

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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"Father, I thank thee that thou hast given the Holy Ghost unto these whom I have chosen them out of the world. Father, I pray that thou wilt give the Holy Ghost, because they believe in me, and thou seest that they believe in me, because thou hearest them, and they pray unto me; and they pray unto me because I am with them. And now Father, I pray unto them for them, and also for all they which shall believe on their words, that they may believe me, that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me, that we may be one."

III Nephi 19: 20 - 23



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Articles of Faith and Practice

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

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

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for THE

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

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Secretary For The Twelve

FOREWORD

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

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

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

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11-13). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *The*

Church of Christ might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

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

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

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THE CITY OF GOD

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Preface

The book "The Word of the Lord" includes the Plan and Authority to establish the Kingdom of God on earth with instructions on building Zion the City of God and new Jerusalem. The type and image on earth of the Spiritual City prepared as a Bride from heaven to become a new Heaven and new Earth of the Lord and His Elect. (Revelation 21:1, Isaiah 65:17-25).

Message 86:60 "... 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 dominion shall be for the saints of the Most High." (Message 114:5)

"Hear ye! Hear ye! I am establishing my kingdom to never again be overthrown and it shall fill the whole earth, and all men will obey me for out of Zion shall the gospel be taught and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Message 39:6, 62:4).

The imagery of the City of God is Zion and Jerusalem.

We can learn more about the heavenly City new Jerusalem and Zion from the words and the imagery of the old Jerusalem found in the Bible and the Record of the Nephites by studying them with Words of the Messenger.

Psalm 87:2-3 The LORD loves the gates of **Zion** more than all the other dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are said of you, **city of God**:

In this verse, we see that Zion is synonymous with city of God, and it is a place that God loves.

The gates of a city were the places of concourse or gathering; where business was transacted; where courts were held. The particular allusion here seems to be to the thronging multitudes pressing into the city for public worship - the numbers that gathered together

at the great feasts and festivals of the nation; and the meaning is, that God looked with pleasure on such multitudes as they thronged the gates, pressing in that they might worship him.

(From Notes on the Bible.) A place of gathering at the entrances to the city.

Whenever Zion is used in scripture it is generally associated with the monarchy of David with the physical and material aspects of Jerusalem and the people of the Lord. The seat of power was Jerusalem and seen as the city of David. The Kingdom with the Throne and Authority. The kingship and the sovereignty and form of government of a royal family.

The first mention of Zion in the Bible is 2 Samuel 5:6-7: "David captured the fortress of Zion that must have had walls and gates and became known as the City of David." Zion was originally an ancient Jebusite walled fortress in the city of Jerusalem. After David's conquest of the fortress, Jerusalem became a possession of Israel. The royal palace was built there, and Zion and Jerusalem became the seat of power in Israel's kingdom..Hence the city of David. The Monarchy and Kingdom is the country or nation of the King represented as the- city of Zion while Jerusalem expresses everything that is holy and spiritually like the temple and Abraham and Isaac and the priesthood.

We can see that Zion and Jerusalem was a type for the City of God. The Kingdom and the Priesthood of God . Together the imagery is like the city of the King and High Priest of Salem.

When Abraham entered the land of Canaan around 2000 BC the city of Jerusalem was called Salem.

The King and High Priest of Salem was called Melchizedek who was both King of Salem and High Priest of God, being by interpretation, King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace (Genesis 14, Hebrews 7:2-3, 24, Alma 13:7).

In Jeremiah 3:16-17 Jerusalem is called the throne of God and in those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel and

they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given them for and Inheritance unto their fathers. (Historically the land of the north was where Israel and then Judah were taken captive and dispersed north of the borders of Zion.

Behold, there is much yet to be done and much to be revealed to the coming to pass of much of the gathering of the houses of Israel (Message 57:10).

When Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, the meaning of Zion expanded further to include the temple area (Psalm 2:6; 48:2, 11–12; 132:13). This is the meaning found in the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:6-12, “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.” In the Old Testament Zion is used as a name for the city of Jerusalem (Isaiah 40:9), the land of Judah (Jeremiah 31:12), and the nation of Israel and land of Joseph (Zechariah 9:10-13).

In the Old Testament Zion refers figuratively to Israel as the people of God (Isaiah 60:14). *In the New Testament, Zion and the heavenly Jerusalem refers to the reality of establishing God’s Church and Zion, a nation in righteousness on earth with the Spiritual image seen in heaven.* (Message 88:31-35). Then the dominions, the kingdoms absorbed by His righteousness and power, shall be given to the saints of the most high (Message 80:4). We have not come to Mount Sinai, says the apostle, but “to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Hebrews 12:22-24). Peter, quoting Isaiah 28:16, refers to Christ as the Cornerstone of Zion: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame” (1 Peter 2:6). Christ the fountain of living waters (Jeremiah 2:13).

This nation shall be cleansed and become the Zion of the Kingdom of God and bring forth her children. *The House of the Lord will be the seat of the government of God on earth and the center of the city of Zion and the Spiritual new Jerusalem of Christ the Son of David.* The Millennium shall fold in and all nations that live and dwell shall come to worship the Lord their God, even Jesus Christ their Redeemer. (Message 102:42, 7&8:5, 54:16, 56:9, 63:6-7).

The popular interpretation of the new Jerusalem

at the end of Revelation is generally taken as a description of “heaven,” the place where the saints will spend eternity. The main flaw in this interpretation is (as is often the case with misinterpreted Scripture) that it ignores the context, which explains what is being described in these verses.

Revelation 21:9-11. “Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven final plagues came and spoke with me, saying, ‘Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.’ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, like a stone crystal-clear jasper” And the gold streets and many precious stones? This is all well within the traditional portrayal of symbolism for the virtues and righteousness of the people of pure faith.

The passage in Revelation is very clear in terms of what it intends to describe: “the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” It is a metaphorical description of the “bride of Christ”—that is, of Zion the Holy City of God, the Holy Priesthood of the new Jerusalem, the church, the assembly of God’s people being restored to earth. (Message 62:7).

She has a high wall (v. 12) because the city of salvation must be entered by proper means and protected from outside attack. (Isaiah 60:18).

There was no wall in the Garden of Eden. Satan could enter readily in the first paradise on earth. She has twelve gates (v. 12), because this is the number of the tribes of Israel to be gathered as promised that are waiting at the gate (Message 115:18/21). Those gates are on all four sides, since the the City of God and new Jerusalem is to come from the whole earth. The passage explicitly says that the twelve foundation stones represent the twelve apostles (v. 14)! Message 76:8...the Word shall go forth from Zion.

Message 87:14. Let the Book, ‘The Word of the Lord,’ the words I bring be printed in all languages as fast as it can be done, as the way opens. ‘The Word of the Lord’ must go everywhere. The people must have it that they may read. Swing wide the gate, plant the seed and the harvest will come forth. The Holy Priesthood Authority must have its flow to the world from the angel having

the everlasting Gospel to be preached to those on earth.

The new Jerusalem of Revelation seen in heaven and coming down to earth again actually is the culmination of God's plan that runs from the very beginning of the Bible to its ending. It is the construction of the City of God. The garden in Genesis anticipates a city and people to fill the earth and live in the presence of God as seen in the garden with the trees bearing good fruit to eat and the Tree of Life. Adam was the first born of mankind on earth to receive the Holy Priesthood Authority of God and the Son of God and rights to its fruit of eternal life. He was given the watchcare and oversight of the garden but he allows the serpent to usurp his Authority the woman deceived him that the tree of knowledge of the flesh was better than the Tree of Life with the knowledge and understanding of the Pure Love of God. They are expelled from the garden even as those that will not believe and obey the Word of The Lord today. Brother Leonard once asked me if I believed the garden was a real place. I said of course. So is old Jerusalem and so is the New or Heavenly Jerusalem on earth. They are also used prophetically as types and metaphors and personification God's plan.

From that day forward men of God through faith and repentance offered sacrifices to God in order to please Him and become the heirs of righteousness and deliverance through the blood and mercy of the one promised seed and Saviour. By faith and obedience to God, Abraham left his country to seek a city which hath foundations and the maker is God (Hebrews Chapter 11).

The old Jerusalem was God's effort to build the promised City of God and reflect the purpose of the Garden. God appoints a King to reign in His stead and a priesthood to mediate God's promises and teach the people the way of righteousness of the Lord. The Hebrew word for throne so translated applies to any elevated seat occupied by a person in authority, whether a high priest in the tabernacle (1 Samuel 1:9) or the throne of David established forever (2 Samuel 7:12-16).

The angel and messenger of the Lord has come that there might be a New Jerusalem and a bride prepared at these *last days* with the final call and Midnight Cry to gather His Elect (Message 64:2,

86:1-(6)-12). Of this day the prophets of old have spoken, that Zion shall be redeemed. Thus the righteous shall come forth and take their place for they shall inherit among the favored of the Lord (Message 41:9, 47:2, 93:3, Revelation 21:1, 27). The promise of God now stands that the City will never be destroyed again...until Zion is established and the people redeemed from their sins and the Lord comes... (Message 92:8). Who will hear the knowledge and understanding and see the Light of the Great Truth he brings. The outcast waits at the gate to enter and be part of the Kingdom and Zion of God. (Message 41:13, 48:11, 62:4, 115:15-22). They shall know where they belong and be delivered. The vision has been uncovered. The gates of the City of God have been opened again. Enter in at the strait gate, abide in the way which is narrow and endure unto the end that ye may obtain eternal life," saith your Lord, (Message 41:13, 90:19. 102:38-42).

Message 102:12. Swing wide the gates, step forth and the Way will open. (The imagery found in the vision in Revelations is a river of life flowing from the Throne of God and the Fountain of Living Waters through the Tree of Life and from the doors of the temple and house of the Lord as also seen by the prophet Ezekiel. Heaven is my throne and the earth my footstool. (Isaiah 66:1). The gates are opened wide. The Word of the Lord, the Everlasting Gospel of the atoning blood of Christ with the Authority of the holy priesthood after the order of God, after the order of his son is the opening of the way for the flow of the peace of the pure love of God to come unto mankind (Message 63:6, 64:6, 67:2, 84:8, 88:3, 113:18,114:5, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23, 24, 26,30, Romans 1:16).

Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. (Ezekiel 47:1-4).

Remember I believe we are interpreting images

and types and metaphors for Zion and the new Jerusalem that the messenger helps reveal with the light he brings that will fill the whole world (See Message 39:6). The type for the new Jerusalem is the same as it was for the old Jerusalem of the Word of the Lord having its flow to the nations. He sent the Apostles into the world baptizing them.

The seas are where water springs and rivers of truth flow to that are peoples, multitudes, and nations, and tongues (Revelation 17:15).

And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, (eastern Dead Sea) and half of them toward the hinder sea (western Mediterranean Sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. (continuous like the fruit of the tree of life) And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name is Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:4-15, Mark 12:29).

It shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. (Zachariah 14:7-9).

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee... Therefore thy gates shall be open continually, they shall not shut day nor night, and they shall call thee; The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 60:1-5, 11, 14). The way is prepared for nations and Christianity to flow together in Truth that belong to the Lord and they that be of man shall fail (Message 62:9, 86:31, 88:29).

There is evidence the imagery Ezekiel and Zachariah was using was based on the reality of there being running water at the temple of Zion. The source is believed to be the huge Spring of

Siloam down in the Kidron Valley. Two centuries before the time of Herod, Aristeeus saw the spring water flowing through the temple, flushing out the blood from sacrifices ending in the Dead Sea. When Yadin was editing the Qumran Temple Scroll, he quoted the text that gives directions for establishing a place where priests could change their garments, bathe and change into priestly garments before participating in the temple services. (From a reprint found in the Expository Times by George Wesley Buchanan).

Lo, the Lord has waited long for His bidden ones to awaken and press forward in preparing their lives for greater things to transpire, and build the Kingdom, the Zion of the Lord among mankind, but they have failed. Thus He looks to the remnant, that He shall fulfill His Work. Be not shaken nor disturbed, for some will fail, but the humble and patient ones will carry this work on. (Message 96:9-10,).

Few there be that behold the Truth or are desirous to bring it to pass the Lord's Way. (Message 105:11).

Message 97:8... He will speak greater and more severe. He will shake the Heavens and the earth (Isaiah 13:13, Haggai 2:6). This speaks of both the physical and the spiritual powers.

This day the spiritual powers and social orders of men that are not from God are being shaken. Great Powers not of God's will ending (Message 86:15, 90:12, 2 Peter 3:3-14). A cleansing of the Spiritual and physical World that is, by Spiritual and physical fire whereas the World that was before was destroyed by water.

For this is the day of the Lord, and his will must be done. Deliverance will come to the faithful... (Message 50:7).

This message indicates that the day of the Lord will be a longer period of time than a single day—a period of time before Christ will finally reign throughout the world in preparation for the eternal state of all mankind (See Zechariah 14).]

This is the day of the Lord's preparation. Let all mankind prepare to meet their God (Message 91:15).

The Great day of the Lord is coming: Proclaim this among the people: **The great day of the Lord is near at hand**, and the powers that destroy them that destroy the earth—shall swing wide in the wind

of war, strife and bloodshed: filling the earth with woe. As the Powers of evil build for destruction, the Way of God will swell in the hearts of the righteous, honest and humble of the Lord (Message 96:7-8, Isaiah 13:6-18, Joel 2:9-11, 2:30-31).

At that Day: Therefore, let the Temple of the Lord be built. Shout the tidings to the nations of the earth. The Lord God has spoken and has again sent His Messenger that peace may come and salvation to all people. Prepare ye a people that shall be ready to meet Christ when He comes to make His abode with men. Teach the Law of the Lord that the Millennium may come, for great shall be the joy in Heaven and angels shall sing aloud **at that day.** (Message 7&8:7-8).

It is good to know the scriptures and the fulfilling of all things so we can know the Lord's will concerning His Zion. (Message 104:8-10 and 105:8, 86:15).

Let the Work move onward and the Church image not falter. (Message 100:7).

Then cometh the New Heavenly Jerusalem that is prepared as the Bride coming down from heaven (Revelation 21:1).

I would bless you and fill you with my Spirit if you would heed my voice. Unless you will hear me in my way and heeding my voice obey - you shall not be called mine at the last day, for you will yet fail. Others that are willing will carry my work onward, for Zion will be redeemed and Israel gathered. The Jews must be gathered to their homeland, and Israel's hosts to this land that shall be cleansed, then shall it be Zion, a place of peace, a nation of righteousness; wherein the Lord will walk and talk with his people, for sin shall not be there and the lamb and the lion shall lie down together. Peace and love shall reign, and the Lord of justice shall be over all. The Jew and the Gentile, the bond and the free shall be as one. Even the Lamb of God, which is Jesus Christ, slain for the sins of the world and raised to eternal glory, shall be over all till the completion of all things and the Father sees it well done. Thus have I spoken," saith the Lord your God Message 36:3).

End Part One.

Closing song: Redeemer of Israel

Closing Prayer: Apostle Jairus Yates

Sacrament Service

Intro: Apostle Reece Johnson

Assisting: Apostle Mike Greenwell

Opening Song: Higher Ground

Opening Prayer: Apostle Reece Johnson

Special: Sister Kristie Johnson

-Reminder that this is a closed sacrament

-take serious this day as we are ready to receive Him, a good walk with Him

Apostle Reece Johnson read Moroni 7:1-32 from The Record of the Nephites.

Season of prayer started by Apostle Reece Johnson

Sacrament:

Passing by Apostle Reece Johnson and Apostle Mike Greenwell

Testimonies-

Apostle Reece Johnson

Apostle Mike Greenwell

Sister Karen Wilkin

Sister Ellen Draves

Closing Song: How Great Thou Are

Closing Prayer: Apostle Richard Johnson

Evening Service

Opening Song: I Come to God

Opening Prayer: Apostle Richard Johnson

Special: Apostle Mike Greenwell

Sermon: Apostle Jairus Yates

“Come All The Way”

Points Made:

Why are we here? Requires action...

Faith without works is dead

Man's way not Gods way is not the right way

We need to do things His way

Few hold onto the truth and do it His way

Some don't know His way

God's way hath eternal life

Seek God often

Naaman was stubborn and was struck with leprosy/once he chose God’s way he was healed
 We all are stubborn in way or another
 Jonah is another example of being stubborn
 Lord feels a lot of bleeding from us when we have no action
 It’s better to obey than to sacrifice
 Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac but God stopped him due to his obedience
 Abraham had a lot of faith
 Faith requires action fully
 God makes something out of nothing
 How bad do you want Him?
 God sees good things in each of us
 Perfect heart=zeal for God/will of God
 Seek the Lord FIRST in righteousness
 Come to Him early in life
 Live by faith
 Impossible to please Him without Faith
 No faith=sin
 Messenger is a purifier
 Who may abide the day of His coming?
 Abide=wait patiently
 Grove=stand of trees=place of idol worship
 Jealous God=don’t like when not faithful
 Come ALL the way!!!!
 Trials are to make us stronger
 Take courage!!
 Be humble and righteous and honest in heart

References:

Isa 55:8; Msg 105:11; Psm. 95:10; John 6:54,61; II Kings 5:9; Heb 11; Jonah 2:1; Sam 15:1,8,10; Gen. 17:1; Gen 22:1; Rom 10:17; II Cor 28:19; II Cor 19:1; II Cor 16:9; Prov 18:17; Eph 2:8; Msg. 84: 14; Rom 14:23; Matt 6:33; Rom 14:17; Mal 3:1; Psm 51:17; Psm 119:71; II Kings 18:4; Exod 34:13; Judg 10:6; Jer 3:20; Judg 3:7; Deut 7:5, 12:3;Msg 90:7; John 14:15; Msg 62:17, 63:9, 70:9, 83:13, Msg 85:4; Mssg 86:46, 91:26, 93:3, 97:5, 103:7, 107:13, 112:18; Hel 3:34, 35

Closing Song:
 Closing Prayer: Apostle Richard Johnson

MONDAY

Afternoon Study

Opening Song: #83
 Opening Prayer: Apostle Jairus Yates
 Presiding: Apostle Jairus Yates and Apostle Richard Johnson

84th Message

**numerous comments/references regarding the first several verses

Closing Song:
 Closing Prayer:

Afternoon Prayer and Testimony Service

Opening Song: #153
 Opening Prayer: Apostle Jairus Yates

Testimonies-
 Apostle Richard Johnson
 Apostle Jairus Yates
 New lady who stopped in (no name)
 Sister Kristie Johnson
 Lurlene Anderson
 Apostle Mike Greenwell song/testimony
 Sister Tammy Thompson
 Sister Brenda Humpert
 Barbara Ulmo prayer/testimony

Closing Song:
 Closing Prayer:

Evening Service

Opening Song: #119
 Opening Prayer: Apostle Reece Johnson
 Special: Sister Kristie Johnson
 Sermon: Apostle Mike Greenwell

Read a letter from Ian Briones from the Philippines

“Earth will be rolled together like a scroll”-favorite scripture
 We’re all related, stories, DNA, etc
 History of earth from Nebuchadnezzar to end of millennium

Fall of Roman Empire to 2nd coming
 All connected
 Kingdom of the earth is overpowering most
 They don't know God
 Stay humble
 God says seek the truth not just what can be given
 Liberal servant
 Assyrian shall fall

References:

Dan 2:31
 Msg 66:5
 II Kings

Closing Song:
 Closing Prayer: Apostle Reece Johnson

TUESDAY

Evening Service

Opening Song: #19
 Opening Prayer: Apostle Reece Johnson
 Special: little kids
 Big kids
 "bigger kids" Apostle Mike Greenwell/
 Apostle Richard Johnson
 Sermon: Apostle Richard Johnson

THE CITY OF GOD

Part Two

Message 63:10...Let Zion arise out of the wilderness and a people awaken from the desolation and slumbering, for there shall be brought forth those that shall inherit. The elect shall inherit it, and the Lord's servants shall dwell safely. (Revelation 12:6).

(Bring forth the City of God, the New Jerusalem and Israel His elect and then cometh the old Jerusalem and Judah). (Alma 13:10-11).

...Zion will be redeemed and Israel gathered. The Jews must be gathered to their home land, and Israel's hosts to this land that shall be cleansed, then shall it be Zion, a place of peace, a nation of righteousness; wherein the Lord will walk and talk with His people, for sin shall not be there and the lamb and the lion (enemies) shall lie down together. Peace and love shall reign, and the Lord

of Justice shall be over all. The Jew and Gentile, the bond and the free shall be as one...(Message 36:3).

Genesis 2:7-9. The paradise of God seen in the beginning, anticipates the New Jerusalem of Revelation 21-22. The creative work of God begins and ends with paradise returned to earth with the restoration of all things... The Tree of Life and the Pure Love of God as seen in paradise is found on earth again in Zion, the City of God and New Jerusalem. (Revelation 2:7).

Isaiah includes Jerusalem in his new heavens and new earth statements (65:17-19 ; 66:22). Paul's allegory of the "above Jerusalem" in Galatians 4:25-26, provides an idealized imagery for Jerusalem. Hebrews 12:22 speaks of the "heavenly Jerusalem." Revelation 21:2, 10 refer to the New Jerusalem as the "Holy City" with the river of the Water of Life and Tree of Life. Matt 4:5; 27:53 calls Jerusalem the Holy City. Revelation 2:7, points to "Tree of Life in midst of the paradise of God,"

The climax of redemptive history is seen in John's vision of the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem and Zion is the focus of the fulfillment of God's plan on the new earth. The New Jerusalem image provides and elaborates the nature of the new heavens and new earth introduced in Revelation 21:1. The explicit reference to the New Jerusalem is in the message to the Philadelphia church holding the Keys to the Kingdom in Revelation 3:12, where it is promised as a reward to those who overcome. Those who overcome are synonymous with the patience of believers who endure to the end having rights to the Tree of Life and eternity with God in the new heaven and new earth.

1 John 5:4-5. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Message 37:4. 'Behold,' saith the Lord, 'Those that have and will profess My Name and diligently seek Me, yea, I will open and no man will close the door before thee, for I will give unto thee power to overcome, and he that overcometh shall have right to the Tree of Life, to eternity.'

The angel of the Lord showed Lehi and Nephi

the Tree of Life is the Pure Love of God.

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 (Message 114:5).

Message 116:6. The image of the Church is set in pace. The Authority established, the Power given; let it develop and progress the Lord's way. He will provide and show His hand.

Now God is making the final effort to establish His Zion and City on Earth with the Authority to accomplish it and the instructions he has given to follow in building it. Keep your eye on what Abraham and other men of God accomplished with their hope and faith in Christ and not lose your hope. Find renewed strength and determination with understanding of the wisdom and knowledge of God's plan.

Message 81:23. The Church is organized. I have given the type and leadership; the way through the gates is open.

The Church and Work of the Lord is established and set in Pace. "Keep the vigilance..." (Message 102:6, 20).

I believe the Church the Lord has established and organized and spoken of here is the New Jerusalem on earth and is being prepared on earth as it is seen in heaven as the Bride of Christ the Lord will come to with the hosts of the heavenly Jerusalem. It is now the type and the image of the New Jerusalem and Zion, the Spiritual City of God seen in the vision in Revelation 21 and 22. The people of the City of God on Earth will become spiritually prepared as the bride and church adorned for her husband with the Sunlight of the Righteousness of Christ before there cometh the new heaven and new earth. The city of God must come forth that are the people and nation of God with the hosts of Israel coming to worship God at the gates of Zion, the City that will be the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. It is through these gates of the nation of Zion the Lord will gather those who will be His people and come all the way through the narrow gate that leads to eternity with God.

The way through the gates is the straight gate. (Matthew 7:13-14.)

Jesus said, "I am the door of the sheep (John 10:7-9)." Suggesting that if one wants to enter into

the City of God one must come through the door way of Jesus Christ to partake of the Tree of Life. This fact becomes clear when He says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me (John 14.6)." In other words, all roads do not lead to the Kingdom of God, rather only one road leads to God and that is the road that passes through the person of Jesus Christ.

...For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:26-29).

Message 41:13...***Teach men to come partake of the Tree of Life. Enter in at the strait gate, abide in the way which is narrow and endure unto the end that ye may obtain eternal life," saith your Lord, "for I am he who speaketh. Bring your sacrifice of a broken heart; repent in a contrite spirit."***

...Let repentance be taught. Faith in God's word must be heard and the baptisms, that men be born again of the water and Holy Spirit, with fire from the Lord - and peace will rule and Satan have no power on those who heed and obey, having strong faith (Message 71:12. Luke 13:23-24; Matthew 7:13-14, Revelation 3:20-21).

Revelation 21:12. And (the city) had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Revelation 22:14 - Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city...

Isaiah 26:1-2...We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates that a righteous nation that keeps the faith may enter in.

Message 22:15. And this nation shall be cleansed, and then shall it be Zion, for the Lord will bless this land and the people that will keep His Commandments and walk in humility before Him...

Message 53:9...The gates have been opened that deliverance will come to all who will heed and obey,

The gates are opened to the city of God through

the walls and bulwarks of salvation with three gates on each side with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel and whose corner stone is Christ with a foundation of twelve apostles. Notice the throne of God and the lamb, the fountain of living water that flows from the throne through the Tree of Life that is Pure Love of God seen on both sides and in the midst of it. Notice the throne of the lamb and of God is one throne. One Holy Priesthood and One Authority of the Great High Priest. The Throne of the Lamb because his Blood mediates the mercy of God to satisfy the Justice of God. The order of the Priesthood of the Son and Lamb of God as the son of man represents the condescension of God in becoming like ourselves in the flesh a little lower than the angels and being anointed as our example and ensample for the ministry of the Son of God after the order of the Father.

Message 62:2. I come that righteousness shall look down from above. Yea, it shall be poured out upon the earth,

Message 113:5. I bring the Authority that His Bride, The Church of Christ, shall be fully established and prepared to bring in the Zion of the Lord, the Way of Eternal Peace.

Message 113:11. Keep the Faith, be diligent, hold to vigilance and the Sunlight of Righteousness shall overshadow with healing in His Wings. Study deeply the Words I bring and it will work well with you. As you believe the Words of the Lord and the prophets, and obey satan has no power on you.

Message 35:3 reads...with healing in His Power in place of wings for understanding, also Malachi 4:2-3 reads and grow up as calves in a stall. (fed and protected in the walled city.)

Revelation 21:23. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

3 Nephi (R.N) 20:22. This people (O House of Israel) will I establish in this land (America) unto the fulfilling of the covenant (promise) which I made with your father Jacob and it shall be a New Jerusalem. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea even I will be in the midst of you.

Those that know the Scriptures wherein speaks

of my coming, the prophet like unto Moses, and all who will not hear me, that prophet, shall not be there when the Lord counts His Jewels. The law and

prophets spoke until I come-now ***I speak for the Lord, that the word and Plans of God will be carried through and accomplished and the Holy Sanctuary be made possible, the Temple of the Lord*** (Message 106:12/19, Message 5:5, 12, 6:9).

Ether 13:3. This choice land of America: And it was ***the place of the New Jerusalem which should come down out of heaven, and the Holy Sanctuary of the Lord.***

The King James bible dictionary is a good resource to learn of the Holy Sanctuary and references and meaning found in the Old and New Testaments. It was the sacred Holy places of worship and sacrifices to the Lord found in the tabernacle, the temple as well as within the entire complex. The Holy Places and alter and all objects within were under the supervision of the priesthood that included the the most Holy Place of the Lord and of the Ark of the Covenant and throne where He would dwell in the midst of His Kingdom of priests. They were responsible for maintaining the sanctity of the Lords Presence in the sanctuary where the Lord would sanctify Israel. The heavenly sanctuary was the model or type and pattern for the earthly sanctuary made in its image and of the future temple on Mt Zion. There are two places where the Lord refers to himself as a sanctuary or refuge for His people in distress.

(The people are taught the Word of The Lord from the Sanctuary and throne of God and the Lamb by the ministry of the Sanctuary here as in former days of the Temple of the Lord with the indwelling of His Spirit until the Lamb and the Lord comes down to dwell with the Bride and He becomes the Holy Sanctuary on Earth ere there cometh the new heaven and earth that is like the old except the old has passed away and all things new).

4. And Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land.

5. And spake concerning the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come, after that it should be destroyed, it should be build up again a holy city unto the Lord wherefore it

could not be a New Jerusalem, for it had been in time of old, but it should be built up again, and become a Holy City of the Lord; and it should be built up unto the house of Israel.

Ether 13:6. And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for the which things there has been a type.

(The type is seen the visions of the heavenly New Jerusalem prepared like a bride as was the Old Jerusalem. Remember Joseph received the birthright of the first born and the double portion for his sons.)

7. The Lord will be merciful to the seed of Joseph, that they should not parish as he was to Joseph.

8. A remnant of the seed of Joseph shall build up a holy (spiritual) city unto the Lord like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall be no more confounded, until the end come, when earth shall pass away.

The city is built before the end of the present earth comes and ere(before) the New Heaven and Earth.

9. And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth; and they shall be like unto the old, save the old have passed away, and all things have become new.

10. And then cometh the New Jerusalem; and blessed are they which dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb; And they are they which are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph, which were of the house of Israel.

11. And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old (Judah and Israel); and the inhabitants thereof, blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, and they are they which were scattered and gathered in from the four corners of the earth, and from the North countries, and are Partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant the Lord made with their father Abraham.

He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit (Isaiah 27:6).

Message 7&8:5... I shall come from time to time to instruct you in all things as to the building of the House of the Lord, and your work concerning Zion. Behold this House shall be The Government

of God on earth; from which the Law of the Lord shall go forth to all nations, even to the Jews that they also may know that God has again spoken, and that He again shall gather Israel in their own land. For the coming of Christ is near at hand, when He shall destroy the works of satan and bring about the restitution of all things, and the restoration of peace upon the earth. Then shall be fulfilled what the prophets have spoken of when the lamb and the lion shall lie down together and all men shall be equal and shall love one another and shall serve God with all their heart.

Message 107:8. Let all that come into this Work be baptized of water under this Authority I give and receive the Laying on of Hands for the Holy Unction and Power to do the Work in this closing time; to bring in the Reign of Christ on earth, folding in the Millennium, the reign of peace, ere there cometh a new Heaven and a new earth, when former things will pass away and all things be made new in the eternities. (Sin and death and satan will not be found there.)

Acts 3:19-21. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the LORD. And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21. Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Message 85:2. I come from the Lord's presence. I am sent of God to speak His Will. I bring a warning. I bring the Gospel. I speak the truth. I am a resurrected being. I am the Elias which was for to come. I am the prophet of the Lord. I came down to fulfill the Word. But moreover to prepare a people to make ready to be the Lord's Bride when He comes again to dwell on the earth, the Millennium Reign, ere there cometh to pass a new Heaven and a new Earth. The old shall roll together like a scroll (Like the closing of a book or end of a dispensation). (Revelation 14:6, 6:14).

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:31).

And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go

forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth (Zachariah 6:5-see all chapter 6).

The seas are where water springs and rivers of truth flow to that are peoples, multitudes, and nations, and tongues (Revelation 17:15).

Peter divides the symbolic "world" into "heaven" (the ruling powers) and "earth" (the social order). Thus "the heavens and the earth (entire political-social arrangement). This shall pass away and there cometh a new heaven and earth. (2 Peter 3:6, 7, 10, 13) Remember Jeremiah said the Word of the Lord is like fire and the Word of the Lord by the messenger is a refining and cleansing fire.

Jeremiah and Malachi both are referring to a spiritual fire that is real but there is also the reality of physical fire reflecting the judgments of God upon the wicked with the restoration of all things for behold, the world shall be cleansed by fire and by tempest. (Message 52:7-9, 86:31, 33, 5:9-10).

There will be signs in the earth, the sun and the moon, and great shaping. Perplexity among the nations, men's hearts failing for what they must pass through, The Lord has prepared a place and a way for the Righteous and those that come this Way, through the waters of baptism and the laying on of hands in this Authority I bring to you and the church, keep it Sacred. (Message 105:6-7).

"The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." (Isaiah 57:20)

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 (Message 48:10).

A Day of Decision called Armageddon in the valley of death, and when it ends - few men left in battle alive. But God will appear to the delivering of the righteous and as Christ places his feet on earth - there shall be a great trembling; terrible and dreadful for the wicked, but great relief and deliverance for the righteous. Then the saints of God shall know the days of trouble are over.

The binding of Satan will be and a reign of peace shape into place. Unless the servants of the Lord arise and be no more oppressed - arise to their place and calling; cease their error of negligence and turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will call others to

work and carry this work onward (Message 86:18-20).

The day of decision in its passing is now the Hour of Decision and Judgment (Message 95:12).

The evil one shall not destroy the elect-but be very humble that you be not let into despair. The Lord will manifest Himself in Marvelous Ways. The wicked destroy themselves, and the Just live by faith. (Message 48:10-14, Isaiah 45:17-(22)-24).

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14).

Message 102:40. The Vision has been uncovered. My words are plain and faithfully given for mankind to find Salvation, Hope and Deliverance. Resources: The Bible, The Record of the Nephites, and the Word of the Lord.

Definitions by Bible dictionaries and other resources of bible study tools and resources that helped find confirmation and the witness to the truth of the Words of the Messenger of the Lord.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth (Psalm 119:103)!

Sacrament was served

Closing Song: God Be With You

Closing Prayer: Apostle Reece Johnson

General Assembly 2018 Youth Classes

1. Welcome to the 2018 General Assembly of The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord.
2. Let us open our class with prayer.
3. First, we need to talk about how we act in God's house.

We need to show reverence, and respect for God and God's House.

What are some ways that we can do that? No running, no pushing, no shoving, no loud voices. Be kind to everyone. Remember what we do to others, we are actually doing that to God as well. If you are always kind, there will not be any problems.

4. Who can tell me what are three scripture books that we believe?

1. The Holy Bible 2. The Record of the Nephites – This is about people leaving Israel coming to what is now The United States of America. Our American Indians are ancestors of these people. 3. The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel. The angel, John

The Baptist has brought 120 messages from God, to direct the Church and all mankind. Messages 1 – 30 were given to Brother Otto Fetting, and Messages 31 – 120 were given to Brother William A. Draves.

Message 86:60 In the Bible and Record of the Nephites contains the teachings and pattern of the Fullness of the Gospel in its plain and precious parts. But my words and authority give the right to set the Church in order – The Church of Christ with the Holy Priesthood Authority and power to act in establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in the Zion of the Lord. The Kingdom and Dominion shall be for the saints of the Most High.

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

Message 106:17 I bring the Authority, the Everlasting Gospel. Heed it and the Words of Life and Truth as taught in the Bible and the Records of the Nephites with my words.

Message 102:18 Prove all things by the Words of Truth in the ‘Bible’, ‘Record of the Nephites’ and ‘The Word of The Lord’. All this is established for mankind, the guide lines of Hope and Deliverance. Man’s idealisms shall come to naught.

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

From reading these scriptures you can understand why we believe these three books.

5. This Assembly we will study about Jesus visiting the people here in Ancient America after He was resurrected.

From The Holy Bible – Acts 1:3 tells us that after Jesus was resurrected, He visited on earth for 40 days appearing to His disciples and followers in Israel and speaking of the things concerning the

kingdom of God.

During those 40 days, Jesus also came to Ancient America and appeared to the people of Nephi. In the Record of The Nephites, 3 Nephi 11:7 tells us that the people heard a voice from heaven saying, “ My Beloved Son , in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name; hear ye him.”

Read 3 Nephi 11:8-26. .

Have you ever seen someone be baptized? Maybe you are baptized. This is how our ministry baptizes. We know this is the way Jesus wants it done, because these are His words telling us how it should be done.

3 Nephi 11:27 “And after this manner shall ye baptize in my name, for behold, verity **I say unto you, that the Father, and the Son , and the Holy Ghost are one; and I am in the Father and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one.**”

6 In 3 Nephi 11:27 clearly tells us that there is only ONE GOD, that the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost are one, and that God and Jesus are one.

Let me explain further:

Who is God? Creator of the universe. You can see in Message 84: verses 16 through 19 all of the different things God is called or known for.

Who is Jesus? Jesus is God’s son. God actually manifested Himself in the flesh, to come to earth and show us the way to live our lives.

What is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is also known as the comforter.

Jesus told the Apostles that when He ascends into heaven, He will leave the Comforter or the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. (Discuss feeling the Holy Spirit)

How can all these be ONE?

I have an example for you: Water.

We think of water as a liquid. But what happens when we Freeze water? It becomes solid – ICE. What happens when we boil water? It becomes steam.

You see, water can be a liquid, a solid, or a gas, BUT no matter which form, it is still water.

God is the Father, manifested in the flesh -He is Jesus, and the Holy Spirit that He gives us to know the truthfulness of His work, to discern right from wrong is from Him also. So, **The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are all one. ONE GOD.** This is very

important for you to understand.

7. Do you always know when something is good and of God or when it is bad and of the devil? As we continue reading we will know what Jesus says about that. Let us continue with our scripture reading.

Read 3 Nephi 11:28 -30.

You see God wants us to be kind and loving to one another. He does not want fighting, bitterness, arguing, gossip to be among us. If something is good it is of God. If something is not good, it is of the devil.

8. We will continue with 3 Nephi 11:31. “Behold, verily, verily, I say unto you. I will declare unto you my doctrine. 32. And this is my doctrine, and it is the doctrine which the Father hath Given unto Me; and I bear record of the Father, and the Father beareth record of Me, and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and Me, and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent and believe in me;”

9. What does it mean to repent? (Sincerely ask for forgiveness of your sins.)

3 Nephi 11:33. “And whoso believeth in me, and is baptized, the same shall be saved; and they are they which shall inherit the kingdom of God. 34. And whoso believeth not in me, and is not baptized shall be damned...37. And again I say unto you. Ye must repent, and become as a little child, and be baptized in my name, or ye can in nowise receive these things. 38. And again I say unto you, Ye must repent, and be baptized in my name, and become as a little child, or ye can in no wise inherit the kingdom of God. 39. Verily, verily I say unto you, that this is my doctrine, and whoso buildeth upon this, buildeth upon my rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them.

Scripture tells us that all little children are alive in Christ – they do not need to be baptized. However when a child becomes old enough to understand the scriptures, to understand right from wrong, to be accountable for all of his/hers actions, then that is when it is time for a child to be baptized. Jesus wants everyone to become like a little child, meaning to be innocent and pure of heart and full of love. We must repent and become like a little child or we cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. When one truly and sincerely repents of anything we have done wrong, God will

forgive us. We take upon the name of Christ by being baptized, then we try to live our life to please Jesus, to do His will and obey His commandments and to show His love to others.

Following are pictures of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. Jesus showed us by example that we should be baptized. After Jesus was baptized, a dove, representing the Holy Spirit landed on His shoulder. God baptizes us with water and with the Holy Spirit.

After we are baptized, the ministry will lay hands on our head and pray for us that we also receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help guide us through-out our life.

9. Jesus taught the people here in Ancient America many things, many of the same things that he taught when he preached to the people in Israel.

We can't cover everything in the short time we have for classes during our General Assembly, but at another time you can read everything about Jesus' visit in Ancient America in 3 Nephi chapter 11 through chapter 29. 3 Nephi 12:2-11 and in the Holy Bible- Matthew 5:3-11.

10. Jesus taught ‘The Lords Prayer’. 3 Nephi 13:9-14 and Matthew 6:9-13.

11. Jesus taught the Golden Rule. Do you remember what that is? It is: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

3 Nephi 14:12 says: “Therefore all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

Jesus taught this in the Bible also, Matthew 7:12.

Why do you think Jesus taught this? I'm sure each of you would like people to be nice and treat you kindly. Right? If we each treated everyone that way, people would get along. There would not be fighting and mean arguments.

Jesus wants us to love one another and to be kind and to get along with others.

Jesus also said that we would know if a person was good or bad by their fruits—which is how they act, what they say and do.

Read 3 Nephi 14:15-21. 15. “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but Inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? 17. Even so

every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth corrupt fruit. 18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down and cast down into the fire. 20. Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.”

Message 94:11 says- “Be very watchful unto prayer that evil will not success as wolves in sheep clothing.”

This tells us that all through the ages, the devil has tried to influence people to do wrong, because Jesus warned the people in Bible times and is still warning us today through the Angel Message. Some of those people act like they are doing good to fool you, but are really planning and doing evil things. That is why you can discern if someone is doing good or good by the fruit they produce – or by how they act.

12. When Jesus was blessing people and teaching them, He commanded that the little children be brought to Him

3 Nephi 17:11, 12, 21-25 “And it came to pass that He commanded that their little children should be brought. 12. So they brought their little children and sat them down upon the ground about Him, and Jesus stood in the midst; and the multitudes gave way till they had all been brought to him. Jesus told the people that they were blessed because of their faith, and it made Him full of joy... 21. And when He had said these words, He (Jesus) wept, and the multitude bear record of it, and He took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed for them. 22. And when He had done this He wept again. 23. And He spake unto the multitude, and saith unto them, Behold your little ones. 24. And as they looked to behold, they cast their eyes towards heaven, and they saw angels descending out of heaven as it were, in the midst of fire; and they came down and encircled those little ones about, and they were encircled about with fire; and the angels did minister unto them. 25. And the multitude did see and hear and bear record and they know that their record is true, for they all of them did see and hear, every man for himself; and they were in number about two thousand five hundred souls; and they did consist of men, women and children.

Just as in the Bible, Matthew 19:14-15, these

scriptures show you how much Jesus loves the children.

3 Nephi 26:14-16 “And it came to pass that after He did teach and minister unto the children of the multitudes of whom both hath been spoken. And he did loose their tongues, and they did speak unto their fathers great and marvelous things, even greater than He had revealed unto the people, and loosed their tongues that they could utter. 15. And it came to pass that after He had ascended into heaven the second time that He shewed Himself unto them, and had gone unto the Father, after having healed all their sick, and their lame, and opened the eyes of the blind and unstopped the ears of the deaf, and even had done all manner of cures among them, and raised a man from the dead, and had shewn forth His power unto them, and had ascended unto the father. 16. Behold, it came to pass on the morrow, that the multitude gathered themselves together, and they both **saw and heard these children; ye, even babes did open their mouths, and utter marvelous things;** and the things which they did utter were forbidden that they should not any man write them.

There is a scripture in the Holy Bible that tells us that in the end time our sons and daughters will prophesy and see visions.

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh: And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

In 3 Nephi chapter 18 verses 5-10 Jesus serves the sacrament. He said that He would ordain one and give him power that he may serve sacrament to His Church. Jesus taught the people about the new ordinance of the sacrament. The actual sacrament prayer-blessing on the bread is taken from the “Book Of Moroni” chapter 4:2-3

Book of Moroni 5:1,2 is the actual blessing for the wine, that represents Jesus blood.

These are the prayers that our ministry says over the bread that represents Christ’s body and the wine (grape juice) that represents Christ’s blood.

You must be a baptized member to take sacrament. When you take sacrament you need to repent of anything you have done wrong and make yourself ready to receive the sacrament. God said

we should never take the sacrament unworthily. This is a very sacred ordinance. If you sincerely ask God to forgive you, He will.

Jesus and His Apostles

14. You have read or heard stories about Jesus and His Apostles in the Bible.

Can you name the first 12 Apostles?

1. Andrew 2. Bartholomew 3. James, the son of Alphaeus 4. James, the son of Zebedee 5. John, known as John the Beloved 6. Judas Iscariot 7. Matthew 8. Peter 9. Phillip 10. Simon the Canaanite 11. Thaddaeus 12. Thomas

Did you know that when Jesus visited the people in Ancient America that He chose twelve men to be Apostles here also? He certainly did! We will read about the apostles and also learn their names.

Read 3 Nephi 26:17-21

In 3 Nephi 27:5-10 Jesus tells us that the Church needs to be called His name. That is why our Church/ God's Church is called The Church of Christ, With the Elijah Message, The Assured Way of the Lord. With the Elijah Message is because Gods, angel, John the Baptist, gives us Messages from Jesus to direct the Church and all mankind.

3 Nephi 19:4-9 Jesus named and taught the Disciples/ Apostles here in Ancient America, just as He had taught the Disciples / Apostles in Israel.

Read 3 Nephi 28:1-40.

Read from John 21:21-23. Jesus is with His disciples in Israel.

John the Beloved wanted to remain on earth till Jesus returns, so that during this time he could continue to help people, continue to do God's will on earth.

So now you understand what the three Nephites wanted—to remain on earth to help people, to do God's will on earth until Jesus returns. We will continue with the Record of The Nephites scriptures now.

Read 3 Nephi 28:7 -40.

I love this story about the Disciples / Apostles. Three of them and John the Beloved, are still walking on the earth, helping people as needed.

Messenger, John the Baptist, gave Messages 31 through 120, has been visited by one of the Nephites many times. We have several of Brother. Draves' testimonies written down about his visits

and help by one of the Nephites!

Jesus ascended into heaven again to go to the Father. He will return one day to claim His Bride, The Church.

A Prayer

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Thank you Lord for being unchangeable, for being able to back your word up with your working and ways. My family and friends another day to give God his glory. Amen!

Lord bless our youth they seem to fading fast! For one reason or another it just tugs at your heart to hear another young man gone, Lord help their minds, cause them to look to you and the positive.

Father enrich all our lives that we come closer in spirit, word and deed to your Kingdom. Lord let us find and understand our purpose and assignment why we are here so we can be about the Father's business and bring about his wise purpose in the world we live in.

Rejoice that we have a God that cares if we perish as a people. We can't hardly wish each other well and mean it. And we can't see each other or communicate often. Lord we need you forever presence if we are to come through these trials and tribulations on the way back to you. Keep hope alive.

Peace to you all. Amen!

