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The End Time Messenger

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Love your Brother

All those who are humble and full of love will help; but remember, satan will tempt you and will bring many enticements before you to try your faith. Love your brother who labors with you, though at times he may treat you unkindly, for love will bring others to the Light.

- Message 9:7

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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.
3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)
5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.
6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.
7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.
8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.
9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'
10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.
11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.
12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.
14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the building up and extension of The Kingdom of God in all the world.
15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.
16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends The True Brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein The Divine Command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.
17. We believe that all men are Stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of Stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of The Common Fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy The Bounty and Gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.
18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of The Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when Chosen or Appointed by The Church to devote their entire time to Missionary Work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The Ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go Trusting in God and the people, is applicable.
19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by The General Bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of The Church. The temporal affairs of The Local Churches shall be Administered by local Bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.
20. We believe that marriage is Ordained of God, and that The Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.
21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.
22. We believe in The Literal gathering of Israel, and in The Restoration of The Ten Lost Tribes.
23. We believe a Temple will be Built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will Reveal Himself and Endow His Servants whom He Chooses with Power to Preach The Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that The Promise of God to Israel may be Fulfilled.
24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be Built upon this land 'unto The Remnant' of The Seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be Built, beginning at The Temple Lot.
25. We believe The Ministry and Membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer Oaths or Covenants in conflict with The Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53:3, 'Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that **THE GREATER LIGHT** might come to them.'

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His

Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men.'

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of the Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11-13). 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* Sixteenth Message

Received at 4 a.m. October 27, 1929 at Port Huron, Michigan.

Otto Fetting

1. "I have come to you again, that you may not get discouraged in the work that the Lord has placed upon you. You have seen that man is continually evil unless he is filled with the Spirit of God, and as it was in the days of Noah, so it is now, the warning has come, and the warning must be taken to the nations of the earth: you have borne witness to the Church of Christ, now you must bear witness of the Message to others that Christ's coming is near; cry with a loud voice; fear not those whose hearts are filled with selfishness, and are seeking their own glory, and not the glory of God.

2. Yours is a Message of Love, fear not those that oppose you, as I told you this is not your work, but the work of the Lord. But be true to the trust the Lord has placed upon you, and all those that will help, God will bless. The great day of judgment will soon be here, when God will judge the world in righteousness, and these that will oppose the Message shall stand condemned before Him.

3. The great your love, the greater your work shall be before the Lord. Preach the Gospel, teach the people repentance, that they may live in all righteousness before God, and that the Temple must be built by people whose hearts are filled with love,

and whose hearts are pure and their hands clean. God will not accept the work of men who are filled with evil, selfishness and strife: this is an abomination before Him.

4. Let you brethren labor in love with you, each in his place and calling: go from place to place, and house to house, warn the people. If you are humble before the Lord your God, He will lead you and direct you from day to day. Remember satan will tempt you, and he will try you, and many times your faith will be weak, but if you will not yield to the things satan will bring before you, then your faith will become strong: others have yielded to the whisperings of satan and where are they?

5. Go to those that are burdened in spirit, encourage the down cast. Love is your Message, for that was the Message of Christ. Let all labor who can, that the work of preparing a people may go on in haste, for Christ's coming is near. The Temple will be built by a people that are prepared; some will try to build it but it will come to naught."

The plans on the Temple, that were given, we were commanded to leave out.

6. "The plans I give you from time to time on Temple, give not that to the world, nor to the enemy who has rejected my Message, and the Lord had rejected them as I told you. Place this with the Message I gave you before, and I told you to hold it, but now give it to the people as a warning, for it shall come to pass. I will come to you from time to time to instruct you and give you the warning, for the time is near at hand when many things shall come to pass and you shall know it.

7. If you shall remain humble, these things shall be given to you from time to time. Take not the advice of men, for men's hearts are filled with evil, they will lead you astray. Send the Messages to the world, and those that labor with you will be blessed. Amen."

From the Apostles

Trees

Apostle Richard Johnson

Today I am going to talk with you about trees. Let's begin with.

Message. 41:13: "...Teach men to come partake of The Tree of Life. Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may obtain Eternal Life, Saith your Lord'."

This verse tells me that there is access to The Tree of Life and its Fruit today if we find The Narrow Path Jesus spoke of in Matthew 7:13-14.

This then would lift the curse of the spiritual death of our Souls that separates us from The Tree. If we partake of its Fruit today and continue to Endure until the end we will have Eternal Life and not lose our access to The Tree with a second death but shall Live and Dwell with God forever.

The Tree of Life is first found in *The Bible* with others in:

Genesis 2:9: "And out of the ground made The Lord God to grow every Tree, that is pleasant to the site and Good for food. The Tree of Life in the mist of the Garden and also of Knowledge of Good and evil."

Then we also find it at the beginning of *The Record of The Nephites* in:

1 Nephi 11:1, where Nephi desired to see The Dream or Vision that his father **Lehi** had previously received of The Tree of Life. Nephi said that "as I sat pondering in mine heart I was caught away The Spirit of The heart I was caught away in The Spirit of The Lord, yea, into an exceedingly high mountain."

1 Nephi 11:21-22: "... Knowest thou the meaning of the tree thy father saw?"

22. And I (Nephi) answered him saying, 'Yea, it is The Love of God' "

Lehi and Nephi were both visionary men who received Dreams and Visions from God. Nephi was told that a Sign would be given him (1 Nephi 11:7). After he saw The Tree which bore The Fruit, he would then Behold a man Descending out of Heaven, of whom he was to Bear Witness that he was The Son of God. He was then shown The Tree that his father had seen as well as a Virgin who was carried away in The Spirit and reappeared bearing a Child whom The Spirit identified as ‘The Lamb of God, yea, even The Eternal Father!’ The Spirit then asked, ‘Knowest thou the meaning of The Tree which thy father saw?’

Nephi also was shown that The Rod of Iron his father had seen was The Word of God, which led to The Fountain of Living Waters, or to The Tree of Life; which waters are also a representation of The Love of God; as was The Tree of Life a representation of God’s Love. (See Nephi 11:25).

1 Nephi 11:25: “Lehi had seen that: The Fruit of The Tree was desirable to make one happy and was white, to exceed all the whiteness that he had ever seen.” (1 Nephi 8:10-11) White represents Righteous, Pure-ness or without sin.

Nephi also saw that The Fruit is desirable above all other Fruits and is The Greatest of all The Gifts of God. And that it filled his Soul with Great Joy. (1 Nephi 15:36)

In 2 Nephi 11:4, Nephi wrote: “My Soul Delighteth in proving unto my people The Truth of The Coming of Christ, . . . and all things which have been Given of God from the beginning of the world, unto man, are the typifying of Him.”

The Vision that was given to Nephi Reveals to us that The Lamb of God is Jesus

Christ. This is also shown in John 1:29 in *The Bible*. John The Baptist seeth Jesus Coming unto him, and Saith, “Behold The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

Though the reference in Nephi is not explicit, it may be concluded that it is The Fruit of The Tree that personifies The Lamb of God

as both are introduced together in the text with The Son of God who is The Eternal Father Manifested in The Flesh. The Vision brings together The Love of God that is The Tree and The Fruit of Tree that is The Atonement of The Lamb’s Flesh and Blood that we are part-takers of.

John 6:54, 57: “Whoso eateth My Flesh and Drinketh My Blood, hath Eternal Life; and I will Raise him up in the last day . . .

As The Living Father hath sent Me, and I Live by The Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall Live by Me.” (see 1Cor.10:16)

Message 88:3: “...only through His Atoning Blood can mankind be Saved.” 1 John 4:7–16, is further evidence that helps to Reveal The Fruit of The Tree represents Christ with The Influence of God’s Love through The Indwelling of His Spirit in ourselves.

1 John 4:8-9,12-13: “He that Loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love.

9. In this was Manifested The Love of God toward us, because that God Sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, that we might Live through Him.

12. ...If we love one another, God Dwelleth in us, and His Love is Perfected in us.

13. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.”

God is Love and is Represented by The Tree and The Fruit is Produced by and is part of The Tree or is one Tree and carries its Seed that is Planted in your Heart.

Message 52:9: “Let Love Dwell in your Hearts that He may Dwell in you and His Love be Perfected, and that you may Stand in The Day of Judgment.” (His Love is Perfected in us when our Love is as He is in this world. 1 John 4:17)

In The 14th Chapter Nephi is told by The Angel that The Apostle John would also write about these things and also concerning The End of The World. So “let’s now turn to His words about The End Times and The Tree of Life.”

Revelation 2:7: “He that hath an ear, let him hear what The Spirit Saith unto The Churches; To him that Overcometh will I give to Eat of The Tree of Life, which is in The Midst of The Paradise of God.”

The Angel’s Words explain this in Message 49:2: “All that will Obtain The Words of The Lord and His Will Obey, shall have Right to The Tree of Life.”

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 earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.”

Knowing that God would send His Angel in that day, we should be looking for His Words and Commandments to be Obtained and Obeyed giving Right to Eat of The Tree of Life as He told The Former Churches.

Revelation, Chapter 21:1-2 pictures for us The Creation of a New Heaven and earth and a New Jerusalem Prepared as a Bride Adorned for Her Husband by God that Comes to earth from Heaven.

Revelation 20:7-10 describes The Bride made ready for The Marriage Supper and Marriage of The Lamb.

Here is The New Jerusalem as defined by a couple of well known *Bible* Commentaries.

A. Jerusalem was The Place where God was Worshipped, and hence, it became synonymous with the word Church, or is used to represent The People of God.

B. It signifies *The Church of Christ*, the metropolis of Christianity, or rather the state of liberty into which all True Believers are brought.

C. Hebrews 12:22 reads: “ye are Come unto Mount Zion, and unto The City of The Living God, The Heavenly Jerusalem.” Here it is used to denote The Church, as being of Heavenly Origin.

D. Hebrews 11:10, Abraham looked for or was waiting on a City which has Foundations, whose Builder is God.

Message 85:41: “Know This Work is True

and from The Courts Above.”

See Message 91:3-4: (My Mission is to fully prepare The Church for The Lord’s Coming – to Prepare a People–The Lord’s Bride–The Church and Zion bringing God’s Love and Deliverance).

“God will Dwell with His People on earth. Former things pass away becoming New and is The Inheritance of those that Overcometh having Right to The Fountain and Tree of Life.

And God shall Wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away’. (Revelations 21:1-7)

Two of the later Messages Reveal to us that The Authority or Power of God is also His Pure Love Coming down from The Throne and Fountain of Life in Heaven His Righteousness.

Alma said 5:62: “...Come and be Baptized unto Repentance, that you also may be Partakers of The Tree of Life.”

Message 107: 8: “Let all that Come into This Work be Baptized of Water under This Authority I give and Receive The Laying on of Hands for The Holy Unction and Power to do The Work in This Closing Time; to Bring in The Reign of Christ on earth, Folding in The Millennium, The Reign of Peace, ere there Cometh A New Heaven and a new earth, when Former Things will Pass away and all Things be made New in The Eternities.”

Revelation 21:24: “And the nations of them which are Saved shall Walk in The Light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.” (See Message. 71:2)

See Revelation 2:1-2, “In this New Jerusalem (Church of Christ) is Found God’s Throne and Water and River of Life Proceeding from it.

In the middle of its street, and on either side of The River, was The Tree of Life, which bore Twelve Fruits, each Tree yielding its Fruit every month. The leaves of The Tree were for The Healing of the nations.”

The proper Translation is said to be, 'Producing Twelve Fruits, yielding or Rendering its Fruit in each month' as in twelve crops of Fruit The Tree would be Producing or in season continuously.

Access to The Pure Love of God that is The Tree and its Fruit is Found in *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord*.

Revelation 22:3: "There shall be no more curse; but The Throne of God and The Lamb shall be in it; and His Servants shall Serve Him."

In John's Coming, the curse is Lifted by Belief and Obedience to The Lord's Word's with The Instructions for Deliverance and Victory in gaining Salvation, he brings in The Elijah Message. (Messages 85:29, 89:6, 97:2)

Now turn to The Book of Ezekiel: Keep in mind that man is also signified by a Tree in The Scriptures and The Corresponding things in man; as by The Branches, Leaves, Flowers, Fruits, and Seeds.

Ezekiel 47:1,7,12: "Afterwards he brought me again unto the door of the house (Temple); and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward..."

7. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

12. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade. Neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine."

What does The Temple Represent in Prophecy? It usually Represents God's People or Christ as His Temple or Tabernacle. Jesus who Offered up Himself as our Sacrifice, Identified Himself with The Temple of God, and The Spirit was Given to Him beyond Measure.

(John 3:34) Speaking of Himself, He said

destroy This Temple and He would Raise it again in three days. A Temple is where people Offer Spiritual Sacrifices to God.

See (Ephesians 2:20-22), The Sacrifices Offered in Ezekiel's Temple must be Types and Figures of these Spiritual Offerings. Peter said, "Ye also, as lively stones, are Built up a Spiritual House, A Holy Priesthood, to Offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5) Example: Clean Hands and A Pure Heart through Repentance.

Do you see the similarity to John's Vision that The Authority or Power of God is also in The Revelation? John, like Ezekiel, sees a River with a Tree or Trees on either side. In Ezekiel's Vision God's People once again have Access to The Tree of Life. And, they have Access to The River of The Water of Life. The point is that from The River and The Tree there is Abundant Life, Refreshment, and Nourishment for God's People.

Everything Ezekiel's River touches is suddenly brought to Life. The Dead Sea, for instance, in which no Life can be sustained because of all the salt and minerals, is turned into Fresh Water when The River Flows into it—Fresh Water that supports fish and plants and animals and birds.

In his Vision Fruit Trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of The River. Their Leaves will not wither, nor will their Fruit fail. Every month they will Bear, because The Water from The Sanctuary Flows to them. Their Fruit will also Serve for Food and their Leaves for Healing. If His Love is Perfected in us it will become A Tree of Life Springing up unto Eternal Life.

It is like the description of Alma. As Alma taught about Faith, he compared 'The Word unto a Seed.' He continued that if the individual has the desire and will plant the 'True Seed' in his Heart, 'it shall be A Tree (A Tree of Life) Springing up unto Ever-lasting Life'.

See (Alma 32:41). Christ is The True Seed. This Tree, if Nourished, will bring forth Fruit 'which is most Precious, which is Sweet above

all that is Sweet, and which is White above all that is White, yea, and Pure above all that is Pure; and ye (The Righteous) shall feast upon this Fruit even until ye are Filled'. (Alma 32:42).

I wonder if perhaps The Leaves may Represent The Righteousness of God's Laws and Works. A Tree that is planted and grows from The Seed found in The Fruit of The Tree of Life whose Leaves are exposed to The Sunlight of Righteousness with its Roots in Good Ground by The River of Water from The Fountain that are found in God's New Jerusalem and *The Church of Christ* will Produce its Fruit with its Seeds and God's Laws and Works can Heal the nations.

That which was Sowed in The Good Ground is he that Heareth The Word, and Attendeth, and Beareth Fruit (Matthew 13:23)

If you understood my Testimony about Vine Ripened Pineapple at Assembly, I was expressing what I had Received and Tasted of God's Love and of its Sweetness when He sent His Messenger to Brother Draves with God's Words and Spirit.

Jeremiah 17:7, 8: "Blessed is The Man that Trusteth in The Lord (Jehovah); he shall be like A Tree Planted by The Waters; and that spreaded out her roots by the river-and shall not see when the heat cometh but her leaf shall be green and shall not be careful in the year of drought neither shall Cease from Yielding Fruit.'

Psalms 1:1-3: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his Delight is in The Law of The Lord; and in His Law Doth he Meditate day and night. And he shall be like A Tree planted by The Rivers of Water, that bringeth forth his Fruit in his Season; his Leaf also shall not Wither; and whatsoever he Doeth shall Prosper.

Every Branch that Beareth not Fruit He away, and every Branch that Beareth Fruit He

shall Pruneth, that it may bring forth more Fruit; he that Abideth in Me, and I in him, the same Bringeth Forth much Fruit." (John 15:2)

Matthew 15:13: "But Jesus Answered and Said, Every plant, which my Heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be Rooted up."

Message 90:7: "Every Tree, The Churches, The Lord has not Planted shall be Rooted up. There are many false claims and proclaims that is of the evil one to get gain and make merchandise of The Word of God."

Go back and see what The Angel said to The Churches in Revelation 2:7 and compare it with what The Same Angel has said to The Churches today.

It is a matter of Scripture and History that there came a falling away of The Churches from The Tree and River of The Pure Water of Life Proceeding from it. There was a war against *The Church of Christ* and His Apostles.

Look at the rest of Lehi's dream of those that made it to The Tree of Life and The Fountain of Living Waters by Holding to The Rod of Iron and then fell away and became lost in the torrents of the polluted river with the mists of darkness and of a great and spacious building depicting the pride of the world. (See Message 99:10-12 and Revelation 22:14-17).

If The Churches on earth were Prepared as Bride or Pure enough so they could be Prepared as The Bride - *A Church of Christ* or New Jerusalem from Heaven would not have to Come down to earth again.

In 1 Nephi 14:14 it is a Time that The Power of The Lamb of God Descends upon The People of The Church of The Lamb and upon His Covenant People that are scattered upon the earth with His Righteousness.

Message 62:2: "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 Caused 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." (see Psalms 85:10- 11)

Message 24:9: “Behold, I am again Establishing My Church and My Kingdom upon the earth...”

Message 28:3: “...My Kingdom shall never be destroyed.”

Message 13:6: “*The Church of Christ* (New Jerusalem) shall never again be destroyed.”

In Lehi’s dream there is a final time when the people that obtained The Fruit of The Tree of Life no longer heeded those in the spacious building in 1 Nephi 8:33 and would not fall away as recorded in 1 Nephi 14:7: “For the time cometh, Saith The Lamb of God, that I will Work a Great and a Marvelous Work among the children of men; a Work which shall be Everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other; either unto the convincing them unto Peace and Life Eternal, or unto The Deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also unto destruction, both temporally and Spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken.”

What kind of Trees are we? Jesus said to The Disciples, “I have Chosen you, that ye should Bear Fruit, and that your Fruit should remain” (John 15:16).

Proverbs 11:30: “The Fruit of The Righteous is a Tree of Life; and he that winneth Souls is wise.”

Message 41:13: “Teach men to come partake of The Tree of Life.”

Articles

Annoying People?

Oladawn Thompson

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

What can we Learn from The Bible about annoying people (including ourselves)?

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

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

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

Ephesians 6:7: “With Good Will doing Service, as to The Lord, and not to men:”

1 Thessalonians 5:11. . . (Encourage One Another).

Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Branden Dreher

3 Nephi 12:9 & Matthew 5:9 “And Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

The term peace maker merges two separate, but important ideas. Peace is often defined as ‘freedom from disturbance, tranquility, a period which there is no war or a war has ended, or to remain silent.’ The word maker is equally important in the sentence. A maker is defined as ‘a person or thing that makes or produces something,’ having the synonyms ‘creator, manufacturer, builder, and constructor.’ We are all children of God. How do we make peace?

3 Nephi 11: 29: “For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, which is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another.”

3 Nephi 11: 30: “Behold this is not my doctrine, to stir up the hearts of men of men with anger, one against another; but this is my doctrine that such things should be done away.”

The first step to actively make peace begins by looking at intention and action. Is what you are about to do or have done caused contention? Is it, has it, or will it cause you to stir up your heart or someone else's to anger? Is what you are doing or about to do contending with another? The first step to making peace is to honestly determine why you are performing an action and its effects towards yourself, your community, and the Lord.

Making peace is an action. Making peace within yourself, among other people, and with God is a voluntary commitment to learning and practicing the commandments the Lord has given. Matthew 11: 28-29: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

To make peace, we must commit to the same acts as the Comforter. Luke 6: 36-38: "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father is also merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged, condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Making peace is helping others. It is the kind word you give to yourself. It is raising up another when they are down. It is comforting, healing, and helping all people: yourself, your family, and each and every person you encounter. John 13: 15: "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

John 13: 34-35: "An new commandment that I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Message 46-5: "There are those that are full of contention. Separate yourselves from them, have no part in selfish desires. Be humble, be

at peace; let love fill your hearts."

Peacemakers represent, embody, and perform works on behalf of the great Comforter. Message 54: 13: "...Let all work together in love, for great is the responsibility before you. Be humble and let your light shine. Be at peace with all men. Love one another; bear ye each others burdens. Remember what I have suffered for you that a way of deliverance might be. Behold, I will give greater light and power as My people will prepare for it." To be a peacemaker, a child of God, we must look at our actions. Choose the actions that help others. Commit to those actions with love. And, above all else, remember to emulate the actions which Jesus, the Great Comforter, performed for us!

Happy Valentine's Day Love At Work

William A. Draves

March 5, 1978

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

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

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

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

When *Love* is seated deep within

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

Mystery Valentine

Oladawn Thompson

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

So she started watching people to see if she could figure out who might have sent this 'Lovely Valentine'. From time to time she convinced herself she knew, only to realize her guess was not correct. This went on for sometime. Yet the well spoken 'Valentine' made her want to know

this fine person. She could not get this matter out of her mind. After awhile, she knew in her heart if she ever came upon the person who sent this 'Valentine' she would know by his *Spirit* that he carries.

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

Today they are married and their Love grows deeper daily.

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

So HEAR with your heart and RESPOND

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

Primary

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Loving God's Way

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

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

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

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

1 Corinthians 13:4-8: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

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

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but Rejoiceth in The Truth;

Beareth all things, Believeth all things,

Hopeth all things, Endureth all things.

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

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

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

Juniors

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

Have you made any New Year resolutions? One that would be good for each of us to make is to study God’s word daily. 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God,…”

God wants us to study His word, to put them in our mind and heart, so we can live by them. What does He want us to study?

Message 102:18: “Prove all things by the words of truth in the ‘Bible’, ‘Record of the Nephites’ and ‘The word of the Lord.’ All this is established for mankind, the guidelines of Hope and Deliverance. Man’s idealisms shall come to naught.”

Message 102:52: “I speak that all Christendom may flow together and abide by the ‘Bible’ revealing great Truths; the coming forth of the ‘Record of the Nephites,’ the Book, and ‘The Word of the Lord:’ Behold the Books that will lead all mankind to Eternal

Hope and Salvation, Deliverance in the Lord.”

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 the Dominion shall be for the saints of the Most High.”

Message 81:24: “Heed my Message for this is my mission. The Doctrine is given, and is set forth in the ‘Bible,’ ‘The Record of the Nephites’ and ‘The Word of the Lord’, the words I bring.”

Message 106:17: “I bring the Authority and Everlasting Gospel. Heed it and the words of Life and Truth as taught in the ‘Bible’ and ‘The Record of the Nephites’ with my words.”

In these three books we will find the guidelines that will lead us to Hope and Salvation and Deliverance in the Lord. That is why God wants us to study and learn the words in these books, and to put them in our hearts.

Message 102:11 says, “Knowledge cometh from study of the Books and Grace from much Prayer, Salvation by obedience, Deliverance by endurance.”

Message 9:1: “... There are those who read the Words of the Lord and prophets and have faith therein. Upon these satan has no power...”

If we have strong faith in the words of God and the prophets, satan will have no power on us. God wants us to increase our faith. We can do this through studying the word.

Message 5:13: “Let all your work be done in faith, for behold you can do nothing without faith. Faith will make you strong. Prepare yourselves to be a people who can meet the Lord at His coming.”

Message 7/8:11: “Let your faith be strong in the Lord your God. Read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Read it often. By faith you

shall do your work..."

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".

The book of Hebrews tells of faithful men and women in the Bible and the wonderful things that happened because of their faith. God wants us to read this often so that we may be reminded of their great faith and what they accomplished because of having great faith in God.

Esther 12:7-8: "for it was by faith that Christ shewed himself unto our fathers, after he had risen from the dead: and he shewed not himself unto them, until after they had faith in him; wherefore it must needs be that some had faith in him, for he shewed himself not unto the world.

8. But because of the faith of men, he has shewn himself unto the world and glorified the name of the Father, and prepared a way that thereby others might be partakers of the heavenly gift, that they might hope for those things which they had not seen."

God wants us to study His Words, that we can know how he wants us to act and speak. He wants us to have a changed heart and learn His true love, that we love all mankind and want to help others and do God's will every-day of our life. The wonderful blessing for doing this is that through our belief and faith we can have everlasting life with Jesus. We can feel the joy of having Jesus in our heart, the joy of knowing Him in our times of trials and in times of happiness. God will help you through any trial you have. You need faith and hope in Him. Remember, also, as you study and learn Gods word and put them in your heart, and live by them, satan will have no power over you. You can find answers to all your problems by studying and learning these three books, 'The Holy Bible,' 'The Record of the Nephites,' and 'The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by An Angel'.

So study God's word. Learn His word that you may please God. May God bless you as

you study, give you understanding, hope in the Lord and great faith.

Love and prayers,
Sister Thresa Ray

Young Adults

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Becoming Ambassadors for Christ

What is the definition of an Ambassador? A person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity. The main word we are referring to here is "Representative or Promoter." We know there are Ambassadors for other countries in a political realm, but, we are not talking about these types of ambassadors. We are talking about Ambassadors for Christ.

Message 98:14: "The righteous shall have victory over the oppressors. Let the Ambassadors of the Lord go far and wide proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom- let more be up and doing."

Ephesians 1:17-18, 21-23: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

18. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of glory of his inheritance in the saints.

21. Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come;

22. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head of the church,

23. Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

We are the body of Christ. All who believe and come all the way unto the Lord, represent-

ing His church, are followers of Christ and therefore, you are an Ambassador of Christ and His Church. We are as one body of Christ.

Romans 12: 3-4: “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office”

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

It's pretty clear that we are "One in Christ" and become a family of God. We become as joint heirs for Jesus together. If we are true ambassadors for Christ, we love one another as Christ loves His church and no one, not one, no matter his/her position in the church should feel more highly than someone else. Each person has their own responsibility in the church. Apostles and Bishops have more responsibility as they are leaders for the church. They carry a lot of weight for the church. God chose these men to lead His church and take care of His flock. Elders are chosen by God to preach, teach, exhort and encourage the people. (Romans 12: 5-8) Members of the church also have their place to work for the Lord. Without the support of the members, the Apostles couldn't do their work well either. Each one who is a part of Christ's church is His Ambassador and should serve the best they can, giving, sharing, helping, supporting and loving one another.

Romans 12:9-10, 14-16; “Let love be without simulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;

14. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15. Rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.”

Galatians 5:13-14: “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

Galatians 6:2. “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:2-4: “With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.

3. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11: “Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as ye do. “

It is a great responsibility to serve God as one of His Ambassadors. But oh the joy and the rewards that we receive by doing so. It is clear that if we are to be an Ambassador for Christ and His Church, that we understand fully what that means and what we need to do. The Lord laid it all out very plainly to give us guidance, instruction and direction to become an Ambassador for His Church. It is not an easy mission by any means, however, it is part of being in the family of God, representing Christ and His Church, being an example to the world, helping to bring souls to Christ, teaching them about this great work, following in the paths of Christ, giving, loving, supporting and being the kind of person Christ would have you to be.

May the Lord be with you in your daily walk with Him and help you to accomplish great things for Him. May He lead, guide and direct you as to what He has for you to do and do it the very best you can.