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The End Time Messenger

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“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside still waters. He restores my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”



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

Secretary For The Twelve

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 17:11-13). 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*

Message 62

The messenger of the Lord came to my home on the morning of September 4, 1943, and instructed me to give the following message to the church. He appeared and commanded me to arise and write. They divine made me weak in body that after a part of the message was given he left me so I could regain some of my strength. He returned and I felt much stronger. I finished the message as he gave it. W.A. Draves

1) "Behold! I have come again to bring a message from the Lord. He has sent me. I come from his presence. I am he of whom it is written, 'Mine elect, in whom the Lord delighteth.' I am the messenger of the covenant in my name is John. My coming is to bring a warning and prepare the way again before the Lord.

2) I come that righteousness shall look down from above. Yea, it shall be poured out upon the earth, for God himself hath sent me and causeth me to speak. I speak His will. The words I speak shall bring peace to many, for salvation shall be upon the earth among men. Yea, it is and now waiteth to be carried to the ends of the earth, the aisles of the sea, for lo, the Lord has spoken, the Lord that made heaven and earth and all things that in them are. He that stretched forth heaven above, He it is that shall confound the liars and maketh up diviners fail and turn the wise backward making their knowledge foolish. He it is that shall al-

low confusion to come up upon all of them that stir against the Lord and the words I bring. I bring a way of deliverance.

3) I am the messenger to go before the Lord to make the crooked straight; to cause to be broken to pieces all their gates of evil, them that oppose the way of the Lord.

4) Thus saith the Lord, 'Oh Israel wilt thou come forth that you might be delivered? I have called thee. I have name thee. I have chosen thee. I am the great high priest. I am he who scattered thee and I am he who shall be deliver – who shall gather. I will bring back all the outcast, moreover all those that are dispersed. Learn ye my ways and come unto me and life eternal shall be your reward.

5) 'Yea, I have not spoken in secret or in hiding. I have sent my messenger. He has spoken my words and will. I shall stand, for this is my pleasure. I know the end from the beginning and I have planned deliverance to all that well call on my name in righteous, and humility before me,' saith your Lord."

At this juncture he left for a while and returned later.

6) "Be comforted all will hear, for the day shall come when as the light shined it from the east and to the west so shall the coming of the son of man be. Every eye shall behold him. Moreover, every heart shall cry and every tongue shall know and confess He is the Christ, for lo, he comes and his words shall judge both those that live and those that do not; both filled righteous and the wicked, both those that do his will and those that serve him not. Some to joy

and peace with him and some to shame.

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 on earth.

8) Many will help, many are reserved for a great work, and the gospel must be preached that the greater work can be done, of the preparing a people, and then the greatest entrusted to mankind shall be accomplished.

9) Therefore, fear not and fret not, but do the Lord's bidding. Savior strength that you may do that which the Lord will yet bring forth that all nations may flow together, for Christ shall be Lord of all and King of Kings and all man will serve him. Then shall be no more evil to hinder, but all shall be delightful in the Lord.

10) The Lord has seen your humility and your faith. Continue that he might smile in peace upon you and the church. Many hearts have bled in will yet bleed if they do not watch and pray. I told you to watch against the days to come. As I speak to you so speak I to all. Be comforted. Your companion shall be a comfort to you for peace shall be in the hearts of all those that love this work.

11) Remember Job in his trials. The Lord set his Angel to deliver. So it shall be to the church for the faithful. Some love this work and know it is true but their pride has kept them away in from coming close

to the Lord. Some are true and will yet be true and with all their might proclaim the truth, even the message I bring. Let them continue on. Peace shall be with them.

12) Some hate you and the message I bring and have set their heart to hinder and destroy, but in the end they will lose in grief shall be upon them. This is the Lord's work and it must be done the Lord's way and justice in righteousness above the ways and evils of man. Let not man's ways hinder.

13) While things look dark to you now the future will be brighter. As I speak to you so speak I to all. My message is one of love to all that will heed and obey.

14) I gave the warning – the conditions are coming to pass as I told you. Some have prepared and are comforted. Be watchful, be ready in the Lord's peace.

15) The Lord will call those to carry His work on even to the end of the earth and all those that are faithful will be blessed.

16) Let those alone that oppose you and the message I bring. The hate in their hearts will destroy their good if they do not repent and seek to please the Lord.

17) Let each one work in his place and calling as the way opens. Let man come all the way in obedience, for this is the assured way of the Lord to speak to mankind. Let them not doubt and the Lord's Spirit will lead. The Lord has and will yet give his Spirit in greater abundance to the faithful.

18) Thus saith the Lord, 'Let my servants, Lacey and Garrett be added to the apostles. Let them always to be humble for I, the Lord, will bless them in this work. Let my servant Redd be set apart as an elder. Let my young servant Floyd know this is my work and I have looked upon him in

the past and he shall yet do that special work in this cause. Let all be at work and I shall send the greater peace,' saith your Lord.

19) The Lord has sent me that all might be encouraged. Let peace be in the hearts of all. Let the work move on. Let all pay their tithes that they may render to the Lord that which is his. Be at peace with all men. Be filled with the spirit that its fruits may rule. Peace I leave with you and shall come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

APOSTLES

Life and Peace

Eddie Lee

Today I want to share with you something that was brought to my attention in the fifty fifth message while referencing the words of Malachi 2:5 about God's *covenant of Life and Peace* while word searching the messages. They were not foot noted yet but are found in the index. I followed them up with what I have for you in my message today.

I will start with the first verse with these words in:

Message 55. "Arise! Behold, I come again. Write the Message I will give you. I come from the presence of the Lord God. I bring the instructions and words He has sent. My message is one of love to all those who will obey it. The words I bring will bring *Life and Peace* unto all those that shape their lives by them. Fear not, the Lord has sent me.

Now the Words of the Lord in Malachi 2:5. My covenant was with him (the priesthood of Levi) of life and peace; and I gave

them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. 6) The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. 7) For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. From the Hebrew Mal'akhiy) means "my messenger" or "my angel".

And the LORD spake unto Moses, (in Numbers 25) saying, 11) Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12) Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13) And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. (So It looks like the Lord is saying the everlasting priesthood is a covenant (agreement and promise of Peace made between God and man.) (It follows there is no promise of peace without it?)

From the beginning the priesthood represented and mediated man's relationship with God. The priesthood and priests that belonged to Him by their calling and agreement promised God to mediate His covenants with Israel after the manner of God who would then accept the atonement for their sins through His own blood as the Son of God and eternal high priest of the Father. The Father being taught (this being the plan of redemption which was laid): If you will repent, and harden not your hearts, you can have claim

upon His mercy through the atoning blood of the Son that we might enter into His presence and rest with life and peace.

The message here is God's love bringing us life and peace through the obedience of his priesthood to the instructions they were commanded to bring from the Lord and teach them to the people that they find it also. But the Lord would send a curse instead of the blessing upon the priests and the people and the earth alike if there was no one to take to heart the commandment of the Lord's covenant with them by participating in the terms or manner of the agreement. The people and the earth would perish because of the lack of knowledge to perform properly or progress rightly in the Lord. (Message 108:11)

Isaiah 24 prophesied the curse would bring the judgments of tribulation without their knowledge of or keeping the everlasting covenants of the Lord. It is perfectly clear that the curse Isaiah warns about is the same spoken of by Malachi that the messenger of the covenant would lift before the great and dreadful day of the Lord with the restoration of all things.

Isaiah 24:5 says: The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, **BROKEN THE EVERLASTING COVENANT**. In verse twelve the city left in desolation and destruction is the same fallen city called Babylon in Revelation 14:8. It falls because of the coming of the angel from heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach saying the hour of judgment is come upon the earth. In him the curse is lifted for the children who take to heart the obedience of their fathers to God's commandments.

Revelation 14: 6. And I saw another

angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters

The expression "the everlasting covenant" is a distinctly biblical expression. It occurs 16 times in the Old Testament and once in the New Testament. There seems to be little agreement on Isaiah's reference to it. It is widely recognized that the covenant is a very prominent concept in God's dealings with humanity. Of the some 285 occurrences of the word translated as "covenant" in the Hebrew Scriptures, the large majority have to do with the covenant relationship between God and His chosen ones. The 16 occurrences of the expression "everlasting covenant" all belong to this category.

What is the common denominator in God's dealing with His covenant people in restoring them to the Presence of His Love with eternal life and peace? I submit it is the Priesthood of the Son of God.

Message 64:13-14 is in part about those not taking His covenant to heart today: Not keeping Holy the Sacred Rites of the Lord. "Defile them not. Let not the Plan be changed"...The Lord cannot use those who will not keep Holy and sacred His Plan, therefore, let them have no part in the ministry of this Work for already they deny its sacredness. (The Lord's trust is destroyed and the efficacy of their ministry to represent the Lord to the people.)

There are signs the Lord has given of His everlasting covenants. Some covenants

(promises or agreements) were unconditional and some conditional.

Faith with water baptism and the laying on of hands by his called and faithful servants with the authority to confirm you a member of the Body and Church of Christ with the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit with its Holy Rites is the way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven and the Body of Christ with your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. These are true ordinances and sign of the new covenant. The signs in the old covenant were also about their being fulfilled in and through the atoning blood of Christ and His Resurrection. We now are to be circumcised in heart and our Sabbath rest is in him, but we must hold to the commitment we made with our new covenant with God. The significance of the water baptism is our agreeing with God to keep the old man buried and to walk in the newness of life. If we still have sin that we are aware of and refuse to deal with, then sins are not taken away at all and we are in trouble spiritually.

John 3:5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 8:18. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money.

Modern false teachings have removed all fear of God and eternal judgment of those with sin, by teaching a false hope, a false gospel, and a false sense of security for those with unrepentant sins and lack of true belief and faith in the Word as it comes with out the true priesthood of the faithful and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge,

and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Today the Holy Priesthood of the Faithful belongs to the Household of God.

1 Peter 2:5. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 9) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 10. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Message 111:6. Let all repent and receive this Authority I send for mankind, the Pure Love of God,' saith the Lord Jesus Christ.

Message 71:12. I speak Light to the world, and my mission is designed of the Lord and shall have its effect, for the Word shall fill the whole earth and men will know the truth and be abundantly free. Satan has bound mankind with soothing ways and words and enticed in sin, until the Spirit of the Lord cannot work with them, except they repent. Let repentance be taught. Faith in God's Word must be heard and the baptisms, that men be born again of the water and Holy Spirit, with fire from the Lord-and peace will rule and satan have no power on those who heed and obey, having strong faith.

Message 83:14. All that come to The Church of Christ must be baptized of the water and of the Spirit. The hands must be laid on all, that they may receive the Gift of the Spirit of God; truly be born again.

Message 88:3... Only through His

atonement blood of Christ can mankind be saved.

It is the message of Life and Peace. 18:4...I have brought a Message; some have accepted it, others are rejecting it; nevertheless, the words that I have brought are from the Lord. It will bring life, happiness and peace to some, and destruction to those that reject it.

Message 93:1. "Behold, I come to you with a Message of peace, Life, and Warning-to all that hear and obey..."

The message of Peace is found Philippians 4:7. The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

In Romans 8:6. Paul said...to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace: (A sanctified soul is a living soul; and that life is peace.)

The instructions of the messenger about sanctifying ourselves is found in: Message 41:3... Therefore, sanctify yourselves, let your minds be single to God, for the day soon cometh when He shall appear...

Message 51:4...all must sanctify themselves to the Lord, for sin cannot receive the Glory of the Lord nor the Power of the Lamb slain.

Message 80:13. Establish peace and power will dwell with you. (Establish love and His Spirit will dwell with you) Sanctify the people in Holiness and good works, obedient to the words I bring. Let the work of preaching and teaching continue everywhere and the Lord will be your strength and stay.

The Words of the Lord are Spirit and they are Truth. Therefore by obeying and following his Words and instructions we walk in the Spirit of Christ and not of the

flesh bringing us Life and Peace filled with His Love if we take them to heart. If we do take them to heart and obey them the curse is lifted and there is the blessings of Life and Peace for those whose names are found written there in the Lamb's book of life.

Jesus spoke this to us in John 12:44-50. 48. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Back to message 55:2nd verse. I am the Messenger of the Lord. I am the Messenger to bring the warning and my name is John. I come that full repentance and remission of sins might be taught and I bring the Word of the Lord.

Following it with Message 55:3. The warning message is sent that mankind may have Light and Life-I bring the last for Christ's coming is near at hand. (Matthew 25:6.)(Midnight Cry.)

Message. 85:17. Mankind has been scattered abroad, and the earth, she is defiled, it is empty. And it shall be, as with the people, so with they that teach, until now, until now I come, the priest, as with the servant, so with they the Master. Those that labor, lend and borrow as though they were one.

18) All alike, all faileth and are empty, because of sin and transgression, changing the ordinances and destroying the teaching of the Lord's covenant. The teaching of my coming and proclaiming of the hour of God's judgment has come, the time of the end, the end time, the Lord's return in like manner as He ascending.

The messenger is quoting from Isaiah 24 in verses 17-18 warning all of the judgments of the great tribulation upon the earth and upon men. Let's continue with

verse six of Isaiah's prophecy: Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

The reason the earth is empty, mankind is defiled and empty of the Life and Peace of the Spirit of Christ is because of sin and transgression, changing the ordinances and the teaching of the Lord's everlasting covenant. The covenant is broken and the people perish because of the lack of knowledge of the true Power and the Authority of the Holy Priesthood of the Son of God, the lack of knowledge of the manner of entering the Kingdom of God and the Lord's covenant whereby mankind can be brought to the presence of God. All that come must be baptized and the hands laid on them covenant of God shall have its fulfillment. His Kingdom shall roll forth until it fills the whole earth and all mankind shall obey His will.

Message 97:2 I am the Angel of the Lord, the Messenger of the Covenant, the promised Elias which is for to come. I bring the Elias, or Elijah Message the prophets foretold of to come-lest the earth, mankind, be smitten with the curse. But in my coming the curse is lifted. The Way is made sure in deliverance and victory in gaining salvation, the Plan Christ has laid, and His Church built upon His revealing power-the Rock of Assurance. Christ is the Truth and the Light, the Life and the Way; listen to His whispering call.

Without the Authority and Power of the Holy Priesthood the world must perish, for where there is no one to induct people into the Kingdom of Heaven, no one is permitted to be "born of the water and of the Spirit; without which no one can enter into the Kingdom of God. Priesthood is the means

through which Salvation comes to the children of men. It is the channel through which God pours out His Power in healings and miracles for the blessings and the sanctification of mankind through the Holy Spirit. (W.A.D.)

Message 28. 3. I am God, I change not. My Laws are to all nations and all people, and My Words to all generations. Therefore have I given My Gospel to be preached, that people might repent and come unto Me, and I am again establishing My Church as in the days of old, and My Kingdom shall never be destroyed. (Daniel 2:44)

4) Come out of her ye that seek truth, for My Word is Truth and My Law changes not. Christ will come to His own, and His Church, that is again established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ's Way. There is no church but His Church, all others are the works of men. (Ephesians 4:4-15.)

Message 108:19. The greatest days of tribulations is yet ahead, when all turmoil will break loose and few there be that shall understand, but be ye peace makers. Thus receive the greater blessing.

I will close with the fourth verse of the Message I started with:

Message 55:4. Remember, I have told you this is the day of judgment and the plagues have been let. The evil one has gone forth to destroy, but in the end the Lord will rule for in the lightning and in the flame he shall be cut off, he and all his powers. The gospel shall be the Law and all men will obey the Lord. The sufferings have come and will come because of the evil one to deceive and hinder. Mistrust and unrest is among mankind because of the whisperings of satan, but be ye the children of peace.

(and Life).

Young Adults Karen Wilkin

One of my plants begins to get to tall, so I cut back some of the long stems and placed them in a container of water. I have watched those stems grow new roots and after a few weeks time can now be planted in a pot of soil. I took very good care of them, so they look very healthy.

The plant I cut from also is healthier because in cutting the weight of the larger leaves off helped it to thrive even better. I noticed that the leaves on the plants grow and reach out toward the light. The plants love the light. Without light, they can't thrive and will wilt or die. When the leaves are all going toward the light, I turn the plant around, putting the leaves the opposite direction and within a couple of days, all the leaves have straightened upward. However, in a few days the leaves will begin to reach for the light again, so I will have to follow the same routine to keep it growing in the proper direction.

It is much the same way in growing Spiritually. If we do not take good care of the soul and our mind, keeping the mind thinking on good things, pure things and give time each day to the Lord, we also begin to wither and wilt, within our hearts and minds. It is by feeding the soul spiritually that you grow and learn of God's goodness, what His commandments are, how to walk upright and just before Him and how to overcome your sins. Without the spiritual growth you cannot properly excel in the things of God. (Matthew 25:29; John 15:5; John 15: 2-12 illustrates about being "Branches" bearing good fruit or bad

fruits. How we act toward others, how you treat others and things we say to other's that are not Christ like, is an example of "By their fruits ye shall know them." This is also true if we show Kindness, Gentleness, Goodness and Love toward others. We can display bad fruits or good fruits. The more you feed yourself spiritually by reading and studying God's word, the more you will know How to walk in the "light" of Almighty God.

It is so important that you are grounded deeply and firmly in God's Word. It is by studying God's word that you develop these deep roots that cannot be moved easily. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him; Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Colossians 7:6-7. The Fruits of the Spirit are; Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance, against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23. It is by not only acknowledging what is written, but by practicing what you read. It has to become a part of your Character. It must become a part of your deep Convictions. You must become so in tune with the Holy Spirit that you automatically can sense and feel within your conscience what is true, good, pure, just, clean and upright before God, then act on those things in the time of temptation and stay true to what you know to be right before God.

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye being ROOTED and Grounded in love....." Ephesians 3:17-19. The more you are grounded in the things of God the more you will be able to discipline yourself with Self-Control. You are learning how to build a solid foundation in

your life, one that is firm, solid and strong. Just as a tree is rooted deeply and cannot be easily moved, so is it also with your decisions you must make every single day of your life. The deeper your roots are, the more you can withstand the temptations that are put before you. It is no secret young adults; the moral conduct in this world is getting worse and worse. People say what is good is evil and what is evil is good. The moral standards are being set aside with an attitude of "Everything and Anything Goes". Kids are being taught that the Holy Bible is not important any more, even in some schools. How hard is it to live a Christian life in school? I would say very difficult. Your peers make fun of you, make jokes, tease you, condemn your faith and make mockery of your beliefs, right? This is why you must learn how to stand up to, never give in nor ever give up, for the fight you fight now will help you to be victorious in staying strong and steadfast in the things of God.

John 12:46 tells us Jesus is the Light of the World. Just as the plant is drawn toward the light, so should be also. The Word is Light unto us and leads us into all truth. Matthew 5:14-16; Mark 4:21-24; John 1:6-8; 8:12; 12:35; 1 John 1:5-6.

We are to let our "Lights Shine" that we might be an example to those around us. You never know who is watching you. You never know who might accept the Lord because of your example, your love for Christ, your moral standards, all of which shows your true character. Just like a plant, if you do not take heed to care for your spiritual life, you will not grow spiritually. You will either stay right where you are, or, you will wilt and fade away into darkness. It takes commitment, working hard at it; it

takes action by word and by deed.

May the Lord lead, guide and direct you each one as you strive to walk in the Light of God. May He grant you the wisdom you need from day to day to be an overcomer to sin and walk in the path He has set for you to follow.

Junior Department

Thresa Ray

An Eye of an Eye or Forgive?

Matthew 5:38 (Jesus is speaking) Ye have heard that it hath been said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'

Is that how you feel when someone does something wrong to you? If they hit you, do you hit back? If they say something hateful to you, do you respond with hateful ugly words? Is that what God wants us to do?

Matthew 5:39 But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite (hit) thee on thy right check, turn to him the other also.

God does not want us to return evil or bad actions for more evil or bad actions.

Proverbs 16:24 says, "Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."

So you could even change someone's attitude with kind words. Think of how it makes you feel when someone says something kind to you. Do you feel good inside?

Proverbs 16:32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

This is saying that someone that is slow to anger, that can control their actions- is better than a warrior that can take a city, but has no self-control. We can choose how we act and how we react to situations.

Matthew 5:43, 44 Ye have heard that it hath been said, ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy.’ 44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that persecute you:

To feel love for those that hurt you, you need to forgive them. That may be hard at first, but as you pray for them, your heart will also change and you will truly forgive them.

I want to quote the Lord’s Prayer. Jesus taught us this prayer in Mathew 6:9-13:

9) After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10) Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11) Give us this day our daily bread.

12) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen”

Verse 12 says “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” This means to forgive us our trespasses or our sins, as we forgive those that sin against us.

Continuing in Matthew 6:14-15:

14) For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15) But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

So, as you see, it is very important for us to forgive others. The way we forgive others is how God forgives us. We try not to do wrong, but if we do, we certainly want God to forgive us. So do not be slow to forgive others.

Matthew 24:40 (Jesus is speaking) ...”Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

What we do to others, we are doing to Jesus also. The ‘Golden Rule’ is very important for us to follow – if everyone follows this ‘Golden Rule’ we would be much happier and have a peaceful world.

Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

This is what God’s commandments tell us and the prophets tell us to do: DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU! Treat others the way you want to be treated, with love and kindness. So, do not choose ‘an eye for an eye’, but forgive and love even those that persecute you. You can change they way they feel. Remember what you do to others, you are doing to Jesus also. The way we forgive others, is the way Jesus will forgive us.

May God bless you. Love in Christ,
Sister Thresa Ray

Primary Department

Joy Ellen Draves – Dreher

Are You Lost?

Read Luke 15:1-7

It’s not much fun getting lost, is it? Have you ever been out with your Mum & Dad and ended up getting lost? How did that make you feel? You may have felt scared and alone. It’s also scary for a Parent to lose their child.

In this story we learn about one sheep that gets lost, and how we would care so much for our sheep that we just have to leave the other 99 to find the lost sheep. This is how it is with

God. He seeks out the ‘lost’, the ones that are alone and scared. He wants to bring them into His family and show them love, friendship and fellowship. You may have noticed some kids at school that seem lost – in the way that they are alone, not joining in or have any friends. They may feel not as good as everybody else. God loves them too. Maybe you could show some friendship to those that feel this way, or if you feel lost like this, you can know that God loves you and wants to be your

friend. He in when you come to Jesus. He is always with you.

If you feel this way and you want Jesus to come into your life twants you to be part of His family. You need never feel lost in this way agao be your friend, you may like to pray this prayer “Lord Jesus,

I ask you to come into my life to be my shepherd, and to be my Lord and Saviour. Forgive me for the wrong things I have done and

Handmaidens’ Report

Ola Thompson

Date	Item	Description	Credit/Debit	Balance
1/1/2017				67.41
4/9/17	#1126	Walmart- 4 address books & labels	- 7.96	59.45
4/9/17	#1127	Walmart- 4 address books & ribbon	- 8.98	50.47
6/13/17	#1128	Mardels- Pencils/bookmarks for Assembly	- 8.58	41.89
6/13/17	#1129	Walmart- Assembly folders	- 7.40	34.40
10/16/17	Deposit	Handmaidens collection	+ 33.00	67.49
10/16/17	W/drawl	Bank- Ordered checks	- 16.25	51.24
11/21/17	Deposit	Handmaidens collection	+ 75.00	126.24
12/4/17	Deposit	Gift from Alabama Sisters	+ 25.00	151.24
12/4/17	Fee	Bank service charge	- 10.00	141.24
12/10/17	#1130	Lunch rm rental- Cornerstone Church, Christmas Party	- 100.00	41.24
12/31/17	Fee	Bank service charge	- 10.00	31.24
1/8/2018	<i>Closed account due to service fees and inability to maintain minimum balance.</i>			
	Cash on hand			31.24

I would like to thank everyone who donated money, time, and things needed to help make our handmaidens lessons for the Assembly, as well as helping with our fellowship and Christmas program. It was such a sweet afternoon and the Christmas program was so precious in every way. Thank you to everyone who gave a helping hand.

Also we give a special thank you to Tammy Thompson for opening up her house for our fall fellowship and hay ride. It was a great evening as well and the food everyone brought that was really good.

We did several things this Christmas season: collected coats, gloves hats and etc. for the homeless. Many donated lots of clothes,

gifts and toys to the Children's home in St. Joseph. I want to give a special thank you to Sister Alice Weaver and Sister Brenda Humpert for their gifts of many toys and stuff animals. Also thank you to Sister Krystal for the many bags of new and good used articles she donated and she got a few other people involved in helping. Not to forget anyone who helped with the things we strive to do. Your help is deeply appreciated. Whether it was finance, prayer, helping hand, without you we couldn't help near as many.

Have a Bless and Happy New year .

Handmaidens of the Lord of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, Assured Way of the Lord .