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'Lord, Hold our Troops in your  
Loving Hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families  
for *The Selfless Acts* they Perform for  
us in our time of need. Amen.'

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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 dies 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 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 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 53:10, **“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). The Angel first came in 1829, and restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be established as in the days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us *The Word Of The Lord* that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be set in order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour Of His Judgment* has come. Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has

again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we dedicate *The Greater Light*.

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## THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People*

## FORTY-SEVENTH MESSAGE

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

*After The Message was delivered, The Messenger gave me some instructions of a personal nature which are not given here. He left at 4:30 a.m.*

-W.A. Draves

**1. 'Arise and take The Message I will give you that The Work of The Lord will not suffer. This is a day wherein a Light shineth even in Power from The Lord God. I come from His Presence. I speak at His Command. The Word I bring is for mankind that they may know The Lord**

has spoken. Take The Message to all the world that The Honest in Heart may find their God and learn The Way of Salvation.

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

3. The Promises The Lord has made to Israel shall be fulfilled, and all things established in Peace and Righteousness. Therefore, that This Work might be carried on, The Lord has sent me. I am The Messenger of The Lord. I come in The Spirit and Power of Elias-I am The Elias- I come that a Restoration of all things might be. Behold, I have come! Hear! Oh ye children of men, and turn not a deaf ear to my word, or The Word I bring from The Lord God, for I come to do The Will of The Lord and my name is John.

4. I am The Servant of The Lord sent to bring The Last Pruning of His Vineyard; to Cleanse and make Ready, that there might be a Holy Priesthood; Clean, Upright, and Just. Therefore, the Command is for all to be True, Obedient. Let all abide in The Words of The Lord who came to give Himself a Ransom that mankind might be Redeemed, and a Way Of Deliverance from that awful state be prepared for all whosever will walk therein and be Saved. Therefore, His Decrees cannot be altered nor His Plan frustrated, but His Design shall be fulfilled and Purpose accomplished, for The Lord turns to do a Mighty Work among His People Israel, for The Voice of Truth shall ring out and The Sound of Joy shall be heard. Then shall all

darkness recede and This Great Spiritual Light will Light The Way of those that are Humble before God.

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

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

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

8. Many are Called for special work, for The Messengers of Peace shall cause that all things that offend shall be taken out. Therefore, let Peace be in The Hearts of all that will Heed The Message I bring and prepare themselves to walk Humbly before The Lord. This is The Way whereby mankind can be brought to The Presence of God. All that come must be Baptized and The Hands laid on them that The Greater Promise of Light might be given.

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

10. Israel must be gathered, The Jews delivered to their ancient promised land, and The Hearts of the people turned and prepared to meet their God.

11. As I have spoken-it is The Command of The Lord-let all labor in their Place and Calling. The Lord Calls

many. Behold, He stands near and knocks to all that open unto Him. He will send His Spirit; and those whom He Loves, He will rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore and open unto Him. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord.

12. Many will come to worship The Lord and because of those that keep and do His Will, He will Cause that they shall overcome: they that are patient to keep His Words shall be Delivered from The Hour of Temptation. They that overcome shall drink of The Water of Life freely.

13. The Harvest is White and The Lord knows the Hearts of men; therefore, let Marin Case, Talmas Dean, Tobert R. Rickman, John Wade, and Edward Vowles, be set apart as elders and let them labor in their Place and Calling: for many are Honest of Heart and are seeking for The Light. Take to them This Message. Many will obey when they hear it.

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

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

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

17. I will come again to instruct, to direct until The Lord's Will is accomplished. Amen!'

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## From The Apostles

### A Brief Synopsis Of The History Of *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.*

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Revised by Leonard H. Draves

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Behold, The Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from *The Word of The Lord*, and have become an abomination in His Sight. Therefore, let those that come to *The Church Of Christ* be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for *The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost*, and as *The Greater Power* shall come, that they many be ready to receive it with joy. For this is the time of Restitution (Acts 3:20-21) and Restoration of all things, and this must come to all that shall be permitted to dwell in *The Presence Of Christ*, for sin cannot receive *The Glory Of God*, nor *The Power Of The Holy Spirit*. . .

Remember, the Lord committed to Joseph Smith a great work in his day, and Power and Authority to re-establish *The Church Of Christ* in his day as in the days of old. He gave him *The Pattern* to establish it as in the days of the apostles and restored *The Priesthood and Authority of The Son Of God* to the children of men. . . Again, the Lord has Called others to prune *His Vineyard*, to bring *The Gospel of Peace* to establish *His Church* as in the days of old. . .

And as I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith, so now I lay my hands on you, that *Greater Power and Greater Light* might come to you, and set you apart to do the work instructed to your care and in your day. Remember, *The Priesthood* was not and will not be taken from the earth since I conferred it on Joseph Smith. . .

Therefore, see that all things are done after *The Pattern* I will give you, that in all things you may please the Lord your God. . .But, remember, *Christ is the Head of the Church*, and will direct His Work. He is *The Great High Priest of His People* and He will direct The Work as in days of old. The Lord will reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to the building of *The Temple* and *The Work* that must be done by *The Church Of Christ*. That the people of the Lord might be instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen'

The Church, set in order, continues on, believing in the Angel's Message.

Message 39:7, "Heed ye My Words even The Voice of My Messenger. Make ready for I, your Lord, soon come to claim all that know and obey My Voice."

It, alone, has continued in unbroken Authority from 1830 until the coming of the Elias, (The Kingdom of Heaven suffered violence until John come, Matthew 11). There were no factions breaking away from The Church during the first fourteen years of its existence in the life of Joseph the Seer, but at his death in 1844 dissolution set in The Church broke into more than twenty contending factions.

One part of that Church however remained. It did not re-organize but continued the organization effected in 1830 by Joseph Smith and his followers. *This was*

*The Bloomington Branch*. Three other Branches amalgamated and in 1867 moved as a Body to Independence, Missouri and bought The Temple Lot.

Some of their leading Elders were David Judy, Jedediah Owen, Edna C. Haldeman, Zebulum Adams, John E. Page (apostles in the days of Joseph) and Granville Hedrick, all of whom were ordained during the lifetime of Joseph Smith.

The causes leading to the disruption of The Church in 1844 were many. When The Church was organized in 1830, it was called *The Church Of Christ*, and the twelve apostles were the highest officers provided for in the Law. But in 1832, a Quorum of First Presidency began to be formed, and by 1934 the Revelations which provided for Apostles first, were changed to admit a presidency and other officers.

In this year the name, *Church Of Christ*, was dropped and a new name, '*The Church Of The Latter Day Saints*' adopted, and in 1838 the name of the church was again changed to '*The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints*.'

The Revelations as originally given had been published in 1833 in '*The Book Of Commandments*', but in 1835 they were published in their changed form as '*The Doctrine And Covenants*.' The corrupted Revelations brought much evil in the church, confusing the minds of the people, and were largely responsible for the disruption that followed the death of Joseph Smith.

At the breaking up of the Church, Brigham Young led the largest faction to Utah. J.J. Strang and Jason W. Briggs left William B. Smith. These two united and were the chief promoters in forming another organization in 1852, which they named, '*The New Organization*'. To this body,

Joseph Smith, the son of the slain prophet, came in 1860 and became its president, and its name was changed to *'The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints'*. In 1925, this faction voted to give its president supreme directional control over the church with power to discipline. This continues to cause much dissatisfaction. . . and afterward many transferred their membership from that organization to the 'Remnant' on The Temple Lot, who were holding to the original name of *The Church Of Christ* and were seeking the old, old, path. The Lord spoke to them in April, 1926, telling them that the time had come for The Church to go forward and to choose out the new apostles. That The Lord would send His Angel to direct. Seven men were chosen to occupy, one of these men was Otto Fetting.

At the 1927 Spring Conference, Brother Fetting announced that a Heavenly Messenger had appeared to him twice and he read the Two Messages to the people and there was great rejoicing. The 'Remnant' had continued with the Messages from that time onward.

When the Twelfth Message came, and told the people that they needed to be Baptized into The Church , many refused this direction. Message 12:4, **“Behold, The Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from The Word of the Lord and have become an abomination in His Sight, therefore, let those that come to *The Church Of Christ* be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for *The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost*, and as *The Greater Power* shall come, that they may be ready to receive it with joy. . .”**

Those of the Church that followed and obeyed the direction of the Messenger concerning this baptism, were removed from The Church along with Brother Otto Fetting. However, after this, the Messenger who said that he was John the Baptist, the Elias that was for to come and restore all things, had brought Thirty Messages to Brother Otto Fetting before he passed away. Four years later, the Messenger came again to continue his unfinished mission. This time he came to a young elder, W.A. Draves. To this young elder The Lord delivered ninety more Messages through the Angel John The Baptist, totally *120 Messages* in all, full of Inspiration, Instructions, Warnings and Prophecy. The 'Remnant' continues with the Message believers. His Sheep know The Shepherd's Voice and there is safety in *The Word Of The Lord*. The Call goes out to all, ***'Whomsoever will may come and partake of the waters of life freely'***.

The Church has gone through even more separation, due to the jealousy of men and the desire to control prior to the death of William A. Draves. But *The True Believers* again held firm and steadfast with The Lord and The Messages. *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.*, is not a faction, but 'The Remnant' of The Church of 1830, bearing the same Name, teaching the same Doctrine, believing the same Truths, practicing the same Virtues, and enjoying the same Spirit and a new touch of The Angel's Hands-bringing Peace and Direction from The Lord.

Message 36:7, **“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.”**

Message 40: 6-7, **“Great shall be the**

Joy in the hearts of men for they will hear The Lord's Words and Humble themselves before Him. *The Law of The Lord* shall be written in each heart and all men will Obey His Will. . .

God sends deliverance for the children of men through The Christ that was slain, that Redemption might come to all that will Heed His Voice."

Message 41:7-13, "Blessed are The Servants that defend *This Cause* for Truth shall live and bring to naught all error. Many are Called for a Special Work. Shape your lives by the words I bring you and it will be well with you. . .

Blessed art thou that seekest to bring forth My Zion, for it shall be and The Righteous shall have victory over all the oppressors. Therefore, I send The Warning, even My Messenger in The Spirit and Power of Elias that ye walk humbly before Me, even all, teaching My Law that mankind must come with full purpose of heart. *Cleave unto Me and I shall cleave unto you.* Reject not My Words, quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring repent. Teach men to come partake of *The Tree Of Life*. Enter in all the Straight Gate, abide in The Way which is narrow and endure unto the end that ye may obtain Eternal Life,' saith the Lord. 'For I am He who speaketh, bring your sacrifice of a broken heart. Repent in a Contrite Spirit."

Message 48:3-11, "By His Spirit He has felt after The Honest and those that hear The Servants The Lord has Chosen will hear Him. . .The Hearts of The Righteous shall be filled and their bosoms shall overflow with gladness. . .

This a day when much must be done that *The Ways and Means of a real Zion*

*shall be brought about.* . .None shall take part in that which is Holy until they have Humbly prepared.

Oh, the days of judgments are upon you and I have sent among you the plagues and pestilence. . .O ye of My ancient (Israel) 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.

Behold! I have sent My Spirit among you and opened The Gate (baptism) 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. . ."

Message 66:23, "Behold, this is Christ's Church and shall be His Bride, The Remnant, *She shall be made ready.* The *Message* is given-The *Authority* is entrusted with man. The *Call* goes out. The *Cry* is given, The *Warning* must be heard. The *Work* must be carried on."

Message 49:11-12, "Come, ye that seek *Truth*, Christ will come to His Own and His Church. Remember there is safety in *The Light* I have brought, The Lord's Covenant shall be fulfilled and this nation cleansed and *Zion* be set up with gladness.

This is *The Midnight Cry.* . ."

Message 49:9, "There are many that have long represented Christ, Those that will hear His Voice in *very deed* will come into *The Church Of Christ* that is again being established with all its *Gifts* and *Blessings*, and represent Christ and His

**Church.”**

Message 76:3, **“The Lord has spoken and His Work is set in pace-let it continue.”**

Message 86:17, **“There will be a *Better Way* and some will join in *The Pace of Peace* to be set up.”**

Message 39:7, **“Heed ye My Words even the voice of My Messenger. Make ready for I, your Lord, soon comes to claim all that *know* and *obey* My Voice.”**

For further information, read the full set of 120 Messages and other Books furnished by *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, explaining The Scriptures and The Gospel of Life. The Elias has come, the earth shall be filled with The Light that he brings from The Lord God.*

Pray in *Faith*, that The Lord will Reveal this to you. **‘He that hath ears to hear, let him hear’.**

## **From The Church Historian What Is The True Church?**

*Apostle Mervyn Johnson  
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Very few people understand what ‘The True Church’ is, or of what it consists. Basically, it is A Real Visual Organization consisting of a Collective Body of Saints that is The Kingdom of God or Heaven. It is also A Spiritual Organization whose Living Active Head is Jesus Christ.

The term ‘Kingdom’ signifies an Organization of five elementary features: (1) A King, (2) Subjects of that King, (3) The Dominion in which they reside, (4) The Laws and Enactments by which those subjects are Governed and, (5) Duly Authorized Officers to Administer The

Authorized Officers to Administer The Laws.

All of these Features are found in The Kingdom of God. (1) Christ is The King. (2) His People, Called to be Saints, are the subjects. (3) Their present transitory state will be succeeded by a rest in Paradise, followed by The Resurrection of The Just. After this will be brought to pass, The Coming of our Lord Jesus with all His Saints to Reign upon the earth for a thousand years. (4) The Gospel and Its Ordinances constitute The Laws of The Kingdom and (5) The Ministry of Christ Administering The Ordinances of The Church are The Officers of The Kingdom.

The True Church is The Collective Body of Individuals Called out from The Ways of this present world who have totally surrendered themselves to The Rule of God, and who through The Holy Spirit, become The Begotten of God (Romans 8:9).

The receiving of God’s Spirit and The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5), upon Repentance and Baptism, puts us into God’s True Church--if it is founded on The Full Gospel Principles and The True Authority. Church attendance does not by itself mean membership in God’s Sight. Some people view Church going as an end in itself, but it most definitely is not. God Forbids His People ever to join in with the worship of counterfeit church bodies no matter how close to The Truth they might seem! Only The Genuine Worship of God with His True Church is Acceptable to Him. Jesus said, that He would be with His Church until The End of Time, and that He would Build His Church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it in this day and time of the end. His Church, The True Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, is Commissioned

to Preach and Publish His Gospel to carry God's Good News to all the world. What do we find today? Hundreds of different and disagreeing churches founded by men professing to teach The Truth, yet contradicting and disagreeing with all the others, a modern religious Babylon!

Most people suppose The True Church was to rapidly grow big. Jesus Called The Church 'The Little Flock', despised, persecuted, scattered by the world, totally separate from the world, yet living in the world, a scattered few but never divided, always One Church Speaking the same things, never many different squabbling sects! In His Day, His Disciples were Called out from them--out of the organizations of men. The Greek word, 'ecclesia', in English, means 'The Called Out Ones'.

Jesus Warned of a deceptive counterfeit Christianity (Matthew 24:4-5). These deceivers would come in Christ's Name, but, in fact, would be the devil's representatives. It was not the few who were deceived by them, but the many. It was the few who were to become The True Saints of Christ (Matthew 7:13-14). Yes, many would come in Jesus' Name, proclaiming that Jesus' is The Christ, preaching about Christ to the world, yet actually deceiving the world (Matthew 24:5) simply preaching about The Person of Christ, extolling His Virtues, Worshiping Him, yet denying His Message especially in this End Time Gospel of The Kingdom.

What a clever counterfeit! Most of those preaching in Christ's Name are sincerely wrong, being deceived themselves-it is satan who has deceived them. Satan had deceived the whole world, (Revelation 12:9). He is the author of this confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33).

It is satan who has made himself the god of this world (11 Corinthian 14:4) and is thus worshiped as though he were a god. This world does not know The True God as well as His True Church, strange as that may seem. This world believes that if one just accepts Christ, just makes a decision for Christ, just worship Christ, that is all that is necessary for Salvation!

What did Christ say about this? Listen to His Words, '... in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, making The Word of God of none effect through your tradition, ...' (Mark 7: 7 & 13). It is one thing to Believe on Christ--that is, on His Person. It is something altogether different to Believe Christ, to Believe what He Says!

Today, The Christian world is in hopeless confusion, not even two of the sects being able to agree on what exactly constitutes The Full Gospel of Christ, or for that matter, The Restored Gospel. Each may have a slight portion of The Truth in its doctrine, but each has a great deal of error that is deceiving the many. There is only One Work, and that is Preaching The True Gospel and Authority that is Contained in The True Restored Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord--Brought and Established with The True Authority, Plan and Pattern by and in and through The End Time Angel and Messenger John The Baptist, Calling out The Remnant in and through his work which shall be accomplished-The Last Call.

Message 81:5 speaks of The Remnant and Message 83:8 speaks of The Authority and Trust.

Message 102:52 tells of The Three Books, '... Books that will lead all mankind to Eternal Hope and Salvation, Deliverance

in The Lord'. Christ Himself Spoke of The Bible, The Record of The Nephites, and The Word of The Lord as The Three Measures of Meal as recorded in Matthew 13:33 and Luke 13:21.

Additional Scriptures are as follows: Malachi 3:1 and 4: 5-6. Matthew 11: 13-18, 17:11, and Matthew 25:6; also, Acts 3:20-24.

## Articles

### 'Epitome of Faith'

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Many times we have been asked concerning its origin, when it was written and by whom, and the whys and wherefores.

To answer we must do a little explaining. We are *The Church Of Christ* that was renewed in 1929 and are believers in The Messages as brought to earth by an Heavenly Messenger, who says that he is John The Baptist and he comes again as The Forerunner of Christ's Second Coming as he did the first time. We are a Remnant of a Remnant.

This Messenger in The 12<sup>th</sup> Message (1<sup>st</sup> paragraph) tells us that The Lord had reserve unto Himself The Remnant of The Temple Lot to set The Church in Order. This Messenger first came to Otto Fetting in 1927 who was one of the Apostles of this Remnant called *The Church of Christ* (Temple Lot). This little group, or Remnant, came to Independence, Missouri, in 1867 as a result of a Revelation, which instructed them to return to Jackson County, Missouri. This was given through one of their Elders, Granville Hedrick (hence comes the nickname of Hedrickites). This group were members of The Old Church organized in

1830 and they remained to themselves at Bloomington, Illinois, after the break-up caused by the death of Joseph Smith in Nauvoo, 1844

When they got to Jackson County, they settled without difficulty and bought the famed Temple Lot for the total sum of \$1,175.00. They continued to hold this 'Sacred Spot' and to hold together and up to or by 1925 was not a General Church, having no general church officers like Apostles, Bishops and Evangelists.

In 1926, as a result of an influx of members and ministers from The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a larger church, and a Revelation from God in answer to prayer in which they were told that the time had come for The Church to move forward, they chose seven men to be Apostles, One of those chosen was Otto Fetting; also Clarence L. Wheaton who was one of the Hedrickites and had been president of the Branch. In 1918-both groups had worked out a 'Working Harmony Agreement' in which they recognized each other's Priesthood and Baptism and could transfer from one to the other without Baptism.

In that 1926 Revelation they were told that The Lord would direct by sending His Messenger. February 4, the Promised Messenger came to Otto Fetting. The first words were: **"Don't change The Articles of Faith and Practice, because The Lord had inspired the men that wrote them."**

The above mentioned men's Calling to the Apostolic Quorum was acknowledged in that First Message by a prophecy that three men would be added during the Spring Conference. The Church in conference did choose and ordain three men and would not ordain the fourth at that time because they

believed The Message received by Otto Fetting.

Again, when, why and who wrote The Articles of Faith and Practice? To answer I will quote part of a very recent article written by C. L. Wheaton in *'The Zion's Advocate'* (Hedrickites church paper). We believe it will prove informative and enlightening.

"The present 'Articles of Faith and Practice' of The Church of Christ (Temple Lot), came into existence in 1922-23 as the result of hundreds of queries from members of The Reorganized Church who were in protest against the innovation of Supreme Directional Control and Effective Discipline which had manifested itself among them. Due to such inquiry, it was not possible for The Ministry of The Church to take care of all the correspondence that was entailed, and to save repetition in correspondence, it was concluded by the Elders that we should draw up such a statement as would answer, in a synoptic form, the most important questions concerning the Beliefs and Teachings of The Church as of that date.

As one of the co-authors of this document, I can state that no attempt was made to revise or amend the existing *'Epitome of Faith'* which had come into being during the lifetime of Joseph Smith, the Prophet.

We were aware of the fact that all divisions of The Reorganization then existing accepted this *'Epitome of Faith'*, the same as we did, as a basic statement of Faith, and it was printed and reprinted several times by this church in *'The Searchlight'* and *'Evening and Morning Star'*, the publications which preceded *'The Zion Advocate'*, and it has been printed also in *'The Advocate'*. Our effort was to provide

a simple, concise statement in brief synoptic form of what this Church stood for at the time (1922-23), based upon the teachings of both *'The Holy Bible'* and *'The Record of The Nephites'*, and such Revelations given to The Church as agreed with these Two Books, which were, and still are today, THE STANDARD OF OUR FAITH.

Based on Divine Laws as found in *'The Bible'* and *'Nephite Record'*, paved the way for the renewing or reestablishing *The Church of Christ* in 1929 under the direction of The One Mighty and Strong whom they, this Remnant, had so patiently waited for and that One turned out to be The Greatest Prophet born of woman John The Baptist.

The Lord was working with this group who held the *'Temple Lot'* to use them to prepare The Way before *'The Preparer of The Ways'* whose duty is to restore all things. This was necessary to prepare the minds of the people and established a *'Standard'* or basis of *'Unity'*. Thus the first Words of The Messenger John The Baptist, **'Don't change The Articles of Faith and Practice, etc.'**

The Messenger then tells us that The Revelation for building The Temple was true, etc.

The thought strikes me that these might be a close relationship between these two statements, *'Don't change The Articles of Faith and Practice'* and *'The Revelation on building The Temple'*, etc.

The Church being established must not henceforth waver in its belief in the building of The Temple, although they may question other revelations given through Joseph Smith. *The Articles of Faith and Practice* then in existence was the only one that states, The Temple would be built in this generation in Independence, Missouri

(Articles 23). This must remain as one of the fundamentals of *The Church of Christ* to be read in a brief summary by any inquirer. There must be a complete unity on this. To build The Temple is Called by The Lord, 'The Great Commandment' in all things.

After 'One Mighty and Strong' came to Otto Fetting with Eleven Messages came The Twelfth Message, July 16, 1929. The Messenger laid his hands on his head setting him apart for a special mission. Those that were to come to this renewal or Heaven Revitalized *Church of Christ* were Com-manded to be Baptized. A new start was to be made. All factions and creeds were rejected. Brother Fetting baptized those that came to him and baptized himself. *The Church of Christ* (Temple Lot) met in special fall conference delegates and rejected this Message, Fetting and those who would also be baptized.

The Temple work which had started in April stopped immediately. But something else was happening. There was at least six members and at least one Elder who were working under the direction of One looked for since 1832 foretold by Christ and The Prophets of old. There The Church existed The Work confronting The Church is *The Preaching of The Pure Gospel* to a dying world and thus preparing a people to be The Bride of Christ and to build The Temple on The Consecrated Spot. *The Articles of Faith and Practice* is not a creed but has its place as a help to guide the lost and weary to *The Church of Christ* set up by Christ Himself never again to be destroyed.

Now that you know some of the history of 'The Articles of Faith and Practice', you can read them all in the front of this paper. I know that you will feel The Spirit of God in them as you learn what they have to say.

## Words Of Jesus

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John 18:1-8, **'When Jesus had spoken these words; He went forth with His Disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which He entered, and His Disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus of times resorted thither with His Disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, 'Whom seek ye'? They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, 'I am He'.**

**THEY WENT BACKWARD, AND FELL TO THE GROUND. Then asked He them again, 'Whom seek ye'? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus answered, 'I have told you that I Am He: if therefore ye seek Me, let these go their way: That the saying might be fulfilled, which He spake, of them which thou gavest Me have I lost none.'**

Brothers and Sisters in the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, and The Word was God, and all things were made by Him. In Him was The Life, and The Life was The Light of men. And The Light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not. (See John 1:1-5).

We know that Jesus is The Light. We know that He made all things. We know that Jesus is The Word. We know that Jesus is God, Jesus Shines in the darkness but the darkness does not comprehend that. And

Jesus is The Lord, He is Lord of all Creation.

He is the same one whom The Prophet Isaiah viewed in The Sixty Sixth Chapter of Isaiah. The mighty Seraphims cover their face with their wings so as not to look directly into His Face because of His Holiness, but when they speak The Temple is filled with smoke and the posts of the door do shake.

This same Jesus Agonized over the sins of mankind to an infinite extent and men involved in the work of darkness armed with weapons and lying spirits came with the intent to kill Him. *But Jesus was in control even of that situation.* No man took His Life from Him; He Willingly laid His Life down for us. How Great is His Love! We could spend all Eternity and still not know all about The Vastness of His Love. When He spoke to them and said, 'WHOM SEEK YE', the men who came to take Him all went backwards and fell down. Jesus let them know by this that they were not in control, and when He told them to let His Apostles go free they did as He commanded.

So knowing our Lord, our Saviour, our Master, and our Mighty King has Humbled Himself on our account, to give us so Great a Salvation; that should motivate us to Serve Him with all our mind, all our soul, and all our physical strength.

Now Brothers and Sisters there are some things The Lord is requiring that we do, which if we do them will give us Great Success in The Way of The Lord. Next time I write we will look at some of those things from some verses in *The Record of The Nephites*.

Till then may God keep you safe and bring you closer to Him.

## A TESTIMONY

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Dear Ones;

I was recently at a shipper getting my trailer loaded and one of the loaders began asking me questions about over the road driving. What it is like; etc.

As I answered I began relating some of the trials I have been through in the last two years, and he began to say that he could see that a lot of my life had been lost because of my time spent over the road Then he said: *'You know what though? You are Blessed!'*

I asked him what he meant by saying that, and he answered: *'I mean you have a Blessing upon you because The Lord is going to take you off the road and bring you back to your family and you don't have to plan for it or worry about it in any way because it is just going to happen when the time is right.'* *You will know it was The Lord who did it when that time comes. All you need to do right now is keep driving and do the best you can with each day and leave everything else in His Hands. He will make it happen when the time is right. He will do it all.'*

Dear Ones, I can't describe how these words enlarged and lifted my Soul. In fact I began to feel my Soul being lifted up even before I mentally realized the words were from The Lord. My Faith is increased to a point that I know what was given to me will come True, even though I have no idea how it will come to pass. In fact I don't even want to have an idea because I know to the bottom of my Soul that The Lord already has one of His own and I don't want to hinder His already Perfect Plan. I am that sure, Thanks to The Blessed Holy Spirit who

is rich in Mercy and in Deliverance!

## Primary Department

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Dear Friends;

Greetings in Jesus Sweet Name.

I want to talk to you about an Angel Called, *John The Baptist*. He is Directing our *Church* in Spiritual Matters and Telling us what to do.

Message 69:11, *'Lift up, I am The Elias. I bring The Refining spoken of by The Prophet Malachi. I bring The Elijah Message. I am The Forerunner of Christ. I preached Repentance and Baptism at His first coming-so am I commanded the same now, unto the Children of Israel, and to the ends of the earth. Much shall come to pass, and mankind may yet be found in The Presence of The Lord through Obedience to The Words I bring.'*

Message 84:6-9,18, 20, *'Keep The Faith and Endure and The Sunlight of Righteousness shall arise over you, with Healing in His Wings and ye shall be Preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command Peace and it will bring you through.*

*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.*

*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.*

*Oh, that all mankind would hear my Words and obey. Light and Life would come to them for The Christ is The Ruler and Judge of all. . .*

*My work is that Israel might be gathered and Joseph brought to understanding. . .*

*When mankind will learn of Me, he shall be lifted from darkness unto Light and Power-and hearing Me I will hear him and Heal your Souls and you Lands.*

## Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

I've been thinking about God and how I would describe Him to someone. If someone asked you, "Who is God?" or "What is God?", how would you answer?

If this person really knew nothing about God, what would you say? Just ponder that for a moment, then try to put your answer into words. *What would you say?*

Let's read from Message 84:16-20. This is how God describes Himself.

*'I am He that is called I AM. I am The Great White Spirit. I am He that is called Shiloh. I am All in All. I am the only Living God, Creator of the Universe, Ruler and Judge of all. I am the Chief Corner Stone. I am the Stone the builders rejected.*

*I am The Christ, the Son of Man.*

*I am God. I change not. I am He that was called Jehovah. I am Jesus Christ. I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. I am The Lord. I am He that was manifested in the flesh, in the flesh-death and Resurrection. I am He that is Risen, I am The Lord God.*

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

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

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

*What better words could we use to Describe God? God is so Awesome! The Lord’s Prayer tells us that even God’s Name is Holy! All things belong to God. As The Lord’s Prayer says, “For Thine is The Kingdom, and The Power, and The Glory, forever. Amen” (Matthew 6:9-13)*

*I hope you will likewise, consider, putting God first on your list.*

*May God Bless you and keep you safe in His Care.*

## **Young Adults Department**

*Editors: Matthew & Ellen Thompson: Missouri*

Dear Young Adults;

It is with a Love for Jesus and *The Assured Way*, that we write to you today. We are Blessed Abundantly to be a part of *The Body Of Jesus Christ, The True Church*, where John the Baptist is bringing *The Everlasting Gospel* to *The Beloved of Jesus Christ*.

Yes, *Beloved*, because Jesus Lived, Suffered and Died for us, moreover, He Arose from The Grave for us. He Extends His Arm of Mercy to all who will accept His Gift by recognizing that **He is God**; by Faith and turning from sin and seeking His Face, Trusting Him. It is vital that we Pray one for another. Pray Fervently that God sends The Messenger to further Enlighten His Servants regarding His Church and The Building of The Temple. We have *120 Messages* to this date. *Have you mastered these 120 Messages?* We need to stay *Prayerful* with a *Humble Mind and a Righteous Desire* to please *The Lord*. Seek God for a Revelation on the term, ‘**The Assured Way**’.

In *The Word Of The Lord, The Bible, The Nephite Record*, we will find all that is necessary to Enlighten our Minds and to Convict our Hearts that ‘**The Assured Way**’ is **The Anointed, Appointed Way of The Living God, Jesus Christ**.

It is important that we grow in The Grace and Knowledge of our Holy Heavenly Father. One must Study, Pray and Meditate in *The Written Word*.

One must have a Revelation of who John the Baptist is. *For John the Baptist points one to Jesus*, who Jesus is, what Jesus stands for. Let us stand for The Lord and His Church and be The Servants that The Lord would have us to be. Servants that will Listen to The Lord and Hear what He has to say.

Know The TRUTH and The TRUTH will make you FREE. TRUST The WORD! Step out and know what is required! Amen!

## Special Notice

*The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Brother Jesse and Sister Ashley Rowlen of Missouri.*

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

## The Chosen Vessel

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The Master was searching for a Vessel to use; on the shelf there were many -- *which one would He Choose?*

'Take me', cried the gold one, 'I'm shiny and bright, I'm of great value and I do things just right. My beauty and luster will outshine the rest. For someone like You, Master, gold would be the best'!

The Master passed on with no word at all; He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall; 'I'll serve You, dear Master, I'll pour out Your wine, and I'll be at Your table whenever You dine. My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true, and my silver will always compliment You'.

Unheeding The Master passed on to the

brass. It was wide-mouthed and shallow, and polished like glass. 'Here! Here!' cried the vessel, 'I know I will do'.

'Place me on Your table for all men to view'. 'Look at me, called the goblet of crystal so clear. My transparency shows my contents so dear. Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride, and I'm sure I'll be happy in Your house to abide'.

The Master came next to a vessel of wood, polished and carved, it solidly stood. 'You may use me, dear Master', the wooden bowl said, 'but I'd rather You used me for fruit, not for bread!' Then The Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay.

Empty and broken it helplessly lay. No hope had the vessel that The Master might choose. To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use. 'Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find. I will mend and use it and make it all Mine'.

'I need not the vessel with pride of its self; nor the one who is narrow to sit on the shelf; nor the one who is bigmouthed and shallow and loud; nor one who displays his contents so proud; nor the one who thinks he can do all things just right';

But this plain earthy vessel filled with My Power and Might. Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay. Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day. He spoke to it kindly, 'There's work you must do, just pour out to others as I pour into you.'

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