



The End Time Messenger

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O God, Our Loving Father

William A. Draves

**O God, our Loving Father,
Help us rightly to remember
The Birth of Jesus.
That we may share in
The Song of The Angels,
The Gladness of The
Shepherds,
And The Worship of the
Wise Men.**

**May *The Christmas Morning,*
Make us happy to be
Your Children, and *The
Christmas Evening* bring
Us to our best Soul;
Greatful thoughts,
Forgiving and
Forgiven for
Jesus' sake, Amen!**

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The Greater Light

Articles of Faith and Practice

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

2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and dies for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.

3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of the atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the Law. For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5. We believe that through the atonement of Christ all men may be saved by obedience to the Laws and Ordinances of the Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.

6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in the Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7. We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting Gospel: viz: The word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gift of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues.

8. We believe the Fruits of the Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.

9. We believe that in the Bible is contained the Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added witness for Christ, and that these contain the "fullness of the Gospel."

10. We believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of Scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, one of whom is an elder, there the Church exists with full power of Church extension when acting in harmony with the Law of God.

12. We believe that a man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.

14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that the ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by the general bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of the Church. The temporal affairs of the Local Churches shall be administered by local bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.

20. We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.

22. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten lost tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will reveal Himself and endow His servants whom He chooses with power to preach the Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that the promise of God to Israel may be fulfilled.

24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be built, beginning at The Temple Lot.

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

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Message 53:3, '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). 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*

Sixty-Sixth Message

This was given to me by The Messenger 12:35 to 2:40 a.m., Monday, March 12, 1945, at Vancouver, Washington.

The Messenger was dressed in the white robe he has worn on previous occasions. His whole body radiated a Powerful Light that filled the room His face shone with brightness and his feet as fine brass. He spoke calmly and with Power. He sat in a rocking chair while giving the most of The Message, though he arose while speaking The Words of The Lord spoke through him.

-W. A. Draves

1. 'Arise my fellow servant and take The Message I shall give you. Be not afraid, I bring you Peace. Rejoice in The Peace of God. Great shall be the Joy in the hearts of all the Hear and Obey The Message and Words I bring from The Lord your God.

2. Behold, I am The Servant of The Lord, The Blessed One sent of God. I come from his Presence and my name is John. I am the same that was and is called The Baptist. I am The Elias. I bring The Elijah Message many have looked for. I bring Words of The Lord. I bring a Warning.

3. Come out of her is my cry. For thus I am sent to fulfill The Words of The Prophets.

4. My Message is to all mankind. Rise up, hear my voice, give ear unto my speech ye nations of the earth.

5. The Lord has used His Liberal Servant, he that has held this Nation in America to be at Peace with others. God has given him Power: the Liberal to devise liberal things, for by Liberal things he shall be caused to stand. The Lord knoweth this Nation whose fire is in Zion. With his fierceness in battle shall greatly assist in the destroying of the wicked and her root and branch. God has set the man at the head of this Nation that it might be caused to be brought about that the world may have Peace established from one end to the other.

6. Be troubled, ye evil of the world. Strip yourselves, make bare your house for your pleasant fields are made waste, your evils shall count your days, and your days are numbered for your time is short, because you despise The Lord's Words and trust in oppression and doleful

Perverseness; thus your breaking shall come suddenly as at an instant. Your idols shall fade away and through The Voice of The Lord the Assyrian shall fall.

7. You have seen the evils of man. You have seen the destructions and wars as I told you. The plague of death in war has taken many. The Lord knows the hearts of His People, all those that shall be His in that day.

8. Let The Church continue on with Great Power for thus is my Message, that the earth may be fill with the glory of my coming for The Lord has sent me and I come from His Presence.

9. Let The Faithful rejoice for I come at The Lord's Command for The Lord has heard their prayers and will Bless.

10. There are those that have written letters of contempt which satan has inspired, entering the heart of man and spreading mistrust and doubt among the people of The Lord. Let such speedily repent. Already from such The Lord has withdrawn His Spirit because of the prophesying of man. Fear not those that seek revenge.

11. The Lord in all ages has chosen man to do His Bidding. Some humble themselves and have been and are True, others listen and have listened to the whisperings of satan and where are they? Man may choose whom he will serve. Some have become evil and are as wolves in sheep's clothing. Fear them not and have no part with them. Therefore, except they repent let them have no part in This Work. Some will yet repent, others will go to destruction.

12. The Lord is pleased with The Work of The Bishops in that they have obeyed in seeking to establish This Work more

firmly that those of the world will not deceive you. The Lord has Blessed many because of their Faith and Humility before Him and the people. He is pleased with the Humility of those that seek to establish Peace. He has Blessed His Servant Stone with Godly Wisdom and Knowledge that he may steer aright the Voice of Peace, and that contentions will not have way therein. Let him continue. Let the people continue the glad tidings that it may be sent to the ends of the earth bringing Joy and Gladness to many. The Lord will touch the hearts that are honest and bring them to find Joy and life in His Will.

13. There are those who set themselves up to be clean and holy but their hearts are full of raging evils. The skeptic and the scorner and those that seek to use The Spirit of God, all such, The Lord by His Spirit cannot use.

14. Fear not those that set themselves up, seeking that I come to them for they shall lose and that which they have shall be taken from them. It is not theirs to choose.

15. The Lord has sent me to you with The Instructions, therefore keep Sacred your Trust. The Lord has seen favor in you in that you deny not my coming. Fear not those who set themselves against you, nor those that form a band to destroy you and The Message of Life I bring from The Lord your God. I speak His Will.

16. They that go about teaching pervert things to set in order are not of The Lord, for they bring discord and destroy the Faith in subversive teachings. Fear not for such will not save you.

17. Let all pay their oblations to The Lord in Tithes and in Offerings. Let Savage

continue to receive the moneys that they may be safe in the hands of the bishops.

18. Let Fred H. Barlett be set apart as an apostle. The Lord has reserved him for a great cause. The Lord will more abundantly pour out His Spirit that this Work may be accomplished and The Message of Life taken that The Bride might be prepared.

19. Let E. H. Tiffin be added to the bishops. Let him continue humble before The Lord and He will Bless him and Great Peace shall be with him in his work. Let T. R. Jenkins be at work as much as possible for an awakening will come. The Lord has heard his prayers and will Bless him and those he labor amongst.

20. Let His Servant Callin come into This Work and be set apart as an elder, moreover as an evangelist. The Lord has preserve him for This Cause that he might bring Life and Peace to many.

21. The Lord has spoken and it is His Will that His Young Servants Blackmon and Grigsby take up their work as elders. Let The Work in all lands be carried in Love and Power for many are pleading to know God's Will.

22. Some will turn against This Work because of This Message. Many will be strengthened. Send it to The Church and the brethren. Many have prayed in Humility and The Lord has heard their cry. Thus let Peace be unto them and The Church.

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

must be carried on.

24. Thus Saith The Lord, 'Heed ye The Words of My Patience and I will deliver thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try mankind. Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast in Faith that which I have given thee that no man take it from thee. I am The Lord and I give My Word that it may bring Life. My Words shall judge you in the last day. I am The Christ, your Lord and Savior. I am The God of the Living. Those that drink of The Water of Life I give shall never thirst', Saith The Lord.

25. I have come from The Lord's Presence and will come again. Amen.'

From The Editor

*Leonard H. Draves
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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in Sorrow, call John 14. When Men fail you, call Psalms 27. If you want to be Fruitful, call John 15. When you have sinned, call Psalms 51. When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34. When you are in danger, call Psalms 91. When God seems far away, call Psalms 139. When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrew 11. When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalms 23. When you grow bitter and critical, call I Corinthians 13. For Paul's secret to happiness, call Colossians 3:12-17. For idea of Christianity, call I Corinthians 5:15-19. When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31. When you want peace and rest, call Matthew 11:25-30. When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalms 90. When you want Christian assurance, call Romans 8:1-30. When you leave home for labor or travel,

call Psalms 121. When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalms 67. For a great invention/opportunity, call Isaiah 55. When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1. How to get along with fellow-men, call Romans 12. When you think of investments/returns, call Mark 10. If you are Depressed, call Psalms 27. If your pocket-book is empty, call Psalms 37. If you're losing confidence in people, call I Corinthians 13. If people seem unkind, call John 15. If discouraged about your work, call Psalms 126.

If you find the world growing small and yourself great, call Psalms 19. Emergency Numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines are open to Heaven 24 hours a day. Feed your faith, and doubt will starve to death.

From The Apostles

*William A. Draves
Reprint*

CHRISTMAS TIME

Galatians 4:4, '**But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son . . .**'

Christmas time - a Special Time of the year - all over the world.

It is peculiar, in a way, to see the Christmas decorations in the stores in Tokyo, as well as in many other nations. One hundred fifty three Flags will wave one day over Christian nations.

Decorations are there, even though some are not yet Christian nations.

Each year, when November is over, much of the world gears up to or for the festival of Jesus' Birthday Celebration. He was Born the 25th of the month in the warm growing season climate of Palestine. Eight days hence He was taken to The Temple to

be registered as all other Hebrew babies were accustomed too. And some there gave Prophecy to His Position in the world. Thus, Render to Ceaser the things that are Caesar's and to God The Things which are God's. So this became the first day, first month, first year of date and time after Christ. We count it (B.C.) before Christ and (A.D.) after. Thus our calendar registers time from The Birth Registration of Christ. So each year, beginning at the start of the month in which He was Born we begin The Celebration of His Birth. *That is Christmas.*

He came in the Meridian of time, four thousand years after Adam, and nearly 2000 years will pass ere the folding in of The Millennium Reign. The Day of Rest from the toil and sin tried time of mankind.

We like The Time and Season because we all sail into The Celebration and Respect of *Good Will Towards All Mankind*, in a Greater Love than at most times of the year. All alike we Respect The Christ, as well as Recognize His death and Resurrection in keeping Sunday as our Day of Rest and Sabbath.

All men's natures are alike; it is their habits that carry them far apart. Isaiah 9:6, **'For unto us a Child is Born . . . and His Name shall be Called . . . Everlasting Father . . . The Prince of Peace.'**

Gift bearing, heart touching, joy bringing Christmas Day of grand memories, King of the year. He Teaches us to forget our own heartaches and ease others.

The fact that most of us celebrate Christmas like this, even some who do not consider themselves Christ's followers, show how much we are Creatures of Love. We all sail cheerfully into Christmas Time appreciating Good Will towards all men. It is time when families get together. We need

Christmas Time to get reacquainted with our families, with mankind. Goodwill: Our attitude and actions speak louder than words. Life would be pretty dull without Christmas Time, seeing Loved Ones again in reunion, families, home, and Church members.

Thus all of us are affected by Christmas, by arranging our lives, or rearranging our attitudes toward mankind. Christ Like, Love one another, bear each others burdens. If it is not *The Qualities of Jesus* which compel us to engage in this annual round of Love, fun and games, it must be the sheer pressure of The Time of the year itself. Yes, that must be it. The time itself has its own significance. And, when The Time rolls around once more for us to get the Christmas Spirit, few of us can resist. That is not far wrong, actually, it is good. There is something very Special about Christmas Time, *God's Time of Remembrance, Praise and Love.*

There are different kinds of time. Sometimes, when one of our children come home after an evening out we say, *'Did you have a good time?'* They may have only been gone for two or three hours and we know that those two or three hours could have been a good time, a bad time, or just a so-so time. Often, time can be a drag, and one has to be busy to get the time to move along. A factory worker on an assembly line may have to do that. A jogger who is determined to run for 30 minutes may find that 30 minutes is a mini-eternity.

Christ Time, Point of Determination has its own Special Quality, a Quality that builds up hundreds of elements get funneled into The Christmas Season.

For some of us it is the nip in the air and snow flurries. For others, it is decorations,

giving of gifts, or working harder to do good for some family: clothing them, or helping.

There are Scenes of Christ's Nativity that get placed in the oddest place's where we stumble over them. There are The Carols that trigger memories and emotions. There are disgusting things that crop up too . . . like the frantic sales that run wild of unwanted gifts, exchange, but we care not for the unpleasant subject. It is enough to note how *The Time of Christmas* affects us all, how it works its way beneath our skin and finds its way into our hearts, our beliefs in God, The Christ and His Purpose of Coming about to Redeem and Ransom mankind. *Thus Christmas is something we must understand what it really is,* that is a big thing: The Time itself. It is not just The Festival of Jesus Birth; it is a Profound Effect on our schedules and on our Spirits, on everything. If Christmas was just a one day affair, we would not make so much preparation for it. Remember it is an entire month of planning and programming.

Many other things center around the thought of Christmas, it is The Celebration of something that happened to Time.

Perhaps you do not think that much about Time, though, it is *the flow of our lives, the flow of history*, and it just seems to go on and on and on. Some people have described the continuation of time as a circular thing so that *The Flow of Time* never ceases. We may not know or be able to explain it, but we do know that The Scriptures say, **'the day comes, when TIME shall be no more, when Eternity breaks forth'**.

It is the very best thing that has happened for all of us, we are living in Time. We are experiencing pulsating movement and we are propelled along with it. Time is the great overriding element in our common enviro-

nement. We swim through Time as a fish swims through water. Occasionally Time can be indescribably bad. Some Times can be very pleasant.

Christmas is about Time. It is The Celebration of something that happened to Time. A Special Time, we talk about war time, spring time, our own time, the company's time – now there is Christmas Time, too, and it is *The Best Time of all.*

It does not just endure only throughout the month of December, it is The Celebration of the existing fact that because of The Birth of Jesus Christ all time, all centering, has become Christmas Time. Galatians 4:4, **'But when The Fullness of Time to come, God sent forth His Son . . .'**

To some this may appear as a simple, offhand statement is in fact very profound, and *The Fullness of Time* is a phrase like that. It is worth considering closely, because when we do, we can begin to understand how all of Time has become Christ, Christmas Time through Jesus' Birth, and because all Time has been affected by Christmas there is HOPE for all of us.

Authority History

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The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc, of Independence, Missouri, deprives its Authority and its existence, not alone from the visits of The Angel, John The Baptist, for it is a Remnant of The Church organized April 6, 1830, at Fayette, New York, by Joseph Smith and his fellow workers in The Great Restoration Move-ment. *Therefore it is not a faction as are other Restoration Groups.* The Angel, The Elias, The Resurrected John The Baptist, in the regen-

eration process conferred a *Greater Authority* by the touch of his hands upon our late, Brother, Otto Fetting when he established The Church Anew in 1929.

We quote from The Angel's Words thus, Message 12:1,4,6,8; **'I have come to you from time to time to Instruct you as to The Work of building *The Temple* and The Organization of *The Church Of Christ*, and Re-establishing it again in its Fullness, that The Church may again receive *The Power and Holy Ghost* as in the days of old, and that as on The Day of Pentecost, (Acts 2:1-21) The Servants of The Lord may be Filled with *The Spirit Of God*, that they may take The Message of *The Gospel of Christ* to the nations of the earth, for The Lord has Reserved unto Himself This Remnant on The Temple Lot, to set The Church in Order. I have come to you in your own language that you may understand, and impart it to the children of men, and that *The Message* might be understood by all people, in its plainness, that they may have no excuses at The Judgment Day, for verily these things shall come to pass . . .'**

From The Bishops

Submitted by Editor

WHAT IS TITHING?

William A. Draves

The word '*Tithe*' means one tenth. From the beginning of time God has sent apart one seventh of our time as belonging to Him. In The Garden of Eden He set apart one Tree which He Claimed as His Own, and warned our first parents not even to touch it. That Tree is gone, but in its place God has Ordained The Tithe as Sacred to Himself, and He Warns us not to use it for our own

needs. *One tenth of our increase is His.*

Deuteronomy 14:22, **'Thou shalt truly Tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year'**.

Increase means profit. The farmer must Tithe his year's profits. The businessman must Tithe his net gains. The workingman turns his time into money. His salary or wage is profit; therefore, he is to Tithe that income. Gifts are also profit or increase of our possessions. *When we earn a dollar, ten cents belongs to God.* When our profit is 1,000 our Tithe is one tenth of that, or \$100.

To the unselfish Christian, it will be a real privilege to give God the first tenth of our increase. *The Tithe is to be carefully set aside for God's Work* before we use the other nine tenths. ***It is Holy to God.*** It should never be borrowed. Certainly it should never be kept, for that is what God calls robbery of Sacred Things.

Malachi 3:6, **'I Am The Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.'**

Without God's Unchanging Protection we would quickly be consumed by the destroyer. The principle of systematic giving, is *Obeying God's Commandment*, is just as much a part of Genuine Christ Likeness as it ever was. The Spirit of God never changes. Hence The New Testament Christian will be as self sacrificing and liberal as was The Child of God of Old Testament Times.

Luke 6:38, **'Give, and it shall be given unto you.'**

Most of all, remember, *Tithing is not a Sacrifice, it is a Commandment.*

Message 84:32-37

'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 toward all men.

Oh! I would that mankind would hear My Words today as Delivered by Mine Angel and Humble themselves.

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 hear their cry. They speak lightly of My Injunctions and Words of Instructions and come not to Doctrine and My Decrees.

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.

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 Light and Truth that Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God.

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. Be ye Repentant and The Lord will Hear and Heal all the weak and make you strong.'

How Important Is Tithing?

March, 1958: Edward Lee Stone

II Corinthians 9:6-11, 'But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God Loveth

a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all Grace abound toward you; that ye, always having sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work;

As it is written, he hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor; his Righteousness remaineth forever.

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister for you food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase The Fruits of your Righteousness.

Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us Thanksgiving to God.'

Now, how many Blessings would we receive, and how many Blessings would be stored up for us, if we would all, who are God's People, start in and pay to The Lord The Tithes which we owe Him?

No more would we have to be reminded of the debt that we owe to Christ and Christ Church.

No more would we have to curtail certain things, which The Lord has told us to do, because of the lack of money necessary for these things.

No more could the penny say that it is better than the dollar, because it goes to Church more often.

A mother and her young daughter attended Church, The mother found fault with everything. The Hymns used were no good, the Sermon preached was still worse, and the Anthems sung by the Choir was still worse. Suddenly up spoke her little daughter: '*Mother, how much can you expect for only ten cents.*' How True this is! *How much of God's Love and Blessings can we expect to be bestowed upon us, if we give our dollars for worldly pleasures and our pennies and dimes to Christ?*

Here is something for us, who belongs to *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord* to think about. Jesus never mentioned giving, except to those who paid Tithes. Those who paid Tithes, recognized that their Tithes was a debt to our God, and not a gift (It is a Commandment!). So when Jesus spoke to them about giving, that referred to that which was over and above Tithes. Now please further note that The Church began with Members who paid Tithes, because they were Converted Jews who had been brought up to pay Tithes, and does anyone dare say that these early *People of God would do less for God under Jesus than they had done for God under The Law of Moses?*

Malachi, 3:8-10, **‘Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me, But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In Tithes and Offerings.**

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all The Tithes into The Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine House, and prove me now herewith, Saith The Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you The Windows of Heaven, and pour out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith The Lord of Hosts.’

Now Brothers and Sisters, are we ready to accept the challenge of our Heavenly Father? Are we ready to put Him to the test to see if He means what He says? Are we ready and willing to commence to receive those Blessings? God does not lie! He means just what He says!

Apostle Paul’s talks about giving were to those who paid Tithes, and The Gentiles coming into The Church, which was first in the hands of The Converted Jews. Those Gentiles most likely took *The Law of Tithing*, for granted, just as they did that one day out of every seven belonged to The Lord, and should be kept Holy, and just as they also did that The Ten Commandments should be Obeyed.

According to this we see that *The Law of Tithing* belongs just as much to *The New Testament*, as it did in *The Old Testament*. Tithing began before Moses; it went back to Jacob, to Abraham, to Melchisedec.

Abraham paid his Tithes to The High Priest Melchisedec, even one tenth of all he owed. *It is just as binding upon us today as it was at that time.*

An old lady had a beautiful flower garden. Unselfish in her Love, she gave her flowers away. When asked why she did not keep some for herself, she replied, *‘The more I give away, the more I have, for the more flowers I cut, the more flowers come.’* Then she added: *‘Don’t you know that if plants are allowed to go to seed, they stop blooming?’*

That is just the way we will be if we stop paying Tithing. We are not beautiful in The Sight of The Lord any more. We have gone to seed, and we are dead as far as The Church is concerned, and we are not doing it any good.

The Lord has been very Gracious and Generous to us. He Blesses us on the very smallest thing that we do for Him. ***Let us be Generous to Him and His Cause. Let us Obey His Commandments and pay our Tithing. Let us earn those Blessings!***

Few Will Believe And Enter

(Foot-Prints In The Sands Of Time, page 56-57)

It is a different message that the world is used to hearing as John The Baptist Preaching Repentance in the wilderness of Judea was so very different, that **'Few will Believe and Enter'** in. We read *The Plan and Decree in God's Blessed Word* and we know it to be True; for today *The Angel Messenger* continues to come and brings Words and Instruction to those that will Heed and Obey, and it is *Life to The Obedient*. He brings a Valuable Message to us, that we may have Hope and Salvation. Paul says, *'For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patient and comfort of The Scriptures might have hope'* (Romans 15:4). No real Comfort or Hope, apart from learning, Believing and doing all The Lord has seen fit to unfold for our Instruction as a Church, His Church. So *The Good Book* is written for our learning and that through understanding it we may have Hope. With *The Bible* we have a chart, and in The Instructions and Light brought by The Messenger we have a compass to Direct us. Thus we can sing, *'Chart and Compass Come from Thee'*. We are fully persuaded that it is worth everything to us and convinces us that *'Elias must first come'*.

The Blessed *Holy Bible* is Divine and The Teachings of The Lord are True. The Master says, ***'Enter ye in at The Strait Gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is The Gate, and Narrow is The Way, which Leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it'*** (Matthew 7:13-14). Most of this lack of entering is because the nations are

enveloped in midnight darkness, as to This Message, and only a few find *The Way of Life*. Therefore, only a few will be Fully Convinced that The Elijah, Elias, must come and his coming preceded The Coming of our Lord and Saviour. Apart from its Truthfulness, and having God for its Author, no one could have foretold these events, and have them verily Fulfilled before one's very eyes, just at The Closing Time in The Latter Days, as we see the 6000 years nearly completed.

To be with the masses is to be on the wrong road, for few there be that find the *'Right Way'*; few there be that really believe or care anything about The Truth. Jesus said, ***'Not every one that Saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into The Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth The Will of My Father which is in Heaven'*** (Matthew 7:21). Many will endeavor to tell The Lord in that day, all the wonderful things they have done in His Name but He will say, ***'I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity'*** (Matthew 7:23). *Why do they fail to be recognized of The Lord?* It is because they fail to recognize His Perfect, Simple Plan. ***'For many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, but shall not be able.'*** The reason for all this *'not be able'* to enter will be because they seek to enter in their own way and not *The Way of The Lord*. It is too different for them, too different from what they have been taught. They make void The Work of The Lord by their traditions. They do not take it to be God Speaking nor that He Means what He Says, so consequently they go along carelessly without Learning what God has sent for The Specific Purpose of Redeeming mankind and that The Message of Life may be applied to us in our day. *His Way is that*

we study His Words and Plans and conduct our lives accordingly; that we may become fit and worthy subjects to inherit Life Eternal, and eat from The Tree of Life.

Thus we will be able to enter into The Gates to The City where *'The Lamb is The Light thereof.'*

Jesus says, *'If you Love Me, keep My Commandments.'* Unless we show by our Lives and Actions that we Love Him, we are not keeping His Commandments. We must Cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and by *The Spirit of The Truth* perfecting *Holiness* in The Fear of God, do His Will. Anything apart from all He has Commanded will not Save us. Christ said, *'Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say'* (Luke 6:46).

Primary Department

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What Christmas Really Means

Christmas has taken on so many other things over the years. We have the story of Santa. We have the gift giving. These things aren't bad in themselves, as the gift giving started with The Wise Men. But it can take away from the real meaning of Christmas.

What happened that first Christmas? Why do we celebrate it? The Bible answers all these questions in Luke 2:6-18: *'And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.'*

And she brought forth her Firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, The Angel of The Lord came upon them, and The Glory of The Lord Shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And The Angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you Good Tidings of Great Joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is Born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ The Lord.

And this shall be a Sign unto you; Ye shall find The Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with The Angel a multitude of The Heavenly Host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in The Highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward men.

And it came to pass, as The Angels were gone away from them into Heaven, The Shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which The Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and The Babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning This Child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by The Shepherds.'

As we read here, Jesus, The Savior of the world, was Born. He came as a Baby, then grew to be a man that gave His Life for you and me, so we could live with Him forever when we die. We celebrate His Birth because of our Faith in Him, and His Birth

was The Beginning of a Life-changing Event - The Cross. So let us celebrate Jesus' Birthday together, and remember why He Came.

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Matthew 1:18-21; Luke 2:1-7

Joseph was a carpenter in Nazareth. He was soon to be Mary's husband. One night he had a dream. In it an Angel spoke: 'Joseph take Mary as your wife. The Child in her is from The Holy Spirit. When He is born call Him Jesus. He will Save His People from their sins.

In those days Emperor Augustus Caesar commanded that his people be counted. To do this everyone went to their hometown. For Mary and Joseph this was Bethlehem. Bethlehem was also King David's hometown.

It was a long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Mary, who was almost ready to have her Baby, traveled with Joseph. They went down the hills in Galilee to the Jordan River. Then they followed the river to Judea. Up in the Judean hills they came to Bethlehem. The town was full of people who had come to be counted. An inn was there, but it was full of people.

Suddenly, Mary had to give Birth. So they went into a stable. Here Mary had her Child, Jesus. She wrapped Him in a blanket and put Him to sleep in a manger.

Junior Department

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Give Thanks To God November, 2010

The United States of America was first

settled by people that came to this country for Religious Freedom. The first Thanksgiving Day observed in America was December 4, 1619 when a group of 38 English settlers arrived near what is now Charles City, Virginia. The groups charter required that their day of arrival be observed yearly as a Day of Thanksgiving.

The first Thanksgiving Day in New England was celebrated in Plymouth less than a year after The Plymouth Colonists (Pilgrims) settled in America. More than half of the settlers died the first dreadful winter, but new Hope was given with a good corn harvest.

In 1621 they had a Thanksgiving Festival that lasted for three days! Their meal included ducks, geese, turkeys, clams, eels, fish, plums, leeks, cornbread, and water cress. Also, ninety Indians attended The Festival and brought five deer to add to the feast! What a grand celebration! What a time of Thankfulness to God for their bounty of food!

Through the years they continued to celebrate a Day of Thanksgiving in this country each year! In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November as 'a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father'. (a Father that Loves us and does Good to us.) For the next 75 years our Presidents proclaimed the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set it on one week earlier. In 1941, Congress ruled that last Thursday of November be observed as Thanksgiving Day and would be a Legal Federal Holiday!

So for 391 years the people of this Country have set aside a Special Day to 'Thank God for all of His Blessings and

Goodness' to us!

Perhaps you celebrate the day with the traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner or maybe some other special food. It is a Day we get together with Family and Loved Ones and give Thanks to God!

We have so much to be Thankful for! We are a very fortunate people to live in this Blessed Country with all of our Freedoms. We are Blessed with food and the comforts of home. We have a Wonderful God that Watches Over us and Hears our Prayers! He is Faithful to us and keeps His Promises to us as we do His Will.

We are so Blessed to be part of God's Church Established by The Touch of His Angel's Hand! We are so Blessed to have The Fullness of The Gospel with *The Holy Bible*, and *The Record of The Nephites*, and to have God's Direction in this latter day given by His Angel, John The Baptist! We should also give Thanks that John The Baptist will come again to continue to Prepare a People to meet Christ and to be Christ's Bride when He returns to earth again! (Message. 86:60, Message. 102:18, 52, Message. 76:14).

Take time this Thanksgiving to think about how Blessed you are! Think about all the people and things you are 'Thankful' for! Take time to 'Thank God' for His Love, Watch Care, Protection, and many Blessings!

Remember this verse: Ephesians 5:20, '**Giving Thanks always for all things unto God and The Father in The Name of our Lord Jesus Christ**'.

Merry Christmas!

December, 2010

Merry Christmas to each of you! When

you think of Christmas, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? Is it that great Christmas dinner, or spending special time with your Loved Ones and Friends? Is it a Special Gift you want to give to someone? OR do you first think of The Reason we celebrate Christmas? Jesus Christ! It is Jesus Birthday!

This is the most Special Day that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world!

John 3:16,17, '**For God so Loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.**

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be Saved.'

Read The Beautiful Story of The Birth of Christ in *The Holy Bible*, Luke, Chapters one and two and in Matthew, Chapters one and two. You can also read about The Signs of His Birth in *The Record of The Nephites*; 3 Nephi 1:9-21.

There is no harm in enjoying the other things we talked about, and in having a Christmas Tree and giving Gifts to each other. In fact, Jesus said what we do to others we do to Him also. So when we show Kindness and Love to others we are showing Love and Kindness to Jesus.

Matthew 25:40, '**. . . Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it to Me**'.

Be sure to have The True Reason we celebrate Christmas be what is most important to you! *Jesus is The Reason for The Season!*

I Pray that you are Filled with God's Great Love, Inner Peace and Joy this Christmas Season! May we each show His

Mercies and Kindness to others!

Christmas Story

A general Introduction

The Christmas Story is The Story of The Birth of Jesus Christ in the town of Bethlehem, Israel. 'Jesus Christ' is known as The Founder or Central Figure of 'Christianity.' Christmas is a Christian Holiday on December 25 that Commemorates The Birth of Jesus. Ancient Romans also commemorated Jesus' Birth by marking a division of the calendar still in use today. The years before Jesus' Birth are marked as B.C. (Before Christ), and the years after Jesus' Birth are marked A.D. Anno Domini, which means, in the year of our Lord).

Christmas literally means The Mass (Celebration) of Christ. 'Christ' is a Greek word and title, meaning 'Anointed' or one Set Apart by God for a Special Purpose. 'Christ' is equivalent to The Hebrew word 'Messiah.' Based on The Words of The Ancient Prophets. The First century Jewish people expected The Arrival of The 'Messiah' Promised by God as a Great Deliver of the people. You can read '*The Christmas Story*' from *The Holy Bible*, Luke, Chapter 2.

Luke's Biography Records how Mary and her husband Joseph left their Luke's Biography Records how Mary and her husband Joseph left their home in Nazareth to travel to Joseph's ancestral home, Bethlehem, to enroll in the census ordered by the Roman emperor, Augustus. Finding no room in inns in the town, they set up primitive lodgings in a stable. There Mary gave Birth to Jesus in a Manger or stall. Jesus' Birth in Bethlehem, the home of the house of King David from which Joseph

was descended, Fulfilled The Prophecy of Isaiah. This is Confirmed to Mary by a visit from Angels and Shepherds.

Matthew, Chapter 1, Matthew's biography begins by recounting The Genealogy and Virgin Birth of Jesus, and then moves to The Coming of The Wise Men from The Orient (likely China) to where Jesus was staying after His Birth in Bethlehem. The Wise Men, or Magi, first arrived in Jerusalem and reported to the king of Judea, Herod the Great, that they had seen a 'Star'

John 12:46, **'I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who Believes in Me should not remain in darkness.'**

Heralding The Birth of a King. Further inquiry led them to Bethlehem of Judea and the location of Mary and Joseph. They presented Jesus with Treasures of '*Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.*'

The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2

The Angel Visits Mary

One day about 2,000 years ago an Angel Named Gabriel Appeared to a young Jewish woman named Mary. Gabriel told Mary she would have a Son, Jesus, who would be The Son of God! Mary was confused and worried about this sudden news, but she had Faith in God and said, **'I am The Lord's Servant; let it be as you say.'**

Journey to Bethlehem

Mary and her husband-to-be, Joseph, lived in a town called Nazareth. But they had to travel to the city of Bethlehem to

register for a census ordered by the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus. Both Nazareth and Bethlehem are in the country now called Israel. It is about 65 miles (105 km) from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and the trip probably took them several days.

When Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem, there was no place for them to stay because the inn was already full. They ended up spending the night in a stable, a place where animals were kept. There was probably fresh hay on the floor that they used for beds.

That night, Jesus was Born. There was no crib, so they laid Baby Jesus in a Manger, a feeding trough for animals. The Manger probably had fresh hay in it and made a nice bed for The Baby, Jesus.

That night, some Shepherds were in the fields near Bethlehem, keeping watch over their flocks of sheep.

Angel Appeared to them and gave them The Good News that a Savior, The Messiah, had been Born. The Angel told The Shepherds they could find Jesus lying in a Manger. Suddenly a whole group of Angels Appeared Saying, **'Glory to God in The Highest, and on earth Peace, Goodwill toward men!'**

Some time later, Wise Men, or *magi*, from eastern countries saw a *'Star'* in the sky that Signaled The Birth of a New King. They came to Judea, the region around Jerusalem and Bethlehem, to Worship Jesus, The New King.

A man named Herod was the king of Judea. He called The Wise Men to a meeting and told them to find *'The New King'* so he could go and Worship him, also.

The Wise Men continued on to Bethlehem and followed *'The Star'* until it was directly above The Stable where Jesus

was. They found Mary and Jesus in The Stable and knelt down to Worship Him. They brought Jesus Gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, some of The Finest Things in The Ancient world.



Wise Men Visit Jesus

Frankincense was burned to make a sweet smell, and Myrrh was an expensive perfume.

After visiting Jesus, The Wise Men had a dream that warned them not to go back to see Herod, so they took a different route home.

Journey to Egypt

King Herod lied when he told The Wise Men he wanted to Worship Jesus. He was afraid *'This New King'* would replace him as king of Judea. He did not understand that Jesus would grow up to be King of God's Spiritual Kingdom, not king of Judea.

What Herod really wanted was to find Jesus and kill Him! Herod was furious when he realized The Wise Men had not come back to tell him where to find Jesus. He sent his soldiers to Bethlehem to kill all the children under two years old, thinking Jesus would certainly be one of the ones killed.

But God had told Joseph in a dream to flee to Egypt. Joseph took Mary and Jesus to live in Egypt where they would be safe from Herod. Joseph, Mary and Jesus stayed in Egypt until Herod had died, and then they returned to Nazareth.

Christmas

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. *-Charles Dickens*

There has been only 'One Christmas' – the rest are anniversaries. *–W. J. Cameron*

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time. *-Laura Ingalls Wilder*

Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man has to be himself. *-Francis C. Farley*

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of Peace on earth,
good-will to men.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The Message of Christmas is that the visible material world is bound to the invisible Spiritual World. *-Unknown*

Letter

Sister Gladys Moore

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Praise God to all it May Concern;

In The Precious Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour whom all Blessings Flow whom He has sent.

I am Praying with you and all those that are Praying with us over the conditions of those that claim to Love The Lord and His Church.

Brother Elder D. Jones, established The Church Local here in Alabama. When Alfred J. Moore was taken Home to Glory, I had went off on my own, but never got Baptized into any other church.

So when I returned they requested me to be re-baptized and I obeyed, so Apostle Norman Lyles Baptized me. Praise The Lord.

In *The Word of The Lord*, Message 118:5 says that '**My Baptism is to Fulfill The Way of Righteousness.**' The Lord will Test us through our storms and trials to see what choice we will make. So out of Love, out of Peace, and out of Harmony with one another and for the Love for the Honest in Heart Sake, I was re-baptized here in Alabama by Apostle Norman Lyles. It is a way to become Low and Humble in order to become High in His Sight. So that The Spirit of Truth will lead us one and all to Hear that Small Voice and Obey and be able to Hear The Loud Voice of God.

There is no other Way for Salvation to come to mankind. God is The Glory.

A Servant of God The Father, an Elect Lady of Jesus Christ, I send my Love and Prayers to all. Amen!

Special Notices

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our dear Brother Gwinn Naderhoff of Texas.

We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you. May God Bless! The Editor

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Branden Dreher** and **Joy Ellen Draves** (daughter of Leonard and Ellen Draves) on their marriage of June 7, 2010 and **Ryan Evans** and **Jessica Ray** (daughter of Gary and Thresa Ray) on their marriage of June 13, 2010 and **Randi Grammer** and **BJ Ray** (son of Thresa and Gary Ray) on their marriage of July 31, 2010. (*Joy Ellen, Jessica and BJ are grandchildren of William A. and Ruby J. Draves*), and **Krystal Snow** (*great granddaughter of William A. and Ruby J. Draves*) and **Ryan Wetzel** on their marriage of October 30, 2010. May God Bless you all as you start your life together.

A Prayer For Our Troops

'Lord, Hold our Troops in your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for *The Selfless Acts* they Perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

Message 69:11

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

Message 84:6-8

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

God is Love. My Message is one of Love. Keep the Mellowing Spirit in your hearts, Many are moved by The Power of God. Many have been Touched by The Spirit of The Lord. Many Represent Christ and are ready for This Work. They that are for us are not against us.

I bring The Authority and Trust. I give The Opening of The Way for The Flow of God to come unto mankind. I have given The Holy Priesthood after The Order Of God, after The Order of His Son. This Authority was Given and Relayed on unto The Church and The Ministry of The Church Of Christ, The Church with my Message, The Elijah Message, ordained in 1829 upon the heads of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and reiterated a hundred years later to Otto Fetting, an Apostle in The Remnant The Lord had Preserved on The Temple Lot.'

