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The End Time Messenger

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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the universe; Ruler and Judge of all; unchangeable and without respect of persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only 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 this to come, and is the medium by which we receive the 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 the added witness for Christ; and 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 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 Watchcare 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 which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not to increase of church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to 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 the 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 the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or script 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 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 a breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We believe oppose to war. Men are not justified in taking up of 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 New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph," (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10.1-4), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot.

25. We believe that ministry and membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics, and should not affiliate with any society which administer oaths or covenants in conflict with the Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53.10, "Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men."

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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 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 worth 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 history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The Native Americans. 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 World of The Lord* that *The Church of Christ* might beset in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked fore, *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 Judgement* has come. Awake those that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate *The Greater Light*.

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

To All People

FORTY– EIGHTH MESSAGE

The Church of Christ General Assembly of June, 1940, the Messenger of the Lord appeared to me June 17, at 2:30 am, in my room at 806 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, and gave me the following Message. He Spoke as one having authority. The Heavenly Light accompanied him and remained from some time after he left.

W.A. Draves

1. “Awake can take the Message I will give you.

2. I have come as the Lord has appointed. I have given the Word and it must be obeyed. Again I give words of encouragement and comfort for the children of men, and The Church of Christ. The Spirit of Peace will come to all that will obey and do the Lord’s Will.

3. By His Spirit He has felt after the honest and those that hear the servants the Lord has chosen will hear Him.

4. Thus saith the Lord, ‘I have heard the prayers of My children, many of whom are truly humble before Me. Blessed art thou, for I shall reward thee as your faith is, and that to your joy and peace. The hearts of the righteous shall be filled and their bosoms shall overflow with gladness.

5. Thus, I have assembled you here, and in the hour of your humility and solemnity, I have met with you. Yea, the evil powers that seek to destroy shall not have place among you. I have sent My Messenger that peace may be restored and all My Design of Redemption may be fulfilled. In the anguish and distress of your souls I have heard your cry. Therefore, let those that I have chosen be in their fields of

labor that the people may be warned, that they will not have an excuse at the last day.

6. This is a day when much must be done that the Ways and Means of a real Zion shall be brought about. Let those that hinder be removed from their responsibility for in their doubts their minds have become darkened and they fear because I your Lord have called others. None shall take part in that which is Holy until they have humbly prepared.

7. Verily I have felt after the hearts of men and I plead that they will hear when I call. Seek good and hate evil, and establish justice in the gate, for I have said I will be gracious, even unto Israel. Moreover, I shall deliver Joseph. I will deliver them from their bondage and gather the outcasts. And true Israel shall come rejoicing for I prepare a Way of Deliverance.’

8. Thus saith your Lord, ‘ Those that have robbed the widow and the fatherless have robbed Me, and many suffer in darkness, not knowing My Will, because there are those that shorten their hand, not rendering that which I require of them.

9. Oh, the days of judgments are upon you and I have sent among you the plagues and pestilences, the sword; and I have taken your horses, and the stink of the fields has become unpleasant, yet how slothful and disobedient My Israel is to learn of Me. Return unto Me, O ye of My ancient people, for I design to bring you out in gladness and rejoicing. Deliverance will come to them that call upon Me. Seek the Lord and ye shall live.

10. Yet once, it is a little while, and the great shaking of all nations and their desire for greed and spoil will be ripe and come to an end.

11. Behold! I have sent My Spirit among you and opened the gate, even designing your deliverance and a Way of Preparation. To the humble, the upright and just, My faithful, I shall give unto thee the greater Light and Power to carry on, for by My Spirit I shall use you to My Name’s Honor and Glory. I shall deliver My people Israel from whence the evil one has bound them, and those that stretch forth their hands towards My Holy place of peace shall find deliverance. For in Mount Zion and Jeru-

salem there shall be deliverance. I will give compassion and hear your supplications. Oh ye My people, Mine inheritance, hear My Words.

12. I have chosen ye My servants this day and My eyes shall be open towards you and I will hear your prayers before My children, I will hearken in all that you call for unto Me. I will make known to all the earth that I am God, and there is none else,' saith the Lord.

13. I am the Messenger sent from the Lord and I come to do His Will. My name is John. I am the forerunner of Christ, I shall prepare the Way. I shall bring the Word, that a people may know the Lord has spoken. His former Signet shall be upon one today, and he will cause that desire to come that the House of God, The Temple of the Lord, may be built for it shall be done. Therefore, let your hearts be perfect with the Lord your God, walking in His Statutes, and keeping His Commandments which He speaks as at this day.

14. The evil on shall not destroy the elect—but be very humble that you be not led into despair. The Lord will manifest Himself in Marvelous Ways. The wicked destroy themselves, and the just live by faith.

15. By ye comforted one and all. Let not your hearts be troubled. The Lord is mindful and He knoweth the desires of each heart. He will bless you and cause that you may have great joy, all ye that obey His Will for in Him is salvation.

16. He hears the prayers of His children and will answer to your gladness. Therefore, I come that the Plan of God shall be complete and the words the prophets of old have spoken of this day may all be fulfilled, for they spoke unto my coming. I speak the Words and Will of the Lord and I shall direct in this Work. The Signet One shall rise up and disperse confusion and cause to be brought together many that will obey the Will of the Lord, and that a people will be raised up to build The Temple of the Lord.

17. Worry not about those things over which you have no control, but tell the truth in humility. Fear not what men will say of you. Be very humble and the Lord will reveal to all them that seek Him in faith and will heed His Will.

18. Those that do evil and disobey and those that hear not will destroy themselves.

19. The Lord will turn and bless His little one, the Colored and the Indians, for many shall come forth and be made white even as the whiteness of saints. For they shall be made pure, as the Lord has promised to make clean a people, and all must be made clean and pure and Holy in His sight.

20. The earth will tremble and men's hearts will fear because of the many changes that will take place. The saints shall be tried and made pure.

21. Let all be at work that the warning may go. Let those prepare to take the fields as I have told you, for soon the Gospel Message will be taken to other nations. The Temple must be built.

22. send the Message to the world, the Lord has given the vision and it must be sent to all, that they may know what is coming to pass.

23. Let Arthur Roberts and Marion C. Vowles be set apart as elders. Let the Lord's servant Roberts, come into this Work and from there he will carry the message to others. Soon the Message will be preached in Australia and New Zealand. Prepare to send the authority there, that they may hear of this Message of Life.

24. It is the will of the Lord that you take your place in the quorum of twelve; there are those that will not be sustained. There are those the Lord has called that will not accept at this time. Be at peace. The Lord pleads, and pleads; come all yea that will for the lord will bless you.

25. I have spoken the Lord's Will. I am your fellow-servant. I am sent of the Lord. My name is John.

26. I will come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

From the Apostles

**The One Holy Priesthood Authority of
the Son of God restored.**

**Reaffirmed and Reiterated
by John the Baptist with the Spirit and
Power of Elias.**

“Emphasis’s are mine”

Message 102:58-59, “The way shall be one holy priesthood and that after the order of God, after the order of Jesus the Christ, the son of man. Therefore keep it sacred in its Holy Rites.

59. Let the teachers and deacons be ordained as elders; there are many functions of duties but one plan of authority. See that all preach and teach the same things in the precious way of love in haste.” (4-5-1985)

Message 111:5, “I have given the holy priesthood, the power and authority of God, by the hands of My Messenger, Mine angel, My forerunner...” (9-22-1991)

Message 86:54-56, “I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and ordained them to the holy priesthood after the order of God, after the order of His son. This has been preserved and reserved to this day and time.

55. Again I laid my hands upon Otto Fetting and gave him special help to do the work in his day. That Holy Unction is upon the servants today.’

He arose again from the chair near me, while I sat on the foot of my bed writing the Message on the table, then he said:

56. ‘Now again, I lay my hands on you (W.A. Draves) to bless you in your work that you are to do—that lies before you. That you may have the gift enlarged and power to accomplish the work and to bless others with this Holy Unction renewed, and help in completing the great plan in your day and time. I bless you that you may bless others. Amen.’” (7-31-1968)

Message 114:5-6, “The Message and authority that I bring is the pure love of God, the priesthood after the order of God: the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the creator of all things, even the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. I am John the Baptist, the Elias which is for to come to bring the Elijah Message.” (8-23-1992)

Message 86:57, 60, “Let those that the

Spirit calls be set apart in this work. Send them forth to do the Lord’s will—with all proclaiming the Message I bring...

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.” (7-31-1968)

God’s Holy Priesthood Authority is the source and power of the function and duties of the offices and callings of His choosing. They are gifts to men In which the lessor is blessed by the greater with the flow of God’s Spirit. This holy priesthood and its gifts are given in trust to His servants that have not denied His “Word” even Jesus Christ. To deny His Words is to deny the authority and spirit of God.

John 6:63, “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

Message 58:4... “My Servants...I have chosen and appointed you, My anointed with authority. This only is taken from man when he denies Me, and the words I speak, even by My Messenger.” (12-14-1942)

To be ordained with authority is to be appointed by God for a priesthood function and duty. To be anointed with authority is to be blessed with the Power of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of your appointed function and duty of the One Holy Priesthood of God. Don’t be confused by trying to divide God into three God’s. We are appointed by the Word of God that was made flesh who is God that revealed His will to us. For us to reveal our will we have to use our mouth to speak it or hands to write it or deeds. God revealed his will the same way by the Word made flesh but he can also reveal it by the Voice of His Spirit by angels or when He is present with our own spirits. He is one! That same spirit gives us power to do His will.

The Holy Spirit is the power and authority

of the one holy priesthood of God after the order of Jesus Christ the son of man. Servants are called by men or the angel of the lord as witnessed by His revealing Spirit. With the laying on of hands by men with priesthood authority they are ordained to receive and do the holy priesthood of the work of their office and calling. That they might do the work of the Church, to preach the Gospel of Christ, of His redeeming Power of Salvation, to save mankind through faith and obedience to God; faith, repentance and finding remission of sin through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Preaching and teaching all men everywhere to repent and obey the Gospel for salvation is planned only through our Savior, Lord and King Jesus Christ. The Authority of God to further the cause of Zion, the Kingdom of God on Earth and much, much more of bringing mankind to this Way of Life. Preparing for eternity with the Lord in His plan of saving Grace. The right to establish the Church and Body of Christ with members in particular that the flow of God might come to mankind.

Message 84:8, 38, “I bring the authority and trust. I give the opening of the way for the flow of God to come unto mankind. I have given the holy priesthood after the order of God, after the order of His son. This authority was given and relayed on unto the Church and the ministry of The Church of Christ, the Church with my Message, the Elijah Message, ordained in 1829 upon the heads of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and reiterated a hundred years later to Otto Fetting, an apostle in the remnant the Lord had preserved on the Temple Lot...”

38... Those that are with you and defend the words I bring are The Church of Christ in deed and works. The Church with the Elijah Message, set in 1829 by my hands when the holy priesthood authority was restored and kept sacred through the branch and remnant on the Temple Lot and reaffirmed upon Otto Fetting in his day - and I continue to come.” (11-3-1966)

The Priesthood of man: The dictionary definition and etymology of priesthood is the order or office and character of a priest or of

priests collectively. The English word “priest” is derived, ultimately, from the Greek word presbuteros from which we get “presbyter” or “presbytery.” So the term “priest” is really a simple shortened form of the word that means elder. The primary idea of the term “priest” is the thought of mediation by someone who stands between other people.

The Priesthood of God: In this case between God and man. For a priest or elder to fulfil his role in the order of “God’s Priesthood” we should see that this must be God’s choice. To do or exercise the Priesthood of God, we must be called and anointed by Him. It is not the right of a man to act as a priest or elder apart from the divine call of God.

Malachi 2:7, “For the priest's (elders) lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.”

The messenger with his words the Lord puteth in his mouth and the touch of his hands restored the opening for flow of God to mankind of the Holy Priesthood of God among men. He first brought and entrusted its Power and Authority to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery. He ordained them with the Holy Priesthood. They baptized each other as instructed and God anointed them with his Holy Spirit to establish the Church of Christ. The failures to follow the pattern and instructions eased the flow of the Priesthood power and authority until He rejected all creeds and factions of men. He sent John to Otto Fetting and the remnant He left with the priesthood. He brought the commandment of baptism for their cleansing that priesthood power and authority be reiterated to establish The Church of Christ anew with those that did not reject him and the baptism. He also then rejected them that first rejected him and His Words and Spirit he sent with the Messenger John the Baptist to Otto Fetting.

Message 103:2-4, “I am the Messenger of the Lord, His servant, sent to bring a warning, a cleansing and to continue to prepare a people to be the Lord’s Bride when He comes.

3. I bring the priesthood authority, I speak as a fountain of truth, and with power; and

with authority.

4. This is the assured way; let it be your way. I bring peace and a way of deliverance. I speak the Lord's words; His ways are just." Amen. (3-25-1987)

Are We Worthy?

Reece Johnson

I would like to read from 3 Nephi 11:29-39, "For verily, verily, I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of Me, but is of the devil, which the father of contention, and he stirreth up The Hearts of them."

Message 72:1, "Behold, I Come again with a Message. Arise and Write The Words I shall give you. I am your Fellow-Servant, a Co-Laborer for Christ and His Church."

The Question here, 'Are we Worthy?' *The Day of Judgment is for ALL. As long as Life is in us, we have a chance to make it right!*

1 John 4:17, "Herein is our Love made Perfect, that we may have Boldness in The Day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."

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."

The Lord has told us that The Greater our Love, The Greater The Power. We all want The Greater Power. The Messages Confirms this.

Message 84:7, "God is Love. My Message is One of Love. Keep The Mellowing Spirit in your Hearts. Many are Moved by The Power of God. Many have been Touched by The Spirit of The Lord. Many Represent Christ and are Ready for This Work. They that are for us are not against us."

Our Message is One of Love. Our Mission is One of Love, Our Doctrine is One of Love, God is Love.

Message 34:6, "Hasten, ye sons of Levi, Hasten to your Calling. Remember your An-

cient Choosing, Calling and Promise of your Lord. Let not My Work Suffer because of unbelief, but Arise and go Forth in The Strength of The Lord, for Love is your Work. Go in Faith. Bear ye The Fruits of My Spirit that there may be Order in My House, when many find it not elsewhere and look for Standards. Let *The Church of Christ take Her Place with The Gospel of Love to Govern the feet of the weary and the wanderer.*"

Zion will come about by The Love that passes the Understanding of man. Brother Mervyn Johnson touched that type of Love when he received The Revelation of The Lord. Charity is a little deeper than mere Love.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5, "Follow after Charity, and Desire Spiritual Gifts, but rather that ye may Prophesy.

2. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in The Spirit he speaketh Mysteries.

3. But he that Prophesieth speaketh unto men to Edification, and Exhortation, and Comfort.

4. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue Edifieth himself; but he that Prophesieth, Edifieth The Church.

5. I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye Prophesied: for Greater is he that Prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he Interpret, that The Church may Receive Edifying."

Message 91:18, "See those that think themselves to be great, seeking prominence, moreover seeking the praise of mankind. Their Works do show their nothingness and will not Endure The Sword of Truth and Justice."

Message 36:4-8, "Let all My Servants that I have Called be Up and Doing for I will Direct them. Let my young Servants be at Work and I will Bless them Greatly. Let all Labor in their Calling or idleness will let darkness cloud their minds and they will not Enjoy The Spirit nor The Goodness of God . . .

5. Remember the many things I have told you, that you have not been permitted to write. Be very Humble before The Lord. Worry not about what man has done-those that reject The

Words I bring to you. They do not reject you but they Reject me and The Words I Bring from The Lord; and The Lord has not and will not let His Spirit always be with them unless they Turn and Heed The Lord their God.

6. I am he who shall Minister unto Ten Thousand times Ten Thousand and they shall be Tried and Purged. For I sit as a Refiner of Gold, and as with Fuller's Soap, Purging The Hearts of men and Cleansing out the dross, the sins of men. For man must be made Holy before he can come in The Presence of God, or The Glory of The Lamb, Slain for the sins of the world, that mankind might Believe on Him and be Redeemed from that awful state.

7. Behold, The Lord soon Comes and I shall be with Him when He Comes to His Temple that shall be Built by a People of Clean Hands and Pure Hearts.

8. These Words I have brought from The Presence of The Lord your God. I Come to you in Peace, with a Message to bring Peace to The Church."

We all need to Walk with The Lord. The Road is Long but Easy. The Lord says to Lift High, Hear His Words, that none has progressed as should. Some have Shaken Faith, but if we will Love One Another, Hear His Voice and be Obedient to The Lord, we will Grown in Grace.

Some has lost affection for The Work, and if they continue they will grope in darkness.

The Lord Knows our Desires. He wants us to be Humble before Him. Stand together more Firmly, Cry unto The Lord.

The Angel is still at The Helm. Be not deceived. Know The Voice of God and His Spirit with be with you. Take no part of the things of the world. Return Love to The Lord. Let your Works show your Faith. Let Charity Rule your Life. Let Peace Rule in your homes and Soul. Seek not after The Praise of men, but Walk and Talk with The Lord on a daily basis. Do not be double minded. Seek The Tree of Eternal Life.

Be at Peace. These Words are True and for The Faithful. Thank you. God Bless.

I Love you all.

Primary

Valentines Day and Love

Author Unknown

Valentines Day is a special day of the year. There are parties, chocolates, cards, and candy with "Be Mine" written on them. Other than all that, where does Valentines Day come from?

There are several stories about a priest named Valentine who performed secret marriages when an emperor ordered that no young men should be married because they would be better soldiers in the war.

Another story is about a man named Valentine who fell in love with a girl while he was in jail. Just before he died he wrote her a love letter and signed it, "From your Valentine".

I don't know if these stories are true or not, I guess it doesn't really matter. I think the important part is: that we know what love is and where it came from.

The Bible tells us that love is from God and that God is love. The neat thing about God's love is that it's not a feeling to Him, He can't fall out of love with us. He loves us even when we're not loveable and when we're grumpy or doing bad things. He loves all of us no matter what.

The tricky part is loving others like God loves us. God's love is much different than the mushy kissy stuff that you see on TV or all around you. It's not bad to be mushy with your family but sometimes its harder to show other people how you love them. We can't just go around kissing everyone to show them our love!

There is a special kind of love we can have for others, it's called agape love. This doesn't have to be mushy love, just see people as God would see them. Pretend for a day that you have special glasses on and that everyone you see you love just because God loves them, like the way you love a mom or dad, brother or sister.

I'm sure you'll run into somebody you don't

think deserves your love or you just don't want to love at all, but God loves them and if we love God we are supposed to love them too.

Who exactly are we supposed to love?

- *Love God.
- *Love yourself.
- *Love your family.
- *Love your friends.
- *Love your neighbors.
- *Love your enemies.

What are some ways that we can love God? It's not as hard as you think. How do you show others you love them? We talk to them, try to get to know them better, listen to them, and sometimes we do things for them. We can do all these things for God. We might not be able to touch Him but we can pray to God, read the Bible and learn about Him, obey Him and do the things He asks us to do.

We are also supposed to love ourselves. This doesn't mean that we should think we're better than everybody else. We get this from a Bible verse that says do for others as you would want them to do for you. This means we should take care of ourselves. Things like looking before we cross the street, eating our vegetables, and getting a good sleep at night are ways we can do that. Remember that if you're a Christian the Spirit of God lives inside you and He wants us to treat ourselves with respect.

Loving our family is hopefully pretty easy. Even though we get mad at our parents sometimes because they don't let us do something, we still love them. Just remember that you are part of a family and nothing will ever change that. You should always be able to depend on each other and they'll be the ones to tell you the truth before anyone else.

Loving our friends should be easy because we pick the people we want to be friends with. The thing is, sometimes when we disagree with our friends we think we don't have to be their friend anymore, but God's love would ask us to forgive them and try to work things out.

Do you know who your neighbors are? Neighbors aren't just the people who live next to you but are everyone you might run

into. I don't want to encourage you to run up to strangers but think about helping others with love. By helping an elderly lady who needs help with her groceries, returning a wallet found on the street, or even praying for people on the news that are in trouble are just a few ways to love a neighbor.

I hope you don't have any enemies but there will always be someone that you don't get along with or believes the opposite of what you believe. There are many, many people that don't believe in God and that purposely do things that hurt Him and God still loves them. Loving people that bully us or our friends seems impossible, but it's not with God's help. By asking for God's help we will be able to love our enemies easier when we just can't do it on our own.

Learning to love like God takes a long time and takes God's help. It's easier to love than to hate, so have lots of fun learning to love God and everyone around you!

Juniors

Theresa Ray

Dear Youth,

I would like to talk to you about God's wrath and God's love. Do you *fear* God? Do you *love* God? God loves each of us so very much, but we need to have enough 'fear of God' for us to desire to please Him, to be obedient to His commandments.

God is so mighty. He is the "All in All," the "Ruler and Judge" of all, our "Master and Lord God." (Message 84:16-19)

In the Old Testament God is presented as 'harder.'

God created the heavens and the earth. HE created EVERYTHING. He created mankind. He created you and me.

Remember the story of the Great Flood—Noah and the ark? (Genesis Chapters 5-9) God destroyed everyone except Noah and his family. He destroyed all the wicked people that would not do His will. Noah was a righteous

man and desired to serve God. He obeyed God's commandments to build the ark because God said He would destroy the wicked with a flood. Noah preached and pleaded with the people for many, many years telling them to repent of their sins and follow God; no one but his own family would listen. God would not tolerate the sin and wickedness of the people. He repeatedly gave them opportunity to repent and change their ways but they were hard hearted and would not change.

In Abraham and Lot's time the people of Sodom and Gomorrah were extremely wicked and sinful. Abraham pleaded with the people to repent and do God's will – but they, also, would not listen. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah by fire. The only ones to flee the destruction was Abraham, Lot and their families. God told them to *not look back* as they fled the city. Lot's wife looked back and she was turned into a pillar of salt. Once again, God destroyed the wicked.

Some people think you should pay wickedness back with wickedness. Some say 'an eye for an eye,' 'a tooth for a tooth.' (Exodus 21:24, 25) But God tells us not to do that. God will be the judge over all.

God does not ignore sin. We will be judged by the works we do while on this earth. Just as God does not ignore sin, He does not ignore repentance either. God wants all mankind to repent and live our life pleasing before Him that we may enter into the 'Kingdom of God.'

The New Testament portrays God as a more gentle God, yet, He still abhors sin and wants mankind to live pleasing before Him.

The Bible tells us that, 'man is, that he might have joy.' In Message 73:4, John the Baptist tells us: I bring peace like a river and the flowing stream of Joy and Life to all that heed and obey. I come that the Plan might be fulfilled and great peace established.

God wants good and happiness for us, but if we choose the ways of satan and not God – it makes Him incredibly sad.

God loves us so much that: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

God manifested Himself in the flesh, coming to earth to show us the way so we can follow in His footsteps, believe in Him and have everlasting life.

He lived on earth as a man, born of woman, Mary, and He had an earthly stepfather, Joseph. He had to withstand temptations as we do. (See the story of Christ in the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

Jesus died on the cross, taking upon Himself the sins of the world so that through belief in Him, we might have everlasting life.

Jesus said, 'No greater love hath man than to give His life for His friends. (Remember He has told us in the messages, "ye, are my friends".) God did that for us, giving His life. How unselfish. How loving!

In the Old Testament, man would sacrifice animals to God to show repentance, to give thanks, and for blessings. Jesus was the 'greatest sacrifice' of all. He died on the cross for our sins. Because of that, we no longer offer animal sacrifices to God.

III Nephi 9:19, 20, "And ye shall offer up unto me no more the shedding of blood: yea, your sacrifices and your burnt offerings shall be done away, for I will accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt offerings.

20. And ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit...."

Read RN Mosiah 26:23-27 and Mosiah 27:31 Read RN Alma 11:27-46.

Message 24:5, "...I will not require of you the blood of bulls and goats and turtle doves, but I shall require of you to obey the Gospel of Love that was before preached by Abraham. You shall acknowledge Christ as your Messiah and the Gospel as your Law forever."

Message 84:13, "It is finished, no more the old law of burning of sacrifices on the altar and its spilt bloods, the worship of day

or days. But keep ye the Lord's day, the first day of the week for worship and service in respect to the resurrection. Herein was the Gospel restored to a nation and nations bringing forth fruits thereof."

Message 108:8, "Let mankind respect the Lord Christ, and honor Him: His sacrifice on the Cross and Resurrection, bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive deliverance and salvation."

Now, we take the sacrament to represent Christ's Blood and Body to ask forgiveness for our sins and to renew our commitment to God.

God is a gentle loving God. Yet, He has a righteous anger and abhors sin. We must have enough 'fear of God' in us to know we should never do wrong; as well, enough 'love of God' to desire to do His will and please Him in all we do and say.

We will be judged by our works while on earth.

2nd Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

We must be repentant while on earth. We destine our own destiny. We cannot change our destiny 'after' we die. Where do you want to be with God or with satan? Do you want to have eternal torment or eternal life with God?

As we daily strive to serve and love the Lord, we must look forward to His return to His great plan of peace, to the Great Day of the Lord! You have heard 'the great and dreadful day of the Lord.' It is dreadful for the wicked because they will reap God's wrath. It is great for the righteous because they will reap His love. What Joy we have when we do God's will! When you make the decision in your heart to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to represent Christ, it is much easier to do right than to do wrong.

Message 73:7, "...Remember, the greater your study and illuminating of

your minds with the Words and Will of the Lord the greater your understanding and Light will be; freeing your lives from the bands of satan and all his powers: making you a blessing among mankind."

Let us do choose God's love, not His wrath. Let us strive daily to do God's will in all we do and say. May God be with you and inspire your thoughts. May we each be pleasing before the Lord.

Love in Christ,
Sister Thresa Ray

Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

Most people wear a watch. Do you know why it is called a "watch?" The word "watch" came from an old English word "Woece" meaning "Watchman" or "Wacchen" meaning to keep alert. It also has been called a "timepiece."

People wear "watches" mostly to have immediate access to what time of the day it is. A watch can help us to know when we need to get up, to be somewhere at a specific time, how long until church starts, or a class starts or many other things that take place each day. The watch is an extremely helpful tool that keeps us from being late for something. It helps in many diverse ways.

I am not giving you a lesson on what a watch does or can do. What I am going to talk about in this lesson is not our TIME but God's Time. God's time is not the same as our time. God's timing for something may be completely different than what we are planning. Learning to trust God for when the "time" is right for something in your life takes a lot of faith that He knows what is best for you and when it is best for you. If something you had planned didn't work out, do you get discouraged and frustrated? Or did

you consider that just maybe it wasn't the right "time" for this particular thing to happen, or just maybe God actually has something even better planned for you? A person had an interview for a job. He didn't get hired for the job and left there very disappointed and disillusioned. The very next day a much better job showed up, he interviewed for it and was hired on the spot. See, God had a different plan for him. He had prayed about getting the job, then was so disappointed because he thought God had not answered his prayer. Then when he got this much better job he knew he had run ahead of the Lord in assuming that God had not heard his prayers. God did hear his prayer and answered him, but just in a different way than he expected. He felt God had let him down in not opening the way for him to get that job he really wanted. God had a better plan. When things don't turn out the way you feel they should or happen the way you hope for it too, does not always mean God isn't on your side or listening to you. Sometimes it just means, the TIMING isn't right yet and it is a test of your patience and trust in Him to Wait Upon The Lord. God's Timing is Always Right!!

Psalms 27:14, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

Psalms 18:30. "As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in Him."

If his way is perfect then that also means he knows what is best for you. Read Ecclesiastics 3:1-8.

Waiting upon the Lord helps to grow our faith.

Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

There are blessings in store for those who Wait and Trust the Lord, seeking His counsel, His guidance and direction in life. The reward is after the wait, your strength is renewed, you have mounted up like wings of the eagle, you can run and not be weary and walk and not be faint. All because you patiently waited to see

what God had in store for you.

God is always RIGHT ON TIME!! He is never late, never too early, He knows the exact moment in time that your needs need to be met. He knows how to do it and when to do it. This is where total Trust in Him comes into play. God's watch is not like our watch. He is very well aware of the time and day, however, His Timeline is based on each of our lives goals and what He has planned out for us. He is aware of the righteous desires of your heart and He knows already before you even pray what you are praying for. He already has an answer, but He just might not let that answer be made known until the TIME is right.

Isaiah 40:28-30, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the end of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29. He giveth power in the faith; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

30. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Place your TIME in God's hands and leave it there. Watch and see what He has planned for your life. I am sure it will be incredible and awesome, for He cares for you.

Obituary

Michael Greenwell

1952-2020

Up the Hill

Michael Philip Greenwell, age 68, passed away on December 17, 2020. Mike was born in Jackson, Michigan to Bill and Marion

Greenwell. His siblings are Steven (wife Evelyn) Greenwell, Elizabeth (Beth) (husband Ray) Lambert, Smoky Greenwell, Christopher (wife Grace) Greenwell, Anne (husband Jim) Collett, Laurie Greenwell (Buff), and 40 neices and nephews. Mike was married to Nawassa Liann Yates. They have four children: Candace Greenwell (Cesar) Irizarry, Colton (Lacey) Greenwell, Ashley Greenwell (Justin) Hilton, and Zachary Greenwell; and 15 grandchildren and step-grandchildren. His close friends are Doug Kwart, Jeff, and Lisa Turner, Ed Smith, Leftrick (Rick) Herd, Jim Barwick, and many Church friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents.

Mike worked as a structural steel fitter. He also drove a truck over the road for many years.

While in high school Mike began to ask questions like "Is God real?" and "What church is Christ's Church?" He asked God to reveal himself to him like he did with Abraham and all the heroes of faith. Mike had a dream where he saw a woman in a dress and a hat like we read about in the 2nd message.

Message 2:2-7: "In a few moments we were standing on the Temple Lot right in the middle of the lot and then the whole lot was raised up so I could see, I thought, the whole world. All at once I saw a woman weeping. Her clothes were torn. She was bleeding. Her face looked pale and worn, and she said, 'Look!' and all around the Temple Lot was a smooth level piece of land stretched out for a long way. It was made up of territory from all the lands and on it were people standing, sober looking, worried. She said, 'Oh my children, come unto me that I may embrace you. I love you and I want you to come to me.' They paid no attention to her. She wept and was grieved.

3. She said, 'Look beyond!' I looked beyond and could see a great valley all around this level land. It was fog and mist, and I could see rushing torrents of rivers and could hear all kinds of yelling and noise. She said, 'Oh, some of my children are down there, they are in danger and some will be lost.' She wept again, then this vision disappeared.

4. The Messenger said, 'Come with me and

I will show you another vision.' He took me to the northeast corner of the Temple Lot, and he said, 'Look!' Here I could see men coming with their tools, going to the middle of the Temple lot laying their tools down. Some put on mason's clothes; others carpenter's aprons; but all were solemn and quiet, and slowly they started to work on the Temple.

5. The work started very slowly but it began to grow. Then I could see people come from every direction, but when they got to the Temple Lot, they would take off their hats, walk over to where they were at work, and a man stood there with a treasury, and they would put something in and walk away, but would keep their hats off until they were off the Temple Lot.

6. They were all colors and kinds, old and young, but they all acted alike.

7. Then the Messenger said, 'Look!' and I looked up and saw the ground had also raised and I could see the woman again, but this time in a better dress. She looked up with a smile, her clothes were white, her hat was very fine and becoming in the shape of a crown with twelve bright stars. Her children were coming to her from every clime, even from the valley. The mist had raised. They were slowly building on the Temple. To the west, the east, the north and the south, in the sky stood the figures in large letters '1929.'"

After Mike graduated from high school in Delaware, he set out hitchhiking across the country in search of Christ and His Church. He met a man in Kansas City, Missouri, named Jim Naslund. Jim shared with him the book *The Word of the Lord brought to mankind by an angel*. Jim did not think that Mike would believe it. Mike read about the woman in the dress and he instantly believed it. The Lord spoke to Mike by His Holy Spirit reminding Mike of his dream. The Holy Spirit bore witness that God was real and that this was His Church, The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. Mike was introduced to men like WA Draves, JW Savage, and Vincent Yates. Mike became a sponge and soaked up all the love and wisdom that these men would give him. He lived with brother

Draves for a while, and he ended up marrying Vincent Yates' daughter Nawassa. Mike was ordained an elder and then later an apostle having been called in the 120th message.

Mike served in the Preston local Church. In this local Mike would always paint a picture in our minds of Abraham going up the hill to sacrifice his only son. He would say that we all have a hill to take. He said it will be like Abraham's hill: it will look like an impossible task and few people would stand with us. He said "That's where faith comes in. That is God's signature move. He makes something out of nothing and brings life out of death."

Mike's faith was demonstrated in his faithfulness in caring for his wife and he would push to be involved in missionary work. Not long before he passed, his faith took him to Germany with another brother to baptize two people. Mike was faithful in writing letters and answering phone calls and sending out church material to those who were interested. He was involved in the missionary effort that brought our new apostle Ashley Beckham into the church. On the last missionary effort he made, he went with three brothers to Kentucky to baptize our latest apostle Adam Stokes. On this trip, his faith was demonstrated as he would pray for the church and his family into the night.

Music was a big part of Mike's life. He played guitar, mandolin ukulele, mandola, and accordian. At the time of his passing, he had 23 stringed instruments. He loved the unique sounds of each instrument and each type of instrument. They all had different sounds and tones. He loved them all. His favorite instrument of late was a mandolin and guitar, but he played guitar all of his life. He just started the mandolin this last year. His favorite Singer was Neil Young. He would practice for hours every day. He wrote his own songs. He even wrote a song called *Up the Hill*. Mike was a faithful Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Preacher, Prayer partner, and Friend. He made it up the hill.

In Loving Memory

Michael Greenwell

Hey Wassa,

I'd like to add the following: In the short time I knew him I was very glad to call Mike not only my brother but my elder and mentor in Christ. I learned much from him and he was the means/instrument God used to bring me to the Elijah Messages and the Assured Way. I will miss his wisdom, but I also feel that he passed this wisdom on to all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. I have no doubt that the Lord and the angels welcomed Mike into paradise saying, "well done my good and faithful servant."

Apostle Adam Stokes

Nawassa,

There are many things we could say about Mike that we both like, but the two things we agreed on were:

1. After every single missionary trip Mike took, he would talk to us on the phone about the trip and he was so happy in the Lord's spirit and humbled. Just him telling of the missionary work that was done, gave us much joy. Just hearing him talk of the things of God that came about in each of the missionary trip, our hearts are etched with much joy in his telling of the spiritual happenings in each trip, He told them with such joy that we actually could feel the spirit of Christ that was in these trips.

2. Also, the joy he got talking about the church to others on the phone. The love he had for others really shined forth when he talked about the Lord's work. We will miss his great excitement in the Lord's spirit after his missionary trips, and the songs he wrote, and he would call us to sing it to us; or a song he heard, he thought we might like. He would call and ask if we wanted him to send the song before sending. He loved playing his guitar too. Many things about Mike we will miss but those phone calls were most precious after his missionary trips.

Apostle Donald and Sister Ola Thompson