

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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“Go to the assembly in peace. Let your work be in love, for satan shall try to discourage, and seek to destroy. Many will come to seek for truth. Let there be no contention among you, for the Lord shall require peace at your hands.”

- Message 25.5



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Articles of Faith and Practice

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

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

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

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

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FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People*

Eighty-Fourth Message

The Messenger, John the Baptist, a resurrected being, appeared in my room, November 3, 1966, at 1:30 a.m. and was with me over two hours. He gave the following Message, He was clothed with the same white robe he wore on previous visits. The room was full of light, no shadows anywhere. He was powerful in his voice, and a flame of the Spirit of God issued from him. He stood by my side and began giving the Message. He then sat on the bed as I sat on a chair by the table. He spoke a sentence at a time repeating to see that each word was accurate, as he spoke it. He left at 3:45 a.m. The following is the Message.

- W.A. Draves

1. "Behold! Arise and write the Message I will give you. I come at the Lord's appointing. I come from His presence. I bring His Words. I speak His Will.

2. I am the servant of the Lord. I am the forerunner of the Christ. I am he to prepare the Way. I give the Word in due season. I speak in the Spirit and Power of God, of the Elias, the Assured Way, a Fountain of Truth. I am clothed with Light for a covering. The words I speak are eternal words. I speak the Words of Christ, the Living God. His Words shall judge you in the last day. Shape your lives by the words I bring and it will well with you. This is the Assured Way of the Lord.

3. Let the Church and all men respect the resurrection, for with it there is hope for all mankind. Come together and worship on the first day of the week- but remember God always. Keep the Lord's day Holy.

4. Be wise in works and humble in you talk and the Lord will direct in all things.

5. When the fruit is ripe, then is the time to

pluck. He that gathereth when the harvest is not ripe- it wasteth away and their labor is in vain.

6. 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.

7. God is love. My Message is one of love. Keep the mellowing Spirit in your hearts. Many are moved by the Power of God. Many have been touched by the Spirit of the Lord. Many represent Christ and are ready for this Work. They that are for us are not against us.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. You will see the powers at work. Churches will unite, there will be uniting of forces. Those seeking truth will flow into this Way. The greater your understanding, the greater the Light shall be and the greater will be your work.

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

12. Seek out, acquire and restore with meekness those that are humble, repentant and full of love. If they will come to Doctrine and Truth and refrain from teachings of men and traditions that will not save you but the Gospel of Christ of redemption and salvation unto

eternity of eternal hope with God- preaching Christ and Him crucified and resurrected.

13. It is finished, no more the old law of burning of sacrifices on the altar and its spilt bloods, the worship of day or days. But keep ye the Lord's day, the first day of the week for worship and service in respect of the resurrection. Herein was the gospel restored to a nation and nations bringing forth fruits thereof.

14. Mankind cannot lift himself. He cannot be self-appointed. His works will not stand the test.

15. 'Behold!' saith the Lord, 'I have sent My Messenger to speak My Will. My Words shall not return unto Me void but shall bring forth. There shall be those with faith when I come earth to reign.

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

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

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

19. I am He that formed the Heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. I am He that placed man in the garden and preserved Noah over the flood. I an 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 sever Me, your Master and Lord God.

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

21. You will see many fall on the one hand and many more on the left because of the works of satan. They will not hear because of the teachings and pride of men, the traditions of men,' saith the Lord.

22. Lo, the evil is at work and will do all he can to destroy- and that through mankind and through some that claim to love the Lord.

23. Fear not, the Lord will raise up those to defend this Cause. Even now, the great power of peace and deliverance is coming and at work, yea, even till the Bridegroom comes and the door is shut.

24. All those that shall be there, those that shall be with Him are they that have had their lamps trimmed and burning; their lives arrayed in righteousness, their vessels filled with oil, their lives and works filled with the Spirit of God. Their works show their faith, shaped by the words I bring. None shall stand, none shall endure that will not heed the words I bring for I bring a restoration and restitution of all things- the Holy Priesthood of God after the order of God, manifested in the flesh decreed from the beginning- stretching out the Heavens, the earth to her former beauty, the waters above the firmament as well as in the deep.

25. The day comes when there shall be a new Heaven and a new earth. Sin shall not be there for there will be no more satan.

26. Behold! The Work is in the hands of the faithful. I give charge that you see that it is directed humbly and in love. The work you do will be recorded in Heaven. That which you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven. That which you loose shall be loosed in Heaven. Those that do or have spoken lightly and bitter of this Work- their charge and responsibility they betray and it is taken from them. Therefore, they have no part in the sacred Work of the Lord. They walk in darkness at noonday.

27. See those that grope in darkness because they will not or do not study. Many are called, some faithful, some have been ordained yet they are slow to prepare themselves to be leaders. The desires of their hearts are not yet filled- nor the Lord's Will obeyed.

28. Set none apart that will not come to Doctrine and seek to defend all the words I bring, for I bring Light. The earth shall be filled with the Light I bring.

29. I bring the everlasting Gospel. It is Christ's Words that shall judge all mankind. Those that hear you will hear me and the words I bring from the Lord.

30. The day comes when all that serve the Lord will become a delightsome people, made white through the righteousness of their obedience to the Lord, the Ensample, the Lamb of God.

31. The heat of the sun shall no more burn upon their faces for the Lord shall be the Light upon them.

32. Worship and find the gift. The Gospel is salvation to the faithful, hope in eternity with the Lord, they that bring forth fruit shall find peace and rest from all their labors- peace in their hearts of God towards all men.

33. 'Oh! I would that mankind would hear My Words today as delivered by Mine Angel and humble themselves.

34. Oh! Do they not know the storms of life will bring them low- the hard of heart, the haughty, the high-minded? I will be slow to here their cry. They speak lightly of my Injunctions and Words of Instructions and come not to Doctrine and My Decrees.'

35. There are those that say I have not spoken, but I come that mankind may find a way and learn deliverance. There is safety in the obeying the words I bring.

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

37. For the faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, the gentile times are closing in. the day comes when it will be said, 'The people of the Lord' and them that serve Him not. By ye repentant and the Lord will hear and heal all the weak and make you strong.

38. How oft have I told you, worry not over what men may say of you. The Lord knows your repentance and your righteous desires to ever be in His Will. You have done the Lord's bidding in the establishing the Church and its Holy Priesthood authority according to the laws of the land. Those that are with you and defend the words I bring are The Church of Christ in deed and works. The Church With the Elijah Message, set in 1829 by my hands when the Holy Priesthood authority was restored and kept sacred through the brand and remnant of the Temple Lot and reaffirmed upon Otto Fetting in his day- and I continue to come. Be delivered from the sins and traditions of men and lifted from the awful curse the prophet of old told of, lest the Lord should smite the earth and all men be in vain.

39. He cometh who is the Deliverer. I am His forerunner, I am the Elias, I bring His Message of Love. The carnal mind of man cannot understand- but the Spiritual shall understand and fold into this Way.

40. The Lord has many in reserve and many He has touched by His Spirit- even, sending ministering angels that men might be prepared.

41. Let the Work continue everywhere.

42. The Lord has brought the Message to His servant Tommy Gargus. He shall come into this Work and let him be set apart an elder, moreover, an evangelist. Let him continue his good works for the Lord has established him. With this authority and trust he will bring many to salvation. The Lord has healed and reserved him.

43. Let David Pack and David Roberts know they are called of God. Great good will come from their faithful works.

44. Let Floyd Tippett and Charles Pittman be added to the elders, and W. W. Pack and Charles Pack to the elders and evangelists when they take up this Work. The Lord will fill them with His Spirit and great good will come from humble prayer.

45. Keep peace in the Church and unfold the Mysteries as God gives to you. Teach the Decrees. Hold the Standard high. Do all that you can. Many souls will learn Life and Obedience through your good works. As I speak to you I speak to all, I will come again, I will direct the Work of the Lord.

46. Peace be with you. Amen."

From the Apostles

Donald Thompson

Freedom to Obey

This article may be more for the younger generation but however I'm hoping it will be of some value to everyone .

We have an amazing God who will not force you to serve him, but if you choose to serve The Lord Jesus Christ by following His commandments you will realize what a beautiful life you can have and the spiritual blessings sure outweigh the things of this world.

You might wonder, Will Obedience ever become easier and more Natural for you?

Let's go over a few scriptures:

John 14:15 & 18: "If you love me Answer by your actions.

18. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you."

BE Doers NOT Hearers Only!

James 1:21-25: "Wherefore, lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word , which is able to save your soul.

22. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own self.

23. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25. But whosoever looketh into the perfect law of Liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

In other words if you follow Jesus Christ and his gospel you will be blessed in your deeds.

Put your faith into ACTION ! As we grow We are faced with more challenges but it is the way we react and deal with these challenges that matter. God will allow tough situations in our lives in order to bring us closer to him . We should take on these tough times with the right attitude and seek God’s wisdom.

Anyone can go to church and listen and then go home, but a true follower of Christ (real Christian) lives what is preached and taught in the Gospel in their daily life.

When things don't go right in your lives, how do you react? When you are faced with difficulties, or when someone is mean or grouchy to you, you’re faced with rumor or those who still live at home, your parents won't allow you to do something you really want to do. How do you react? Now for those of us who are older, when someone in the home is angry or complains at work or home how do we react?

Do we try to help the situation or do we become more angry because we are not getting our way or we don't agree with another?

Jesus said in Luke 6:45: “ *‘A Good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good ; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil : for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.’* ”

So what's in your heart is what comes out of your mouth. How do you really react when something happens that doesn't go your way or

something happens that isn't Ideal for you? Remember your initial reaction during these times reflects who you are. Do you need to change your responses? Seek wisdom from God, only through him will you feel inner peace and remember you can't do it on your own. You must depend on the spirit of God to change the things that are not of good within you. Remember that a man is unstable in all his ways. Being double minded is to be drawn after your own desires of your own lust and even the attitude: ‘my way or no way’ or you become so selfish that you see only you and no one else.

James 1:8: “A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

Message 38:11: “The works of satan must be overcome, then peace shall reign.”

Message 99:9: “Be very careful what you say, how you speak, and where you are, so is my message to all.”

In order to have inner peace and ultimately reach every Christian goal of living with God and have everlasting life, We must abide by his rules. NO EXCUSES!

Many Christians out there are too busy having a good time and living for themselves rather than living for Christ. Your relationship with God starts in the word of God and as you study and come closer to God through the precious Gospel and praying and striving to do what's right, your desire you will find changes. you start to ask yourself what can I do for God, for the church for others, you will have a desire to come worship with those of same faith. you start to have a joy within your heart that stays even in our days of trials and things going on in the world. You are drawn by the Lord's spirit to study the scriptures, to pray and to love others and put them before yourself. Things become more precious and joy fills your heart with your desires to please the Lord and to live within his guidelines. Church becomes a blessing and you desire to help in the church, and other people. Tithings become an honor not a burden and joy truly

has taken your heart over. You see those over you in a much kinder light then before.

Reason to obey God. Read the associated scriptures:

1. He created us. God created this world and everything in it, for us to enjoy and live in while serving Him. It is selfish and ungrateful to take all from God and give HIM nothing or little in return.
2. God knows what is best for us. God's ways are better than our ways. He is much wiser and smarter than we'll ever be. He knows what is best for us even if we feel otherwise- Isaiah 48:17-18 and Isaiah 55: 8-9.
3. If we obey God, we will be respected by HIM and people will remember you and respect you. People will be encouraged by you to obey God- Proverbs 10:7.
4. One act of disobedience leads to more disobedience. This is how bad habits are formed. It is harder to do right after giving into sin for so long. Many people fall deep into sin after giving into small temptations which can lead to more sin.
5. If we obey God, He will deliver us from trouble- Proverbs 11:8.
6. If we obey God, we will prolong our days- Message 81:9 and Deuteronomy 5:33.
7. Obeying God brings Blessings- 1 Samuel 2:30 and Deuteronomy 11:26-28.
8. Disobeying God brings discipline and could cause our prayers to go unanswered. God hears and sees everything we do, watching our every move. God will allow trouble to come our way if you choose to keep sinning- Psalm 66: 18.
9. Obeying God proves our love for Him. All Christians claim to love God but we prove our love by obeying Him even in our most difficult and most tempting situations- John 14:15 and James 1:12.

10. God died for our sins, therefore we are His- 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20.
11. So you don't want to be a Christian who is afraid or ashamed when Christ comes, because you lived a shameful life full of sin. But be a true follower and believer with confidence and joy and looking forward when our Lord comes to claim His Bride-1 John 2:28.
12. By obeying God, we develop a Christian-like Character and overcome Selfishness. Selfishness is a sign of spiritual immaturity. We must be givers and not takers. The more we give the more we actually receive. To be unselfish is one of the first lessons we learn as a child. When we become a Christian we give up our old life and we are born into God's ways. The fruits of the spirit are installed within us. This makes us more aware of our faults and enables us to get along better with others- Mark 8:34-35, Message 112:7, and Galatians 5:22-23.
13. To be a good example to others.
14. You'll be happiest obeying God. Our whole reason for living is to serve our Lord. When we are useful to God, being truly Happy is a reward- Proverbs 29:18.

Ways to Obey God:

1. Seek the Lord through prayer- Psalm 119:2.
2. Trust in God- Proverbs 3:5-6.
3. Fear the Lord- Proverbs 1:7.
4. Give him your whole heart. God will take care of you- Jeremiah 24:7.
5. Don't criticize or judge others- Luke 6:37.
6. Depart from evil- Proverbs 3:7 and Psalm 34:14.
7. Determine to do good- Galatians 6:9.
8. Seek peace- Psalm 34:14-15.
9. Charity the pure love of Christ- Moroni 7:41-48 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-8.

10. By Faith angels appear- Moroni 7:22-39.
11. Declare among the people the Lords doings- Message 101: 10, 15.
12. Spirit will guide you- Message 118:7.

Take time daily with the Lord, reading the scriptures and applying them to your everyday life. Pray often and always love others as Christ loves us. Remember always that you represent Christ as you are a Child of God. You represent His church in all you say and do.

We need to make it a habit to obey God in every aspect of our lives. In every situation we must act as if God was standing right beside us (because He is). If we obey, we will experience all the joy and blessings we could ever imagine. This is God's promise to us!

Donald Thompson

Hope to see everyone at the assembly! Come to worship, come to learn and come to grow in the Gospel. Come to give what God has given you. Come expecting to be blessed.

Juniors

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

Can you tell me what is the 'Fullness of the Gospel'?

When your mother makes you a meal, she probably tries to give you food from all the food groups so you receive all the vitamins and nutrients you need to have a healthy body. Throughout the day you need dairy products protein, vegetables, fruits and grain. If you only ate from one food group you would be missing impor-

tant vitamins your body needs.

The Holy Bible speaks of the Three Measures of Meal:

Matthew 13:33-35, The Parable of the Leaven:

33. "Another parable spake He unto them; *'The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.'*

34. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables and without a parable spake He not unto them:

35. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, saying, I will open my mouth in parables: I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."

Also in Luke 13:20-21: "And again He said, *'Where unto shall I liken the Kingdom of God?*

21. *It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.'*"

Leaven is like yeast or baking powder put in dough or batter to make it lighter- or to make it raise to be ready to cook. The woman put leaven in three baskets (measures) of meal (or coarsely ground grain) until it was all leavened or raised.

Jesus says He likens this to the 'kingdom of heaven'. There are three measures of meal that you need to have before your meal is complete or before you have the fullness of the gospel.

What are the 'Three Measures of Meal' needed to have the fullness of the gospel?

1. The Holy Bible
2. The Record of the Nephites
3. The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind By An Angel

John the Baptist tells us in 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 Record of the Nephites with my Words.”

Message 102:11,18, & 52: “Knowledge cometh from study of the Books and Grace from much prayer, Salvation by obedience, Deliverance by endurance.

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

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

Message 86:60: “In the Bible and Record of the Nephites contains the teachings and pattern of the Fullness of the Gospel in its plain and precious parts. But my words and authority gives the right to set the Church in order – The Church of Christ with the Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to act in 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.”

Articles of Faith and Practice #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.’”

Message 1:1: “Don’t change the Articles of Faith and Practice, because the Lord inspired the men that wrote them. See to it that they are not changed.”

Together- with all three books we have the ‘fullness of the gospel’;

God’s complete plan- the three measures of meal!

When your mother makes you a great meal that has all the nutrients that you need to be healthy, you have to eat that meal for it to help you. Just as you need to eat the food, you must do more than just have these three books in your possession. If the books just set on a shelf, they are not helping you. You must read these three books and learn what is in them. You need to abide by what the books teach you and put the words of these books in your mind and heart - then these ‘three measures of meal’, the ‘fullness of the Gospel’ will work wonders in your life. You will learn to love, to have faith, to love and trust God, to put God first in your life. These books can change your heart and life for the better. God inspired the men that wrote these books. The words in these books can encourage you, uplift you, and guide you because you will feel the truthfulness and God’s Spirit as you read and study these books.

Message 43:12: “Read the words I send unto you by My Messenger. Study them and obey My will fully, and eternity shall have place for you.”

Message 44:8: “...Study the words I bring, teach them. Study the full word of God and you shall know the truth. Follow the instructions I bring and it will be well

with you..."

Message 73:7: "...Remember, the greater your study and illuminating of your minds with the words and will of the Lord, the greater your understanding and light shall be; freeing your life from the bands of satan and all his powers; making you a blessing among mankind."

Message 89:5: "Read and study the words I bring. Shape your lives by what I bring, for this is the assured way."

Message 94:4: "Study the words I bring. Teach and study the full word of God and you shall know the truth. Let all follow the instructions I bring and it will be well."

Message 112: 4: "Study the words I send that my Messenger brings to you. Let your minds be illuminated in peace, and joy will rule your lives,' saith the Lord."

II Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God..."

So dear ones, feast upon God's words and fill your soul!

Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

I'm sure it has been quite a challenging time for you as well as adults through this period of unrest, uncertainty, seeing all the protests going on and hearing all the negative news. We are very aware how this period of time has been just as hard on children as adults. The way we as Christians have coped with all of this is through hope in Jesus Christ. Let's go through some of the scriptures that will help give some understanding and bring a bit of peace to your heart.

We have learned through the 3 books that many of these things were to come to pass. God has not kept it a secret as to what would take place in the latter days. We now see prophesy being fulfilled right before our eyes. The reason the Lord gave us these warnings of what is to come is help prepare us and we won't be left not understanding and knowing what is to come to pass.

2 Tim 3: 1-5: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4. Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Are we not seeing all of these things taking place right now and in great measure?

Message 44:6: "This is a day when Satan will have great power and men's hearts will be tried. Some will fail because of the things they will have to pass through. Others will be true and will yet be true. The cleansing time has come and God will cleanse the hearts of men by the Power of His Holy Spirit. By the conditions that will come, many will be tried and the Lord's purging shall take place. (8) Behold, there is a cry for peace, but there is no peace save in the hearts of them that do the Lord's bidding, those that heed His voice. Nations are in distress and kingdoms are crumbling. Fear not, for the Lord shall proceed to do a Marvelous Work and the powers of evil

shall lose in the end.."

We will be going through more and more trials as we are in the end times, but the Lord is telling us not to "fear" what is happening and going to happen, but rather look forward to His promises that will help us stay strong and on a solid foundation through it all. You are going to see friends all mixed up and confused at times when the storms of doubt and fear are raging. Many will want to be a part of the confusion going on. However, you as a Christian and having the Word of God before you, know that our God wants us to be at peace and live in peace. God does not want us participating in things that are expressions of rebellion, revenge, hate and ugliness. God does not want us destroying and tearing down, but rather building up. It is a chance to be a "Light" unto the world and spread joy, peace and love where there is so much bitterness and hate being expressed.

Message 44:10: "...Have no part with those whose hearts are not just before God, nor those that will not heed the instructions of the Lord. For some are stained with the traditions of men and worldly ways. Therefore they are deprived of the Spirit and peace of God. The Lord cannot use them in this great work.. ...Be prayerful and the Light the Lord shall send will point the way and the Ambassadors of the Lord shall go forth, for this is the Midnight Cry when souls must be warned of that which is to come, that Israel may know the Lord has spoken, and from them that hear shall the elect be gathered..."

Message 86:40-42: "Distress of nations and perplexity will be felt everywhere. However, none can save but themselves and that through the Lord.

41. Man will say, 'Oh that these things

were hid from me and I knew them not.' Have you not been warned of the things to come?

42. There will be riots, strikes, outbursts against the government, picketing and much destruction of property and people confusion and dismay, emptiness and untrust toward many people. Labor shall rise up against the hand that feed them, unrest everywhere."

We have seen all of this in the last 5 months haven't we? But, read this promise in verse 43-44. "For a time these conditions will be terrible, then suddenly a change will come, and peace will take hold of all that look to the Lord and a better way.

44. Deliverance will come as the people seek to work together and love one another even all, lifting the fallen, the down trodden, the outcast and preserving hope in mankind."

The real test for all of us during all these hard times, trials and tribulations we are going through is to Endure to the end.

Message 102:11: "Knowledge comes from study of the Books and Grace from much prayer, Salvation by obedience, Deliverance by Endurance."

When you return to school, you are going to see many diverse things going on. You are going to see kids upset with having to wear a mask all day long while at school. Things will be so different for you. Things were not very good in the schools before all this happened, but now it will be even worse. So, this means you are going to face even greater challenges and will really have to put your faith and trust in God to work. We recently did a study with you about letting your light shine. Now it is going to be even more important for you to walk and talk your faith in Christ and be that light for

those who are full of contention, seeking to disrupt and cause problems. Some see this all as a way of releasing their anger and get away with it. They call it freedom of speech. Well, we know better don't we? I would encourage you, whatever is going on, whatever is being spewed out of confusion and anger, remain at peace and back away from it. While you may be in it, you don't have to be a part of it. This is going to be a time of you putting on your full armor of Christ.

Ephesians 6:11-18: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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

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

16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery dart of the wicked.

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

18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Troublesome times are upon us just as the Lord said they would be. It is a time to go to the Lord in deep prayer daily. Before

you go to school each day, kneel down and seek His comfort and protection over you. Ask the Lord to give you peace in the midst of all the confusion and hate talk you will hear. Ask Him to give you words of wisdom to speak if the need comes up. Don't be argumentative as that only stirs up more controversy. Lean not on your own understanding but speak the truth always in love and peace, otherwise it will go nowhere. Sometimes silence is the best way to go. Contentious and mean spirits aren't interested in hearing the truth.

Children, we are living in an unstable time. It's all kind of scary at times isn't it? Well, it is for adults too. The difference is, we have our God to lean on through all the turbulent times and know He will be with us through all of it. That alone can give us hope just knowing God is only a prayer away at all times. He is never on hold, He is never too busy to hear you. He knows your thoughts and needs even before you pray. If you are scared, talk to your parents or to someone you can confide in, someone who will take you through the scriptures and pray with you. We will all be a bit scared at times and that is not something to be ashamed of. However, it will be a time when we must put our faith to work and remember everything we have been taught about remaining faithful, strong and endure through it all. God is our refuge and our strength and He will see us through.

James 4:10: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."

James 4:7 tells us: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Be assured God is still at the helm. He will never leave us or forsake us. We must stand together in our Faith, Trust and Never

Give up! United we Stand, Divided we Fall. We will have victory if we stand firm, solid and build our houses upon the solid rock. Be assured dear children, the Apostles are praying for you, the Elders are praying for you, the Handmaidens are praying for you, mom and dad are praying for you, all who love you are praying for you! You are not in this alone. We love you, support you and care deeply about each of you.

Your Friend in Christ,
Karen Wilkin

The complete schedule will be available at Opening Services, June 23, 2019.

Handmaiden of the Lord

Meets Monday and Tuesday at 10:00 am. If you wish to help, contact Headquarters Office or the Handmaidens Chairperson: Brenda Humpert, P.O. Box 433, Grandview, Missouri 64030.

Announcements

New Message Books

Our new shipment of Message books have arrived! If you would like a copy of *The Word of Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel*, please contact Reece Johnson at 4215 South Hocker Drive, Suite 110, Independence, Missouri 64055 or by email at reece@johnthebaptist.info.

The Greater Light

Due to the global pandemic, the last two issues of the Greater Light was not printed nor mailed. Copies of the issues can be found online at:

<https://johnthebaptist.info/the-greater-light.html>.

If you would like a hard copy of the March/April and May/June 2020 Greater Light issues, please contact Reece Johnson at 4215 South Hocker Drive, Suite 110, Independence, Missouri 64055 or by email at reece@johnthebaptist.info.

2020 General Assembly Tentative Schedule

Sunday, August 16, 2020

2:00 p.m. Opening Service
3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer/Testimony:
7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Monday, August 17, 2020

10:30 Priesthood Meeting
1:00 p.m. Study
2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting,
3:00 p.m. Prayer and Testimony
7:00 Preaching Service

Tuesday August 18, 2020

10:30 Priesthood Meeting
1:00 p.m. Study
2:00 p.m. Preaching Service
3:00 p.m. Preaching Service
4:00 p.m. Prayer /Testimony Service
7:00 p.m. Preaching Service
8:00 p.m. Closing Service & Sacrament