

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

II Corinthians 5:17



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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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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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Twelfth Message

The Messenger came to me for the twelfth time Thursday night, July 18, 1929. He came and went three times, remaining each time until I was weak from his presence, then he would leave me for a short time so I could regain some of my strength. The Divine is so much stronger than the human that the presence of the Messenger makes a person weak in body. This time I had the first opportunity to ask him a question which I did. I asked him if our work which we have done has been accepted of the Lord, to which he answered, "Yes."

I hope that whosoever may read these Messages may 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 Mind and Will from Heaven.

- Otto Fetting

1. "I have come to you from time to time, to instruct you as to the work of building the Temple, and the organization of The Church of Christ, and re-establishing it again in its fullness, that the Church may again receive the Power and Holy Ghost as in the days of old, and that as on the day of Pentecost, the servants of the Lord may be filled with the Spirit of God, that they may take the Message of the Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth, for the Lord has reserved unto Himself this remnant on the Temple Lot, to set the Church in order. I have come to you in your own language that you may understand, and impart it to the children of men, and that the Message might be understood by all people, in its plainness, that they may have no excuse at the judgment day, for verily these things shall come to pass.

2. The Lord has looked upon you and your brethren, and has seen the humility of your souls, and your desire to carry out the instructions that the Lord has given you from time to time, and thus far your work has been accepted of the Lord, but remember, you must remain very humble before God, and do the things He has, and will command you to do, or the Spirit and Light that the Lord has given you will be withheld from you and your minds will become dark, and doubt and fear will enter your souls. Therefore, seek the Lord often in prayer and in the humility of your souls. The work that the Lord has commanded you to do will come before you. Contend with no man only contend for the Truth. For the Truth will make you free. Contentions will darken the mind, and the Spirit of God will not dwell in the hearts of men who are contentious.

3. The plans as drawn by your brethren are correct as to the foundation, that is, as to size, but let the pillars be added to the outside, four feet eight inches in length, and two feet eight inches in depth, and let the pillars on each corner be the same size. Dig the trenches, and bring the foundation to the level of the basement floor, and your steel fifteen inches above the grade level. Let your fabricating be done, so that your work may continue from there. For behold, many important things shall come to pass, and many things shall yet be given but I will come from time to time to instruct you, that the work will not be delayed.

4. Behold, the Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from the Word of the Lord and have become an abomination in His sight. Therefore, let those that come to The Church of Christ be baptized, that they may

rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit and Power of the Holy Ghost, and as the greater power shall come, that they may be ready to receive it with joy. For this is the time of the restitution and restoration of all things, and this must come to all that shall be permitted to dwell in the presence of Christ, for sin cannot receive the Glory of God, nor the Power of the Holy Spirit.

5. Let not the building of the Temple hinder the preaching of the Gospel, but let those that have been appointed and set apart for the Temple work, see that all things be done after the pattern that I shall give. And let those that have been called and set apart to carry the Gospel Message to the nations of the earth do their work, as they have been instructed. Let them preach the things they found in the Bible and The Record of the Nephites. Let them take the Message to Jew and Gentile, as all classes, tongues and peoples. Let the men who have been placed in charge and appointed to look after and receive the tithes, offerings and oblations, be mindful of their work, that the moneys so received are spent wisely. Let them give an accounting to the Church, that things may be done in justice to all, always being mindful that they are Ambassadors for Christ and the Church, and they will be without excuse to God, for everyone must be faithful to their trust for this is the Lord's Work, and so shall it be required of him in the last day.

6. Remember, the Lord committed to Joseph Smith a great work in his day, and power and authority to re-establish The Church Of Christ in his day as in the days of old. He gave him the pattern to establish it as in the days of apostles, and restored

the Priesthood and Authority of the Son of God to the children of men. Yet, because of pride and the love and praise of men, he sinned before God, and much of his work has been destroyed, but he will be saved as by fire, and will be numbered with the prophets of old. Again, the Lord has called other to prune His Vineyard, to bring the Gospel of Peace, to establish His Church as in the days of old, that the power of the Priesthood may be again enjoyed as in the days of old.

7. Behold, the Lord changes not, again He has sent me to instruct the children of men as to the building of the Temple, the size thereof, the inner court and the outer court, the construction of the building, the time to begin work, the time to complete the building of the Temple, the material it shall be built of, and I will come from time to time to instruct you, for thus was I commanded to instruct Joseph Smith. But because he was not true to the trust, this was withheld from him. Remember, you have been entrusted with this work, therefore be humble that you fail not in your work.

8. As I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith, so now I lay my hands on you, that greater Power and greater Light might come to you, and to set you apart to do the work entrusted to your care, and in your day. Remember, the priesthood was not and will not be taken from the earth since I conferred it on Joseph Smith but the greater Power of the priesthood has been withheld because of the transgression of those who have been entrusted therewith. Therefore, see that all things are done after the pattern I will give you, that in all things you may please the Lord your God. Be true to the trust that has been placed upon you and

your brethren, each one in his place and calling, for the Lord will hold each one responsible in their work that must be done and will require it at their hands in the last day. Some will fail because of the temptations that shall come to them, but they will suffer loss. But, remember, Christ is at the head of the Church, and will direct His Work. He is the Great High Priest of His people and He will direct the Work as in days of old. I therefore bless you in the name of Christ, and admonish you to seek not the praise of men but be humble before God, and the people of the Lord, and your brethren. The Priesthood and Authority that was placed upon you the servant of the Lord will never be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God, but if you are not true to the trust imposed upon you, you shall suffer loss and lose your crown. The Lord will reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to the building of the Temples and the work that must be done by the Church of Christ, that the people of the Lord might be instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen.

9. Let C. A. Spilsbury be set apart among men to fill the vacancy in the quorum of twelve, that the Work may not suffer, for this is a day of haste as I have told you. Let him take the field with the Gospel Message as he is not burdened with the cares of life as some are. Let the elders who are not burdened with the cares of life go from place to place and prepare to take the Message to other nations, but let those go to the far off fields that are not burdened with the care of children, and let their companions go also. Use wisdom in these matters, be careful in your expenses, while and where you labor, that more may be sent into the harvest field.

10. Let your work on the Temple continued, working as fast as the moneys come in but keep out of debt. Contract no debt with any man, for this work must be done by sacrifice and not by promises. For behold the people of the Lord are glad to help in this Work of the Lord, by tithes and by offerings. For thus did the people in the days of old, which was pleasing unto the Lord, for this was the Law in Abraham's day who paid tithes and the Lord blessed him, and the Lord will bless in your day all those that shall keep His law. Therefore pay your oblations to the Lord in all things that your work may be accepted of Him, so that when trying times are upon the earth your work might stand the test. Let the Gospel be preached; let the poor be provided for; let the Temple be built, that in all things you may be the Children of God.

11. Those that will heed the warnings that I have given unto them in the past will be blessed; those that will not believe will lose; nevertheless, take the Message to them, and the honest in heart will accept it.

12. I am John the Baptist that prepared the way before Christ and I will prepare the way before Him again, and a people to receive Christ when He comes. Send this Message to your brethren, the twelve first; then send it to the nations of the earth with all the rest now in print, but the things I have shown to you in vision, keep that only for your brethren, give not that to the enemies that seek to hinder the Work of the Lord.

13. I will come from time to time until the Work is finished after the pattern. Be humble, and the Lord will bless you by His Spirit, and men will be blessed by the Message in time to come. Amen.”

From the Apostles

Mike Greenwell

The year was around 1984, and this is what the Lord told me:

He told me that He had "great zeal" for His "local Churches". He told me that He had people in each local Church that He was "so pleased with" that He could "hardly wait! ..to pour out His reward on them!"

But He told me: But I can't do it the way that you want me to. Because if I did, He said, it would fill them too full of joy, too soon. And they wouldn't need faith anymore. And that would frustrate His plan because righteousness only comes by faith, and His work is a work of righteousness.

He told me He left each person a weakness and to be careful how I treat each person because I might not know which people He is pleased with the most because of the way they appear in their weaknesses to their fellows. He told me deliverance and righteousness will come through bearing one another's burdens.

He told me it was harder for Him to wait to pour out His joy on His favored children than it is for them to wait to receive it. He told me that He is about to pour out His Spirit on the earth more than it has ever been poured out before in all of its history.

And then He told me that if I want to be a part of what He is about to do: "It is necessary that you become a part of a local Church, ministering to the Saints!"

I shouted, (don't know if I shouted out loud or if it was just in my heart). "But Lord!!! I haven't got a local Church to be a part of!!!"

Then a vision opened up to me Remember I was wide awake. I saw a

vision of myself at a distance of about 75-100 yards away. I had a stack of tracts in my hand and was walking towards my car, preparing to put them inside. I wondered what was on the tracts and knew they had to be God's will for my life but they were too far away to read.

When suddenly one of the tracts floated off the top of the stack, turned itself upright facing towards me, then quickly rushed towards me and stopped right in front of me and I saw the print on it in huge bold letters with all the time I needed to read the words: A WARNING TO ALL PEOPLE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST: JOHN THE BAPTIST RESURRECTED HAS COME!

All for now,
God bless.

Article

Ashley Beckham

“For behold, thus saith the Lord God; I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here little and there a little; and blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts, and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn wisdom; for unto him that receiveth, I will give more; and from them who say, We have enough, from them shall be taken away even that which they have.

Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto the precepts of men, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost.” 2 Nephi 28:30-31.

It would be well for everyone who reads this to read the 25th thru the 29th chapter of 2 Nephi, for there we find the prophecy of

Nephi which relates and tells about the coming of Christ for the first time, the doing away with the Mosaic Law that was fulfilled with the sacrifice of Christ, the visit that He would make to his people here on this continent, their faithfulness for nearly 400 years, their fall and destruction, the bringing forth of the Record from out of the dust, the denial of it by many, the witnesses to it, the raising up of one mighty and strong like unto Moses to lead them to the Lord, the great abomination of many churches all preaching differences and many more things too numerous to mention here. All of these which we recognize as being given for our enlightenment in this day and time, and which we can profit by if we will only be obedient and hear the words of the Lord as spoken by the spirit of Nephi.

Reflect for a moment: didn't God say that He would reveal line upon line, precept upon precept, etc.? Here we have such a great prophecy given in such plainness that none that read can misunderstand it. It is so filled with the spirit of truth that none who believe would ever deny it. You will find many more prophecies and many teachings of righteousness on thru the Record of the Nephites if you will but search it diligently and to those who are seeking more knowledge of the Lord and His ways, He will give more.

Not only do we find wisdom in the Record of the Nephites, but we find wisdom and council from God in many other ways. The New Testament is full of the love of Christ as he taught His precepts when He walked the shores of Galilee. Christ didn't preach all of his sermons or give all of His precepts in one day, but spread His mission out over a period of

time, for it would be humanly impossible for a person to learn all of His ways in a few short days. So God also reveals to us over a period of time, revealing here a little and there a little as it seemeth to Him good, and will constantly reveal to man until Eternity.

Our Articles of Faith plainly state that we believe that the canon of Scripture isn't full, that God inspires men in every age and amongst all people. We believe in the principle of continuous revelation and that God speaks when, where and thru whom He pleases.

Yes, God will add line upon line, precept upon precept, giving wisdom to every generation, knowledge to every nation and spiritual instructions to those who believe in Him and are willing to bow their knee before Him.

In Joseph Smith's time, God revealed the Records from which I have taken this subject and by an angel gave instructions for the founding of the Church of Christ and revealed that a Temple should be built to Him. In our day, He again has revealed by an Angel the many fuller instructions for that Temple and by the same Heavenly Being He reestablished the Church of Christ.

If you will study and compare, you will find the Record of the Nephites is truly a great witness to the Holy Bible, and that many precepts, instructions and prophecies of both tie in together. We also find that the Word of the Lord help bind all together even more with added blessings.

Our God is an unchangeable God. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. If He revealed to the prophets of old and those prophesies came true, why shouldn't we believe in our time that God can and

will reveal to us the same as He did in days of old?

Yes, the gifts of the Lord are beautiful and we should ever be watching and waiting, praying that He will continue to lead us by His Holy Spirit and reveal the right way of life to us. God has spoken. Hear Him today.

A Letter to the Members

Jeanette Simmons

A Note of Thanks

Thanks be God. Thanks for the men and women of your choice, standing tall to defend this work and message.

As I read the Greater Light November/December issue, my heart rejoiced. The Apostles stood up with truth and the Handmaidens of the Lord taught our young. May God Bless you and make you a blessing.

I've been in this work more than 50 years, Thank God!

Love in Christ to All,
Jeanette Simmons, Alabama

Testimony

Ellen Draves

When I first heard about the two new messages, I prayed that I would have discernment to know if they were true or not. This was before I even read them. I did not know who the messenger was supposed to come to.

I would like to say a little about the experiences that I have had when the

messenger has come in the past. Leonard was an apostle and the son of W. A. Draves so he was one of the first ones notified that the messenger had come. We would go to dad's house and pick up the message and take it to church to make phone calls and to type the message so it could be sent out. Thresa Ray also helped in getting the message out. I can remember trying to type the message and I could only get through a verse or two because the Spirit was so strong that you just had to stop and wait. I could only type a little before I was overcome and had to be replaced by Leonard or Thresa. They took their turns at trying to type the message. They in turn were also so filled with the Spirit that someone had to replace them. We did this until the message was finally typed and it could be printed on the copy machine.

I can also say that if we were not typing the message we were on the telephone calling the brethren. Whoever was on the phone was also having the same trouble talking as the person who was typing. The Spirit was so strong within the room that we could hardly contain ourselves.

Before we could finish making copies the brethren that were in Independence flocked to the church to get their copy. There was a lot of discussion and the room was so filled with the Spirit that we could hardly contain ourselves.

When I read the first message that was given, I did not have this feeling about it. It was like I had just opened a book and started reading it. The Spirit was not there so therefore I can say that I do not believe it.

After reading the message I saw several things wrong with it. I am not going to go into what the apostles wrote about the

messages because there is no sense in repeating it. I am not going to quote Scriptures on why I do not believe these messages. I just want to tell about my observation of it. It did not follow the pattern that was given in the messages by the two men who had who had earlier received them.

One of the first things that I noticed was that when men were called they were not in the same order that they have been in the other messages. The Lord has always called apostles first, bishops second, evangelists third and then elders. I know that some of you may think this is nitpicking and the Lord can call them in any order that he wants to. I am just saying that it does not follow the pattern that has been before us.

When talking about the work in Africa, it says that it was done mainly because of the three men that went there. He mentions their name calling them Apostle Norm and Apostle Larry. The Lord has never given a title to anyone in the messages other than calling them to a office. After people were called to be apostles in Africa, the Lord said they would be under the watch care of the apostles in the United States. He did not tell anyone to cover the work there. Again this does not follow the pattern that has been before us.

John says that he is our fellow servant. You do not get this feeling when you read these messages it is not there.

I have been told that messages from Otto Fetting and W. A. Draves were taken to an expert to read them. There were no names on the messages. Upon reading in them the expert said that they were given by the same person. He could not tell any difference in them. If the last two messages

were given to an expert, you would be able to see the difference because they do not follow the pattern.

I hope that all who have read the so-called 121st and the 122nd messages will have discernment to know if they are our true or not. Please look at your books and read the Scriptures to see how these messages do not agree with them. Try to remember the feeling that you had when you first read the previous messages and see if you have that same feeling when you read these last two.

God bless you one and all.

Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

As you grew up you were taught many little children's songs. Those songs were fun to sing, but each one told a story or gave life lessons in them. They were "Character Building Songs" to help you learn about the good things of God and also for your developing your own special relationship with Christ.

Matthew 7:16; Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes or thorns, or figs of thistles?

17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruits.

18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Character Building comes from making

good choices in life. You will face many diverse choices throughout your school years and those include those you will be confronted with by friends and your peers that does not always go along with what you know to be right or wrong. Peer's can be very persuading in trying to get you to go along with something they think is cool or ok, but you know better. Then comes the hard part, what choice will you make? The Peer Pressure builds continuously and every day you will face something different.

Matthew 7:21-28 talks about building our houses upon a Rock and not sand. It talks about how if we build upon the sand, our house will fall. It talks about not everyone who says Lord, Lord will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. See, this is all part of Character Building. Learning how to build a solid, firm foundation for yourself that you cannot be persuaded to change your course of following in the path of righteousness. It is a daily task of putting on your Full Armor of Christ, so that when you leave your house, you are fully protected from the fiery darts that satan will hurl at you,

Through your friends, the temptations, the bad dirty jokes, foul language, mistreating other kids, plus many other things.

Let's read Ephesians 6:13-18; "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand,

14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness:

15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16. Above all, taking the shield of faith,

wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the word of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,

18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication of Saints;"

The more you are prepared for battle against the schemes of satan, the better chance you will have to avoid and steer clear of those things that he is going to toss your way. This preparation comes through Reading and Studying the Word of God and then Practicing it daily. It takes much prayer, much discipline and self control to stay on the right path and to dodge those fiery darts being thrown at you.

This is all part of Spiritual Character Building to feed your soul and make you strong and healthy in the things of God. It takes will power and motivation to be what God would have you to be to fight the battle.

Matthew 7:7; Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." God does not expect you to fight the battles alone. In fact, you can't do it alone. That is why God gives us the Three Books to learn what is right and what is wrong and to be an overcomer of sin. God does not expect anyone to go their journey alone and He promises He will never leave us nor forsake us, ever. Sometimes friends may walk away from you because you refuse to go along with things you know is absolutely wrong. Sometimes choices can hurt and be inconvenient for you. But many choices in life are. That's why you learn how to discern early in life about life's choices and

how to withstand the temptations that come your way.

Every time you are faced with a Choice, good or bad, you are Building your Characteristic Attributes. Galatians 5: 16-21; “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17. for the flesh lusteth against the Spirit , and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the others: so that ye cannot do the things the ye would.

18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19. Now the Works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultry, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditons, heresies,

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall NOT Inherit The Kingdom of God.” Study what each one of these represents and make yourself aware and familiar with them. This is part of being prepared and ready for the battles before you.

God has established a pattern for us that we should abide by and let rule our lives, hearts and minds. These are found in Galatians 5: 22-26; “But the Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith,

23. Meekness, Temperance, against such there is no law.

24. An they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections of lusts.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one

another.”

The walk is a rough and rugged path, with many turns, obstacles, twists and detours along the way. But God has given us a map from His Written Word to lead us down the right path to victory, and you will never walk alone when you put your faith and trust in Him. When you leave for school each morning, put on all your armor, say a prayer and do the very best you can do. Whatever you face each day, trust that God is with you and is your very best friend, always there to lead, guide and direct your path.

Junior

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays. I love to listen to Christmas songs about Jesus. The song, “Mary Did You Know?” written by Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry is one of my favorites! I think the Lord truly inspired these men to write it! It is so very beautiful and Spirit filled! I will quote it below:

Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would one day walk on
water?

Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would save our sons
and daughters?

Did you know
that your Baby Boy has come to make you
new?

This Child that you delivered will soon
deliver you.

Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy will give sight to a
blind man?

Mary, did you know
 that your Baby Boy will calm the storm
 with His hand?
 Did you know
 that your Baby Boy has walked where
 angels trod?
 When you kiss your little Baby you kissed
 the face of God?
 Mary did you know.

The blind will see.
 The deaf will hear.
 The dead will live again.
 The lame will leap.
 The dumb will speak
 The praises of The Lamb.

Mary, did you know
 that your Baby Boy is Lord of all
 creation?
 Mary, did you know
 that your Baby Boy would one day rule the
 nations?
 Did you know
 that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect
 Lamb?
 The sleeping Child you're holding is the
 Great, I Am.

Some people do not realize that Jesus is God in the flesh. God has been called many things.

In Message 84:16-20, God tells us exactly who He is.

16. "I am He that is called I AM. I am the Great White Spirit. I am He that is called Shiloh. I am all in all. I am the only Living God, Creator of the universe, Ruler and Judge of all. I am the Chief Corner Stone. I am the Stone the builders rejected. I am the Christ, the Son of Man.

17. I am God. I change not. I am He

that was called Jehovah. I am Jesus Christ. I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. I am the Lord. I am He that was manifested in the flesh, in the flesh-death and resurrection. I am He that is risen. I am the Lord God.

18. All they that hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My decrees and obey, shall have the right to eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ forever.

19. I am He that formed the Heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. I am He that placed man in the garden and preserved Noah over the flood. I am He that chose Abraham for his great faith. His seed is as the sands of the sea-shores, innumerable. I am He that led Israel through the Red Sea and over Jordan and I will deliver My people today, if they will watch and pray and serve Me, your Master and Lord God.

20. When mankind will learn of Me, he shall be lifted from darkness unto Light and Power—and hearing Me I will hear him and heal your souls and your lands."

As you can see by the above scriptures that Jesus Christ is God. This is the GREAT TRUTH.

Message 85: 36: "The ideals in man's heart will fade away. The Great Truth and the Church in Her bright garments must shine and stand forth. This is Light and Truth that Jesus is the Christ the Eternal God."

2 Nephi 26:12: "And as I spake concerning the convincing of the Jews, that Jesus is the very Christ, it must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced also that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God;"

2 Nephi 11:7 "...But there is a God, and He is Christ, and He cometh in the fullness

of His own time.”

3 Nephi 11:27 (Jesus in ancient America speaking to the people.) “And after this manner shall ye baptize in My name, for behold, verily I say unto you, that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one; and I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one.”

John 14:6-7 also tells us that Jesus is God in the flesh.

6. “Jesus saith unto him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

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

Colossians 1:15 (Speaking about Jesus) Who is the image of the invisible God... (read the whole chapter)

Colossians 2:9 (Speaking about Jesus) Christ is the Image of God. “For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” (meaning in bodily form)

John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld the glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

I hope you can see and understand the GREAT TRUTH that JESUS IS GOD! I have an example that I use in my classes to explain the Godhead – the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are one. My example is water. In its normal state as we drink it – it is a liquid. When it is frozen – it is a solid. When it is boiled it becomes steam. But all three of these; ice, steam and the liquid are still WATER. Just as the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost are ONE. ONE GOD.

Dear Youth, study the scriptures. Keep your heart open to God and He will guide

You! God can use a willing life in a mighty way!

Love in Christ,

Primary

Joy Draves-Dreher

God’s Peace

Read John 14:27-31

It was nearing the end of Jesus' life on earth. He was talking with His disciples to prepare them for what was ahead. They would face turmoil and tribulations – but He comforts them by letting them know that He would leave His peace with them. God’s peace is not like what the world has to offer. We can know the peace of God despite what is going on in our lives. Even when we are in life’s storms, we can know God’s peace. We can have that assurance that Jesus is with us always. He will never leave us, nor forsake us. He holds our hand and walks with us through whatever we may be facing. So if you are going through a rough time right now, know that Jesus is with you – even right now- and He is walking with you by your side. He will give you His peace, as you continue to call out to Him. May you know God’s peace today and every day.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4: 6-7

No matter what I may go through Lord,
The raging storms of life I pray I’d know
the peace of God That comes from Jesus
Christ.