as WE are.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name: those that thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that The Scriptures might be Fulfilled.

And now come I to Thee; and these things I Speak in the world, that they might have my Joy Fulfilled in themselves.

I have given them Thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I Pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.

As thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the

world.

**And for their sakes I Sanctify Myself, that they also might be Sanctified through The Truth.**

**Neither Pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall Believe on Me through their word;**

**That they all may be One, as Thou Father, Art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be One in Us: that the world may Believe that Thou hast Sent Me.**

**And The Glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be One, even as We are One.**

**I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made Perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast Sent Me and Hast Loved them, as thou Hast Loved Me.**

**Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may Behold My Glory, which Thou Hast given Me: for Thou Lovedst Me before the foundation of the world.**

**O Righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee; but I have Known Thee, and these have known that Thou Hast Sent Me.**

**And I have Declared unto them Thy Name, and will Declare it: that The Love wherewith Thou Hast Loved Me may be in them, and I in them.'**

**Matthew 26:36, '... Sit ye here, while I go and Pray yonder.'**

**Matthew 26:42, '... O My Father, if it be possible, let This Cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I Will, but as Thou Wilt.'**

**Mark 14:36, '... Abba, Father, all things are Possible unto Thee; take away**

**This Cup from Me: nevertheless not what I Will, but what Thou Wilt.'**

**Luke 22:42, '... Father, if thou be Willing, Remove this Cup from Me: nevertheless not My Will, but Thine, be done.'**

**Matthew 6:9-13, '... Our Father which Art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name,**

**Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into Temptation, but Deliver us from evil: For Thine is The Kingdom, and The Power, and The Glory, for ever.'**

**Luke 11:2-4, '... our Father which Art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, as in Heaven, so in earth.**

**Give us day by day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And Lead us not into Temptation; but Deliver us from evil.'**

## **Recall Notice!**

*Submitted by Elder Carl Linton  
Florida*

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is Recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed 'Sub-sequential Internal Non-Morality,' or more

commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include: loss of direction, foul vocal emissions, amnesia of origin, lack of Peace and Joy, selfish or violent behavior, depression or confusion in the mental component, fearfulness, and idolatry (rebellious).

The Manufacturer, God, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to Bear the entire Burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to Call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R, You will not Receive a Busy tone. Once connected, please upload your Burden of SIN through The REPENTANCE Procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from The Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, God will Replace it with: Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Self Control.

Please see The Operating Manuals, *The Bible, The Record, and The Messages*: for further details on the use of these fixes.

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free Emergency Service, Call on God through Jesus.

**DANGER:** The human being units not responding to this **Recall Action** will have to be scrapped into everlasting destruction. The SIN defect will not be permitted to

enter Paradise so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention.

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important **Recall Notice**, and you may contact The Father anytime by 'Knee Mail' in Jesus Name!

## Testimonies Of The Past

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri:** I am Thankful for this day The Lord has made and being here with you all. We have not because we ask not! The Lord showed me, if we ask and have Faith, it will be done.

I Thank God He Anoints us in spite of what we are. I have nothing to offer this world but God's Words- all 120 Messages. I Praise His Name! Since I have been a small girl, I have felt God's Presence around me. I am evil without The Spirit of God. We have trials, but after awhile God Touches us, and we know if we stand Firm and His Spirit within, that is where The Blessings are. I appreciate what God has given.

I Praise The Lord for being Blessed in The Spirit. I am remembering what Daddy said. We must turn our thoughts around. My child asked to be Baptized. I said, 'no, you are without sin. You do not need Baptism.' The child said to me, 'Oh, you mean I have to sin first to be Baptized?' I said, 'no, you need to Learn more' The child asked, 'Do you know everything?' The child was Baptized a year later. Daddy always said, 'Review your Covenant' not 'renewed', concerning The Sacrament.

I know to Overcome self you need The Spirit of God. We will have The Victory and walk in it with Greater Understanding. The Shield of Faith will Protect!

Hold the men up in your Prayers. God will Fill them with His Holy Spirit. But we need to uphold them. When daddy was ill, I was talking care of him. He was so weak and we had to help him in every way. He had a muscle disease and was so weak. During the night, I awoke to find him sitting straight up in bed. He never had the strength to do that. He said to me he was going home. I asked him *if he was okay?* He sighed, and I knew I had interfered.

He saw John The Baptist and Angels. They had come to take him Home. The day he died, Dad had such a Great Peace. It was felt everywhere. Even the nurse that took care of him realized this and commented on it. He always had Peace, because he was a Man of God, a Spiritual Leader! The Witness of The Truthfulness of This Work was there with Daddy, even in his death. Trust in The Spirit of God!

I was told by one of two brothers that left The Work that he Loved us and Believed as he always did. I told him I was sorry. Sorry he did not Love Jesus and us enough. I told him to come Home through The Door. He asked me if I Believed this little group had The Authority. I told Him YES! YES! YES! This brother could not look me in the eyes to talk. He looked away. I can tell the younger brother with him was hurting. He was really hurting! But he was bound. I Pray he will come out of it. They stopped growing.

I Thank God for each of you. You have Truly been a Blessing to me. I will leave here a better person.

**Richard Johnson, Iowa:** We are Commanded of The Lord to have these Assemblies. There is a need to stir up the Fire within us. There is an old song, '*Keep The Fire Burning*'. If The Spirit of God settles in your life, we kind of mix it up

during this time. So like Paul says, '*Stir up The Gift within us*'. Make changes in the way you live. We want The Lord to Sanctify our Lives that is The Purpose in what we are trying to do.

I want you to feel free to Testify. Tell what God has done in your life that you would like to Thank Him for. I Love This Work and each Heart here. We are at the point where we need to pull together.

**Matthew Thompson, Missouri:** I am Thankful for the things The Lord has done in my life. We need to come together and work, like what Mike said last night on how The Lord can use all of us. Mike talked about the youth in The Church. I worked with the youth for awhile. I told them of my problems when I was young and now I see we put on ourselves lots of our problems. In school, I had a friend and we did things not of The Lord. I remember one night I made some bad decisions and had gotten my eye hurt. I am still paying for it today. It causes me lots of trouble from a fight I got into. This guy, kicked my face in and my friend just stood there and let it happen. I remember talking to The Lord and asking Him to Heal me and to make me Able to see out of my eye. I told Him if He would do this for me that I would do better and clean up my way of living.

My parents raised me in The Word, but I chose to do other things and I suffered from it. So listen to your parents. I have trouble with my eye and it's a reminder to be careful what you do or say and where you are. The Lord wants to use each one of us.

I was going through some things that kept me from going to Church. I went to Church one day and my Aunt Ellen Draves ask to be Administered to, and The Lord used her to Heal me through the Administra-

tion. I am Thankful for that. The Lord did use her to Heal me. It is a Blessing for me to have my dad in The Ministry. I hope one day my brother Jason will come all The Way in The Work. I know that Brother Richard is Thankful for his Brother being in The Work, working together. I Pray God will Open my mind in Study and I will be Able to do more for Christ and His People.

**Ken Humpert, Missouri:** It is hard for me to stand up. I have two cousins in the Baptist Ministry but they no longer preach. What I like about This Work is no one is watching the clock. A year ago I got a phone call from a teller-marker about a trip to Branson, Missouri. Brenda was talking about her job getting so bad. My job was great, I got to go fishing. Next thing I knew she said, '*I have to do something, I am going to lose my job*'. I had some interviews here, but nothing came from them. Brenda's job had an opening in Kansas City, Missouri. God opened the way for us in every way. It turned out to be a great move for us. I am here, got a job with Power and Light, and I passed all test. God is letting everything fall in place. I never had a lot of friends in Florida, but I enjoyed Mike and Nawassa visits. I am going to Thank God in advance for all the Blessings He has yet for me and my wife and my family.

## LETTER

*Reprint*

### A Miracle in 2008

*Sister Brenda Humpert  
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Hearing the news is really disturbing these days with all the bad things that have happened in 2008, the financial crisis, wars and troubles everywhere, but for me I have a

very Special Memory this year.

My Uncle Jimmy Logan, in Kentucky Received a Miracle from The Lord. Jimmy was found unconscious in December of 2007. He had an aneurism in his stomach. Jimmy spent the next seven or eight months in the hospital with my Mom and Aunt watching over him. When I spoke to my Mom on the phone she would update me on the latest surgery and diagnosis, more stomach surgeries, thickening blood, blood transfusions. I was finally able to visit in late March or April. I mostly wanted to be there to comfort my Mother since the doctor had already said there was no hope of recovery. I thought when I went to visit I would be attending my Uncle's funeral. During the long drive to Kentucky I was sad thinking my Uncle could pass before I could even get there. I thought about *The Prayer Cloth* that had been Prayed over at Church. I wondered if I would be able to take it to my Uncle or would I be too late.

After resting from the long drive my Mom and I went to visit and spend the night with my Uncle in the hospital. I was shocked when I saw him. My Uncle is a small man but when I walked into ICU he was swollen huge. The nurse said he was malnourished from removing a large portion of his stomach and large intestine. Jimmy's body wasn't able to metabolize the liquids. They were just filling his body like you would fill a water balloon. In fact his skin was tearing and leaking the fluids. I was there with my Mom when the doctor came in and told her he would not be leaving the hospital and his condition would not improve. The doctor said that only the machines were keeping Jimmy alive and when they were removed his system would shut down.

Each time my Mom and I were allowed in to visit we would put *The Prayer Cloth* on Jimmy's head and take his swollen hand in ours and Pray for him. I noticed that when we were Praying each time, that Jimmy would lay real still. It was like a '*Blanket of Peace*' was covering him.

After a short visit I said my good byes and came back home to Missouri. I would continue to get updates from Mom. I was surprised that he just kept hanging on. Finally after several months Jimmy started showing improvement.

I was able to visit my Uncle again this Thanksgiving and what a *Special Thanks to The Lord this Truly is*. My Uncle is not able to get around on his own due to the deterioration of his muscles but he looks good and was able to sit and visit, talk and laugh. Jimmy is living at home with my Aunt caring for him. (She is a nurse). Jimmy didn't remember my visit when he was in the hospital. I told him how we Prayed for him and he asked me and Mom to have Prayer with him. After Praying and giving Thanks, Jimmy threw his hands in the air and started shouting Amen! Amen! Amen! He knows and gives Thanks to The Lord for sparing his Life.

I wanted to share this Testimony because *The Bible* says we are made Over Comers by The Blood of The Lamb and The Word of our Testimonies. You can Over Come in your situation also. God is so Good and Mindful of our needs.

Please Pray for my Aunt Allie Davis who continues to care for my Uncle. God Bless you all!

## Primary Department

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I often read Daily Devotionals. There really isn't much to these Devotionals, but many do offer some Comfort and Encouragement in our times of trials. Sometimes it isn't even a Word of Encouragement that is needed but a reminder of Why we do things and Act certain ways.

As I was reading in these Daily Devotionals, one stood out to me as it was the end of one year and a beginning of another. Here is what it said:

*'When I was a child, I remember always thinking about where I was, who I was with, why I was doing something, and what was coming next. I was never at Peace with being in one place. I needed more and wanted more. I never understood Why it was so Important to have Peace about things.*

*When Moses was given The Strength through God to be Used by Him to Free The Israelites from bondage, they went into The Wilderness. They stayed in The Wilderness for 40 years before they went into The Promise Land. Why? Because The Israelites where not at Peace with what God had Given them. They were the perfect example of impatience even after Seeing who God was. They started to sin against God by worshiping idols and complaining about how God was not taking care of them. They even wanted to go back to Egypt!*

*Yes, back to the place where they were making bricks with no straw and getting beat like cattle. How many times do we want to go back to a place where we use to be, not remembering how bad things use to be?*

*Numbers 11:4-6, 'And the mix multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and The Children of Israel also wept again, and said, 'Who shall give us flesh to eat?' We remember the fish, which we did eat*

*in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:*

*But now our Soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes’.*

They said, *at no cost?! Did they forget about being held captive?* They wanted to go back to eating meat and melons in slavery instead of being free with manna. *Is this not backwards?*

*But how are we any different from The Israelites?* Instead of being Thankful for clean water, warm food, and fresh air, we complain about not having the jobs, cars, clothes, and anything else we want and the things we use to have. We forget that we struggled with sin, relationships, and Understanding God.

In 2012 (and remaining years) it is Imperative that we Focus on what God has Planned for us in this season and not Allow the devil to get us focused on the things that are not going right today, tomorrow, or the next day. When we Focus on the past we tie God’s Hand and we Affect our current Blessings. Looking backwards will Cause us to isolate those around us, Change our personality and Ruin The Blessings we have now.

When things get hard and you want to fall into those old habits, look to the scriptures to help you through. Here are just a couple to start.

*Philippians 3:13-14, ‘Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, Forgetting those things which are behind, and Reaching Forth unto those things which are before,*

*I Press toward the mark for the prize of The High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

*Nahum 1:7, ‘The LORD is Good, a*

*Strong Hold in the day of trouble; and He Knoweth them that Trust in him.’*

## Junior Department

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## God Has A Plan And Purpose For Your Life -Find It And Be Blessed

### 2011 General Assembly Report

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God does have a Plan and Purpose for your each and everyone, but many times people never know or find what their True Calling or Purpose might be. One reason people don’t find out their Purpose is because they don’t Endure. Often God Reveals to us one step at a time what Path He would have us take. We are not capable of understanding all of God’s Great Plan for us at one time. So God gives us step by step Instructions as we Endure, Study and Pray.

Message 45:13, **‘See what the sin of man has done, broken homes, ruined nations and many Souls taken to the beyond, not knowing The Will of God nor what The End will be’.**

It is God’s Will that we Commit our life to Him and He will Direct and Show us His Will and Plan for our lives, being Repentful and Baptized, then Obedient to the end..

We can look at The Testimony of W.A. Draves: As a young boy W.A Draves received a Prophecy that he would be Called in God’s Church and that he would do a Work for God and be visited by an Angel. We know that this Prophecy did come to pass. The Messenger told W.A. many times throughout The Message that he was Born

for This Work. You too, were Born for a Work for God.

#### Message References

Message 25:2, ‘... but for This Cause were you Born ...’

Message 41:14, ‘... For This Work were you Born, to take The Instructions ...’

Message 54:17, ‘... For This Work were you Born. Keep your Calling Sacred.’

Message 60:7, ‘The Authority and Trust that was Placed upon you has not been taken from you, and will not be taken from you unless you deny The Lord God and my coming. For This Work were you Born. Be True and The Lord will Bless you.’

Message 64:12, ‘... For This Work were you Born ...’

Message 96:11, ‘... Fear not what men may say of you and those that are with you. You were Born for This Cause. Many will follow in This Way. Deliverance will be for The Faithful.’

Message 110:2, ‘You are The Lord’s Scribe. For This Work were you Born. The Lord is your Shield and Preserver. His Strength is given to Sustain you.’

The Message also tells us that others were Born for This Work.

Message 86:22, ‘Some are Born to be with you in This Cause- lest they stay with you Defending the words I bring, they destroy their Gift. Some are True and will be True to their Righteous Calling- not thinking themselves to be great.’

John The Baptist gives his Testimony concerning his Calling. He too tells us that he was Born to do a Work for The Lord.

Message 11:12, ‘I am John, the same John that Prepared The Way before Christ when He was here, I am The Messenger sent from God to do The Work for which I was Born. I have come in the past, and will come in the future. I am a Prophet and thy Fellow Servant. I am he that Preached Baptism and Repentance in The Wilderness of Judea. I am the John that was Beheaded. I am The Messenger to Prepare The Way. I am The Messenger of The Lord to Direct in building The Temple, and I shall be with Christ when He shall Come to His Temple. I am The Messenger that shall bring The Warning to The People of the destruction that shall come to pass. My Message is One of Love to them that Obey it.’

Message 28:7, ‘Thus Saith The Lord your God, ‘I have sent My Servant John to you with The Message, for Behold he is My Choice, and for This Purpose was he Born ...’

Message 51: 10, ‘I have sent My Servant John to Reveal My Will- and he shall yet Come, as much shall be done; for This Work was he Born, to Prepare The Way before Me. ‘

At the time when John Preached Repentance in the country about Jordan, he did not know the full extent of his Calling. How could he know that after being Resurrected he would still be Preaching Repentance. God Reveals His Plans as we are Faithful and Able to Comprehend them.

We can see in The Bible in The Book of John, Chapter 1, verses. 21-23, when asked if he were The Elias or That Prophet John answers no. But we know and he knows now that he is That Prophet.

Jesus gives His Testimony to Pilate; John 18:37, ‘. . . **Jesus answered, ‘thou sayest I am a king. To this end was I Born, and for This Cause came I into the world, that I should Bear Witness unto The Truth. Every one that is of The Truth hearth My Voice’.**

The Testimony of Jeremiah also lets us know that we are Born for a Plan and Purpose. Jeremiah.1: 4-8, ‘**Then The Word of The Lord came unto me saying, ‘Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I Sanctified thee, and I Ordained thee a Prophet unto the nations’.** Then said I, ‘**Ah Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.’** But The Lord said unto me, ‘**say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee and whatsoever I Command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to Deliver thee’**, Saith The Lord.’

So we can see and know that God has a Plan and Purpose for our live but *how do we find God’s Will, Plan and Purpose?* The first step is to Commit our life to Jesus. By Committing our life to The Lord we are giving up our will for God’s Will. Only through this Commitment can we be Obedient and it takes Obedience and Endurance to find God’s Will.

Some of God’s Great Promises for Obedience are found in The Bible. Deuteronomy, Chapter 6:20-25, Deuteronomy, 7 6-15, Deuteronomy 11:all, Deuteronomy 12:28 and Deuteronomy 4: 29-31.

Isaiah 1: 19,20 says, ‘**If ye be Willing and Obedient, ye shall eat The Good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for The Mouth of The Lord hath Spoken it’.**

Almost every Message tells us to be Obedient.

Message 37: 24, ‘**Some have been discouraged and their Faith weakened. Let them be Enlightened of The Greatness of This Work, that they might be Encouraged. For remember, Satan has done many things in the past that led men astray. With enticing words he has led men away from The Teachings of Christ and His Church. Listen not to the whisperings of satan. Be not led by pride nor the love for the praise of men. Make Clean your Hearts and Humble yourselves more-as conditions will come that will Require Greater Faith. Be Kind to all men. Cry Repentance. Preach The Gospel to the nations for all must be Warned. Peace will have Place in The Hearts that are Honest and Obey. For Salvation only comes from Obedience to The Words of Him that shall Judge you at the last day.**

Remember Jonah. He was disobedient and we see what he went through. If he had not Repented he would have died in the whale’s belly. God gives all of us The Choice to Obey or disobey.

Message 49: 6 tells us that ‘*Obedience to The Lord’s Words will bring about The Reign of Peace*’.

The only way we can be Obedient is to Commune with God. We do this by talking to The Lord -Prayer. When we Worship and Pray we can feel The Lord’s Presence by The Holy Spirit. We cannot be Obedient without having God’s Spirit to Guide us.

John 14: 26, ‘**But The Comforter, which is The Holy Ghost, whom The Father shall send in My Name, He shall Teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

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

Now that you know you were Born for a Reason. That Reason will be Revealed by The Holy Spirit when we Endure and are Obedient.

But what are you being Obedient about- Keeping God’s Commandments and doing the things that The Holy Spirit Guides us to do as found in *The Bible, The Word Of The Lord, and The Record Of The Nephites*. In other words you have to Obey by Actions. Go to Church, Participate in Church Services, Love and Help other people. Jesus was our Example of Obedience. Now that you have Accepted Christ as your Savior you are part of His Body and you have Work to do.

1 Corinthians 12: 27-28, **‘Now ye are The Body of Christ and Members in Particular.’**

**And God hath set some in the Church, first Apostles, secondarily Prophets, thirdly Teachers, after that Miracles, then Gifts of Healing, Helps, Governments, Diversities of Tongues’.**

The Messages tell that all must work somewhere. There are many jobs in God’s Church and all the jobs are Important. Notice in The Office of The Church that there is a Work called Helps. This little work is not mentioned often but none of the work could be done without it. We all need help sometimes and Jesus Himself is a Helper. Jesus said I am a Present Help in times of trouble.

If you’re not sure what your Calling is or what you can do in The Lord’s Work, you

can start as a Helps. The job description is - Help wherever help is needed. Have you ever needed help and you were so Thankful when your help arrived. This is a Work for all of us- help where and all we can. Help your family. Help your neighbor. This may seem like a little thing but it is often the little things that mean the most and God will Bless you. Jesus Appreciates when we help others. That is His main job!

Matthew 25:40, **‘. . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me’.**

Message 11:7, **‘All those who shall help you to take The Message to the people shall be Blessed . . .’**

Message 104:26, **‘Let all Awaken to their Calling and Help more in This Work, Attending Services, Worship and Working among the people.’**

Message 101:20, **‘Publish Peace and The Way of The Lord, Helping The Work in all places’.**

You are important! You were Born for a Purpose and Calling in God’s Work and Will. You will find that Purpose through Dedicating your Life to Jesus’ Service. The Holy Spirit will be your Guide for what you should and should not do. Don’t Quench The Holy Spirit. Obey what The Holy Spirit Guides you to do. You are a Part of The Body of Christ and as Part of The Body of Christ you have a Work to do. The Holy Spirit will Reveal more and more to you about your Service as you are Faithful and Obedient. You can start your Service for The Lord and in His Church as Helps!

## Young Adults Department

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Happy New Year! Hope that you all had a Blessed Holiday.

As we are in the new year, we need to Reflect on the past year and see what we can do to Improve ourselves. Let us set our Goals Higher for this new year to be Better Servants for our Lord.

**John 5:39, 'Search The Scriptures for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life: and they are they which Testify of Me.'**

**Jeremiah 29: 12-13, 'Then shall ye Call upon Me, and ye shall go and Pray unto Me, and I will Hearken unto you. And ye shall Seek Me, and Find Me, when ye shall Search for Me with all your heart'.**

We need to strive to have a Strong Personal Relationship with our Lord. He Loves us so much He is always wanting to Bless us. He tells us in this verse that if we Search for Him, we shall Find Him. It is so important that we build that Relationship and have that Closeness with Him. When we have a Strong Relationship with our Lord that Helps us in our daily walk. It gives us The Strength to be better people and to do what is Right everyday.

We need to Search, Ponder, and Pray daily on His Words. Studying The Three Books that He has given us can be one of our Goals for the new year. Even if you just give five minutes a day in which you set aside to read that can be a start. Before you know it you will be in the habit of reading everyday and soon that five minutes will turn out to be more.

We need to Pray to our Lord everyday. This is important as we Build our Relationship with The Lord.

**Luke 21:36, 'Watch ye therefore and Pray always.'**

**Psalm 55:17, 'Evening and Morning and at Noon will I Pray, and Cry aloud:**

**and He shall Hear my voice.'**

The Lord wants us to Pray to Him everyday. We need to Communicate with our Lord everyday because when we do this also gives us Strength to be Closer to Him.

In this new year let us try to remember these things that He has Told us. Let us Strive to be more Christ Like in everything we Say and Do.

We need to be an Example for others. You may never know who is watching us. We effect people in our everyday walk and may not even know it. Let us Strive to do more for our Lord an Saviour. He Loves us all so much and has done so much for us that we cant Repay Him by following His Commandments that He has given us.

He tells us all the things that He wants us to do in His Words. If we only Search and Study them then we will know all the things that He has in store for us and all the Blessings that He wants to Bless us. We need only to Obey Him.

In this fast paced world in which we live in, it gets so easy to be distracted and to forget to Study and Pray. When this happens we need to stop and think about what our Priorities are and get refocused on the bigger picture which is our Lord. I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and Great New Year and lets us all Work on some New Goals for the year 2012. God Bless.

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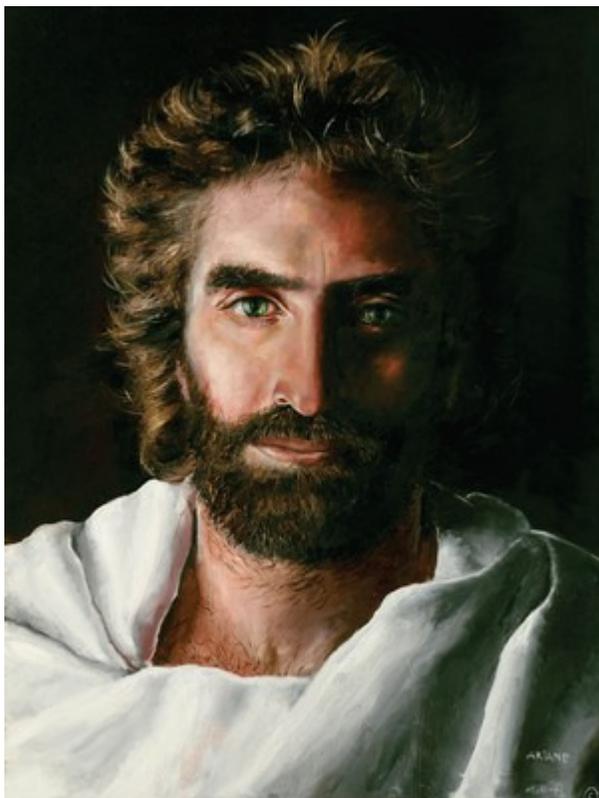
*The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister Nicole Skinner of Missouri.*

*We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you. May God Bless!* The Editor

January, 2012

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.

## *Prince of Peace*



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*God Bless Our*

## *Military Women And Men.*

### *Miracle of 2011*

*(Believed to of been one of The Nephites)*

Dear Beloved Servant of God Leonard Draves; Greetings!

I am so glad to send you a letter as my desire is to seek The True Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am a Roman Catholic Member since birth I was belong to a broken family, but because of my parents did not come back home for almost 2 months, I stowed away from home be-cause that time only my setter who looked at me, after doing that I lived in the streets selling plastic bags in the market.

I went every Sunday in Church to Pray to the virgin mother Mary until such time when I was getting older I attended a seminar for Samaritan and a Roman Catholic Faith Defender after and I have done and became a debater for almost 10 years.

I saw that there were many wrong in there publicity and doctrines which I defended. I looked to myself a very wrong concept that I followed, in this view I am seeking The Real Teachings but no one else that I found. I was a translator of some religious groups, but I could not understand same their doctrines so I back out and make another way to find The Truth,

I decided to migrant with a small business of banana. Many Priests from born again and other sects shared to me about The Truth but I am still empty. I have felt something not satisfied, but one day I Prayed Directly to God for the first time without an image in-front of me and asked Him where to find The Truth my dear God.

I remember the verse in The Roman Catholic Bible in James 1:5, ***'If any man lacks Wisdom let him ask to God'***, in this Connection I Directed Contacting to God every now and then until such one day one stranger man who traveled with me in a passenger's bus gave me this email address and your complete name and address with telephone number 816-254-2849. I want to clarify if this is correct and to clear what is The Plan of God to me. I am very interested to Learn and to Study The Truth of The Gospel of Jesus Christ so that I can Rescue those people who were ruined by the fake teachings and God will Use me in the next future in our Country,

The address that I have here is that (THE CHURCH OF CHRIST With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord) 215 South Lynn Street, Independence, MO 64050, and your home address also Beloved Servant of God Draves is 14612 East, 41 Street South, Independence, MO 64055-4718.

In this view I am Praying to God if I will write you maybe you be surprised because I live very far from you but I am interested to Learn more about The True Gospel of Jesus Christ and I know that you are True God's Servant and The Teachings you have is True because I did not found the man that who gave me this address. I do not know who he was.

By the way I am Bruce Ian Briones. If you have some Teaching Materials that can help me to Understand The Truth please help me to Teach my Beloved Servant of God Leonard Draves I am very interested to Learn The Truth. This is all for now, I will Pray to our God that you will Pray for my Soul and can help my Spiritual Need.

Dear beloved Apostle Draves,

*How are you?* Me here in the other side of the globe is doing well, and Praying that The Teaching Materials that you've sent will be Received soon, I write you because I miss your correspondence and I want to know the man who gave me The Contact to you and why he knew my mind. I Prayed to God for a Guidance in Studying His True Gospel, as of now I am still waiting the arrival of it my Beloved Apostle keep me in your Thoughts of Prayers as I do. My love and Prayers to all of you; Ian Bruce Briones

Dear Beloved Apostle Draves;

How are you my friend, Hope and Pray that you are all well by The Grace of God.

Me here in the other side of our globe is doing well, as I am patiently waiting The Materials that you've sent that not yet arrive.

I am too Excited to Study and Learn The True Gospel of our Lord, the Very Good News. I thought I mistaken when I went up going to my work in the mountain there were native people who were friends that I shared them The Coming of The True Gospel that I Found and I Received the reply from them that they are very Interested to know it. They wanted to share to them so that their families can Learn and Study it.

I saw them very Interested this Situation pushed me to make Studies with them and it is now my burden.

I know that God make His Ways in Advance to Fulfill The True Gospel to us.

I will let you know if the Materials will be Received this week. Just keep on Praying if these families is The Will of God, as you are in my Thoughts of Prayers. This is all for now.

Ian Bruce Briones

## 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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