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"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost," 1 Nephi 3:187

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## One Moment

One moment with Jesus  
To see His dear face,  
One moment to kneel  
His dear feet to embrace;  
One moment to hear  
His sweet voice say-  
"Draw here unto me,  
From the world come away."  
One moment with Jesus  
No veil inbetween  
Is more precious than ought  
That the world's ever seen.  
One moment to feel the  
Kind touch of His hand;  
One moment in the glow  
Of His smile, just to stand;  
More precious than treasures  
Of fortune or fame,  
Than favors of honor-  
Renown of good name;  
One moment more precious  
Than all the world's gold,  
The delight of being His  
Has ne'er all been told.  
Though trials beset us,  
Though 'just wants' we may miss  
One moment with Jesus  
Is worth all of this!

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## EDITORIAL

### LOVE AND HATE

Having a well established basis of reasoning--that which gives us a sense of direction and purpose-- is very important in our pursuit of eternal life. If we look to the word of God, we can obtain a general knowledge of good and evil which, if applied to our lives, can develop in us a perfect attitude toward God, our fellowman, ourselves and all situations that we face. We can establish within our senses, both mentally and spiritually, a basic sense of right and wrong (good and evil) that will make us stable and secure when the world about us is being overthrown with deception.

The main topic of religion today is love. Love seems to be the answer to all problems. Yet with all that is being proclaimed about love, there seems to be certain elements of truth that are missing. By definition, we are made to think that love is to be the singular and total emotion that we are to feel. It is to fill us so completely that we do not have to discern or react to the wrongs that regularly confront us.

If we turn to the scriptures we will find that there is an opposition to all things (2 Nephi 1:80, 81). Just as evil is an opposite to good, so is hate an opposite to love. However, it might be surprising to learn that hate is a feeling that we are commanded to have just the same as we are commanded to love. The right and wrong of the matter is determined by what we hate.

We cannot love what we hate, neither can we hate what we love. But we can control our feelings of hate the same as we can control our feelings of love.

First of all let us understand that we are not to hate people, for we are told that we are to love all people, even our enemies. This is very difficult to do unless we learn the true basis of our love. As God has shown mercy and love to mankind through His Only Begotten Son, so should we extend our love to all mankind in the hope that we all might be saved.

Our general feelings of appreciation and love is to be directed toward that which is good and of God. Hate, on the other hand, is to be directed toward that which is evil and of the devil. The instruction given through Amos, the prophet, is very plain: "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate." Amos 5:14, 15

To position us a little more, we can look to some of the scriptural examples. Sin, which is closely associated with evil, is an opposite to obedience to God, i.e. the keeping of God's commandments. One such example is the counsel that Alma gave to his son, Heleman, when he instructed him to teach the people to have "...an everlasting hatred against sin and iniquity." Alma 17:65

On another occasion Ammon referred to certain ones

who laid down their lives rather than to take up arms against their brethren "... because of their love, and of their hatred to sin." Alma 14:122 Alma also described some who were called and ordained to the priesthood as having been sanctified by the Holy Ghost, that they "... could not look upon sin, save it were with abhorrence." Alma 10:4

If such strong dislikes toward sin seem a little strange to us, its because we have become conditioned to the attitudes of the world. Wherever we come in contact with the general public, we have exposed to us an environment that is very tolerant toward sin. Unless we have a true comprehension of what is right and what is wrong, we can easily become indifferent to the moral strictness of God's laws, and consequently become deceived.

There are scriptures that describe the influence of the modern world that we confront. The deliberate efforts to mislabel good and evil that we see in the entertainment media--television, movies, magazines, books, etc.--as well as the general behavior and attitude of peoples in the common walk of life, fulfills a scriptural statement in Isaiah 5:20: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

When we realize that the Lord does not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance (Alma 21:18) and that He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), we are caused to wonder at how long His patience will last with this people as they continue to turn the standard of right and wrong upside down. Malachi 2:17 describes their attitude perfectly: "Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?"

A fundamental truth that seems to be missing from the general philosophy of this modern society is that our attitude toward God is governed and evidenced by how we feel toward good and evil. David gives us a simple commandment: "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." Psalms 97:10 Jesus tells us how distinct and absolute our choice must be: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24

We of the Church of Christ are standing on the pinnacle of choice. We should know that trying to avoid the choice between a definite good or evil, as far as our way of life is concerned, can result in a total rejection by the Lord: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Revelation 5:15,16

Our choice, however, is not to be made in desperation although we feel great urgency in what we are facing. Our choice must be determined by what we really feel.

We must know how we feel and why. We must uncover our most concealed desires and determine if they are good or evil.

One of the most plain and precious writings on this subject is found in the Book of Mormon by Mormon himself. First he tells us the sources of good and evil: "Wherefore, all things which are good, cometh of God; and that which is evil, cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that which is evil continually." Moroni 7:10

Then he tells us of the persuasions of good as compared to evil, cautioning us not to misjudge good or evil: "But behold, that which is of God, inviteth and enticeth to do continually; wherefore, everything which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God. Wherefore take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God, to be of the devil." Ibid 11, 12.

The inevitable question is answered in the next four verses: How can we know for sure what is good and what is evil? "For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night. For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know good from evil; wherefore I shew unto you the way to judge: for everything which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge, it is of God; but whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil, for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no not one; neither doth his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him." Ibid 13-16

Mormon places the weight of responsibility on our shoulders in the next two verses, but he concludes by extending us the great hope of being the children of Christ if we judge correctly: "And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge, which light is the light of Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same judgment which ye judge, ye shall also be judged. Wherefore I beseech of you, brethren, that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ, that ye may know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a child of Christ. Ibid 17,18

A vital truth revealed in the above quotation is in the phrase, "... lay hold on every good thing." Mormon continues on that thought as he expounds the subject of faith (read the rest of the chapter, Moroni 7). The proof of the pudding, so to speak, is in that action phrase. After we have learned the lesson, the lesson must be applied if

we are to go on from point A to point B.

Although Mormon may not say so directly, his lesson on good and evil can be considered a growth process--growing favorably toward God as the source of good, and developing a distinct disfavor or the devil, the source of evil. As we embrace that which is good, we acquaint ourselves with the Person of God. Conversely as we are enticed by evil, and learn the sorrow of sin, we get an insight to that dreaded state to which the devil and his angels are confined.

Our choice, therefore, is made by our reaction to good and evil, which in reality indicates directly our reaction to God and Satan. Our reaction to good is evidenced by our appreciation of good, realizing that all good things that we have experienced and known in this life have come from God.

However, as we react in thanksgiving and praise to God for His goodness, we are not completely developed in the fulness of reaction and expression if we are not repelled by the evil that comes our way. We must abhor sin and indicate our disfavor of the wrongs that are continually flaunted in the faces of this people if we truly

love God and hope to be numbered among His children.

Therefore, if we want to prove that we love God, we must commit ourselves to Him. Committing ourselves to God is committing ourselves to those unfailing qualities of goodness that are exemplified in the person of Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of God. Those qualities are recounted for us in the written word of God which is preserved as a guide for our lives. Through the medium of the Holy Spirit we learn the value of each quality of His righteousness by applying it to ourselves. In turn we establish in our minds a sense of good and evil which places us on the side of good forever more, and makes us a willing defender for the standard of truth. We are by choice an opponent of the devil and all evil.

We prove our love to God by the kind of life we live, and we live the right kind of life by obeying the commandments of Christ. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." John 14:21

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## CHRIST — IN TYPE AND IN REALITY

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When the people of Isreal murmured for water Moses was told to strike the rock and water would come forth. He obeyed God's command, struck the rock and water came forth. I think the rock was a type of the rock of our salvation and the water was a type of the living water that would spring forth.

The second time the people murmured for water Moses was told to speak to the rock, because Christ was only smitten once, and this was another type of Christ. He was not to strike the rock again because Christ was not struck again. But Moses didn't obey the command of the Lord, he became angry and he struck the rock and said, "Here you rebels, there is water from the rock." The Lord was angry with Moses because he believed him not, to sanctify him in the eyes of the people. I hope that only Christ will be sanctified in anything that I say.

I will read a few verses from the Galatian letter to give us an understanding of why we have to be so careful when we stand behind this sacred desk. Paul was mindful of certain perversions that had crept in, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:6-8. Oh how careful we have to be that we don't preach another gospel. I pray that what I bring to you may be that message which was given all through the

ages by God's messengers, prophets and all those properly appointed to bring the word to mankind.

We of the Church of Christ, have come together to worship, that church which was restored by God through an angel in 1830; restored to the earth again. Many people don't understand what Joseph Smith did when he received the revelation. He did not establish a new church in the sense that many people begin a new church. Joseph Smith received an angelic message from God telling him that THE church had to be restored to the earth again, to bring back the everlasting gospel in its purity; the same gospel that had been brought in ages past had to be brought back to the earth, and that is the gospel that we are to preach.

In the sixth century, I believe it was, the church began to drift away from the teachings of God. The church alienated itself from God's teachings and there ceased to be communication from God to the church. Men began to set themselves up in their own teachings. Hurlbut's History of the Church tells us that within a hundred years of the time of the Apostles, the church was scarcely recognizable as the same organization that had been established by Christ, through the Apostles.

There came a time spoken of by Amos, in chapter 8:11, where he foretells that there would be a famine in the land, not a famine of bread or causing a thirst for water, but a famine of the hearing of the word of the Lord. It was that period spoken of by Isaiah in 60:2-3, which says that there would be a darkness cover the land, and gross darkness cover the people.

1830 was the end of that period when the church was to be in the wilderness. We take our starting point from 570 A.D. because that is the time that Ecclesiastical Rome stood as all powerful with the Pope issuing decrees from Rome. 1260 days, or (1260 years) is the prophetic terminology used in the scriptures that the church was to be in the wilderness. A time, times (plural), and a dividing of time, a year of days = 360 days, double = 720, and divided = 180 all of which adds up to the same period of 1260 which was the length of time the church was to be in the wilderness receiving her direction from satan; which from 570 A.D. brings us to 1830.

The commission of the Latter Day church when Joseph Smith and others were called was the same as when Christ was on the earth and gave his commission to his appointed Apostles and others to preach the gospel. What is the meaning of the word gospel? Many tell us that it simply means God's story about the Redeemer, about Christ (the English word coming from the Anglo-Saxon word godspel which meant good-tidings) coming to redeem mankind. But I think the gospel is more than just the story of Christ. I like Paul's definition of the gospel much better. In Romans 1:16, Paul says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. The power of God to save men's souls. It's God's power; the power is not vested in you or I to save the human soul, it's God's power. I like that definition. In 1 Thesalonians 1:5, he says, "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; . . ." That's exactly what I was saying, it didn't come in word only because the word, the mouth to mouth word of the Redeemer came down through time when the power of God was taken away. Here is power, the power of God made manifest.

In Mark 9:1, Jesus says that there would be some that would not taste of death until they saw the kingdom of God come with power. After the resurrection of Christ there was such a great power there that they said they turned the whole world upside-down with their preaching. These men who had been weak and afraid to testify of Christ were so convinced after the resurrection that they went out boldly and spoke before kings, prelates and magistrates about Christ who had been crucified and resurrected from the grave. In the 4th chapter of Luke we read that people were astonished at his doctrine and his word was with power. If the word isn't with power it's empty. When I was young we went to the Tabernacle, and would sing a beautiful song. I wish I could sing good; I would sing it to you. "There's power, power, wondrous working power in the precious blood of the Lamb."

We read that the word of God is like a two edged sword, piercing asunder. That is the power of God's word in our lives; it changes men's lives. I suppose I

should say men, women and children. John 1:12 says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. . . ." The power was given to each individual to so construct his life and accept the teachings of Christ that he become able to become a son of God, an heir with Christ. ". . . even to them that believe on his name."

1 Corinthians 4:20, says, "For the kingdom of heaven is not in word, but in power." It is the power of God unto salvation. There's no other way that salvation can come to the hearts of men, the souls of men. There's no other provision under heaven whereby men can be saved only through the precious name of Christ and his blood shed for us. The followers of Christ were weak. The scriptures tell us that only one of the Apostles was at the crucifixion. After Christ was crucified, Peter said, "Well I'm going fishing," as much as to say, "It's all over, there's nothing to it after all, I guess." But the resurrection was such a fact that it changed their lives completely, and those, as I said, that were timid and afraid now were completely turned around.

There were two men that were studying law at the Harvard University that were sent to the Holy Land to do a thesis proving that the resurrection had never taken place. They came back and collaborated on a book. The title of the book was, "The Book That Could Not Be Written." They could not disprove the resurrection of Christ.

We probably can't comprehend how this atonement which Christ made could wash away the sins that we have committed. But it's through the obedience to the commandments of God; that's the way it had to be done all down through the Old Testament. They had to bring the lamb or goat without blemish and offer it as a blood offering. If any family was too poor to have a lamb they could bring two doves, but there had to be the shedding of blood. And Christ was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world for you and for me according to the prophecies all through the scripture.

About seven hundred years before it happened Isaiah prophesied that this Messiah would come into the world, that he would be wounded for our transgressions, he would be bruised for our iniquities; the iniquity of us all was laid on him. And when our Lord was crucified between two thieves on that rugged cross of Calvary he took our place so that our souls could be redeemed.

In Romans 3:23, we're told that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. All mankind have sinned and come short of the glory of God. So we need the Savior, this Christ who died on the cross for you and me. In Romans 6:23, we read that the wages of sin is death, so there's no other way but to come under the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for us.

Christ knew no sin. He was the lamb without spot or blemish, dying a substitutionary death for us. He gave his head for that crown of thorns for you and me. When they spit upon his face he yielded his face for you and me. He

said that he could have gotten twelve legions of angels to come to his rescue, but he opened not his mouth, he just let them do with him what they willed. When they beat him with the whip he took it for you and for me.

In the garden of Gethsemane he prayed that God would let that cup be removed from him, yet, he said, nevertheless, not my will but Thy will be done. He knew the terrible anguish that he was going to go through. They plunged the spear into his side and out came blood and water. You and I, because we are sinners deserved that spear, but he took it for us. He gave his hands and feet to the spikes to be driven through, for you and for me. And he shed his blood for us because without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins; so his blood, the perfect sacrifice, was shed for you and me.

The great sacrifice he made was the ultimate gift of love. Greater love hath no man. Oh what love! God gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have life everlasting. How happy we should be that that's not the end of the story. Jesus was resurrected. He came forth in newness of life for you and for me. He was the first fruits; he rose again! If we don't believe that, we are of all men most miserable. It says in the Corinthian letter, "If Christ be preached that he rose from the dead how say some among you that there is no resurrection from the dead." There were many there that were doubters. "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen; And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." 1 Corinthians 15:12-17.

If you haven't accepted the blood atonement of Jesus Christ, you are yet in your sins, according to Paul. He says, in the Hebrew letter, Chapter 7:25, "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." He is making intercession for you. As we come together for the sacrament, we humble ourselves before God acknowledging that we have done things that have been displeasing in his sight. And I often hear us refer to ourselves in our prayers as unworthy creatures that we are; we acknowledge that we are weak, that we're sinful, that we're prone to do things that are not pleasing to God. Every one of us do, but if we come with humble hearts, if we come in obedience and desire to serve him, he's ever willing to make intercession for us. And he makes intercession for us. He became our Advocate. An Advocate is as one's lawyer, he pleads one's case for them. The requirement is that we come in humility, in faith, repentant and willing to be obedient.

It was John the Baptist that did the first preaching in that dispensation of the gospel of Christ. We read in Mark 1:1, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ,

the Son of God;" We know that that was not the beginning of the gospel; it was the beginning of that dispensation of the gospel. The Bible tells us that the gospel was preached to Abraham, and if we go to the Inspired Version we find that the gospel was preached to Adam. So it has to be that in that dispensation the gospel was first preached by John.

One night a Pharisee by the name of Nicodemus, came to Jesus, and he said, "We know that you are a man from God, for nobody can do the things you do except God be with him." And Jesus perceived the thoughts that were in his heart and he said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven." Nicodemus was a reasoning man, a thoughtful man, and he said, "How can I be born again when I am old? How can a man be born again when he is old, can he be born again by the natural method of entering his mother's womb and coming forth new?" And Jesus said, "Except a man be born of the water and the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." You notice it says water and the Spirit. It can be any water, but it is the Spirit of God that is required.

There were certain requirements for entering into the Spiritual Kingdom, just as there were requirements for the people of Isreal to escape from Egypt. All things in the Old Testament were types of things to come. When Isreal was in Egypt God saw their sufferings and Moses was sent to lead them out. When Pharaoh continued to refuse to let them go God sent that last terrible plague, and he told Moses that every family was to kill a lamb without blemish, and if any family was too poor they could go to the house of another family. They were to be prepared to move in the morning, but at night they were to put the blood on the doorpost, over the top and on the side and the avenging angel would pass over and not destroy the firstborn because of the blood on the doorpost. A type of the blood which was to be shed on Calvary. It was a requirement. If they hadn't done it the avenging angel would have slain the firstborn of that family too.

Later on when the people of Isreal were traveling through the wilderness, they became rebellious. The Lord sent fiery serpents among them and some were bitten, and were in agony. Moses went to the Lord, and the Lord said, "Make a brass serpent and put it on a stock and hold it up and anybody that will look upon that will be healed." Jesus referred to this when he talked with Nicodemus, he said, just as the snake was lifted up in the wilderness so would he be lifted up. It was a type of looking to the blood of Christ that was shed for them. But they had to look. It was a very simple thing, just to look. But you know, some of them were so rebellious that they would not look. They would rather suffer than to look.

We think about Naaman, a great captain of the Syrian army who had leprosy. The King of Syria sent him down to see Elisha because a little servant girl said, Oh, if my lord could only go down to Isreal he could be healed of

his leprosy. How humiliating it was that when he got there Elisha didn't even come out of his house to see him but sent a servant to say, that if the King's servant will go down and dip seven times in the river Jordon he will be healed. How offended Naaman was. He had brought camels laden with gifts for the prophet in return for his healing, and he rebelled against dipping in the dirty Jordon river. He determined to go home, the rivers of Damascus were much cleaner than the muddy Jordon. All he had to do was to be obedient. The little servant girl said, If he had asked you to do some grand thing wouldnt you have done it? If he had asked for all the things you brought in the caravan you would have given them to him wouldn't you? But all he has asked is that you be obedient and go dip in the river seven times. And so he finally did. And he was healed.

I think of the blind man that came to Jesus and asked to be healed of his blindness. Jesus spat on the ground making clay out of the spittle and the dirt and put it on the blind man's eyes, and said, go and wash over there in the pool of Siloam and you'll be able to see. What an act of humility was asked of him; how would you feel if that happened to you. Yet all it was, was an act of obedience. Do what I say and you will be healed.

If Nicodemus was to be born of the spiritual kingdom of God, he had to do what Jesus told him to do, nothing wavering; he had to be spiritually reborn. Christ gave that command and he gave the same command to all those that follow after him.

Christ called certain ones. In John 15:16, he said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you..." God chooses whom he will send out. Today, as the Book of Mormon says, many build up churches to get gain, which is the cause of so much misunderstanding; they don't understand the scriptures.

When Stephen spoke to the Jews about the prophecies and the promises relating to Christ they became angry and stoned him. Yet he told them nothing more than what they already knew. The Ethiopian was reading from the book of Isaiah but he didn't understand until Philip, an appointed minister of Christ, was told to attach himself to the chariot and explain the scripture he was reading. And when it was explained the eunich said, what doth hinder me from being baptized. Here's much water. And he was baptized by Philip.

You all know the testimony of Paul when he was told to go to Damascus, and Ananias was sent to him. Ananias was a prepared vessel but he was afraid of this man Paul, who had persecuted the members of the church. But he was told to be fearless, that Paul was a man chosen of God. And when Ananias laid his hands on Paul's head telling him that Jesus had sent him that Paul might receive his sight, great scales fell from Paul's eyes, and he received his sight, and arose and was baptized.

In the 10th chapter of Acts is the story of Cornelius, a devout man who prayed always and gave alms, one that feared God. But he didn't know about Jesus, nor

understand about the atonement through his blood. God prepared both Peter and Cornelius by angelic messengers, and they were brought together. Peter preached Christ to them, whereby they might be saved.

But we find some in the 19th chapter of Acts who had baptized not having authority. When Paul came through there he asked them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since you believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Then Paul baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus and when he had laid his hands upon them they received the Holy Ghost.

So what is baptism? Baptism is an act of humility before God. It's a willingness to obey God's command, and again it's a type, just as we see all through the scriptures. We read in the Roman letter the most beautiful explanation of what baptism is for, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4.

If we've been planted together in the likeness of his death, we're risen now with Christ out of the waters of baptism. We've accepted the blood atonement that he gave: the blood he shed, the persecution he endured, the slapping of his face, the crown of thorns, the sword in his side. All that he endured for us, and we accept that as a substitutionary death, so then he says we are risen with Christ.

In the Colossian letter we read, chapter 3:1, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, ..." We're told, as a man thinketh so is he. So after the baptism, after the acceptance of the atonement, then we grow in grace. Look for those things that are above, don't look for earthy things. As we put sinful things away from us we create room for the Holy Spirit to come in and fill us with that desire to serve God, to "seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." verses 1 & 2

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." verse 16. That's why we gather together on Sunday and on Wednesday night for prayer, hymns and testimony, to edify one another in Christ, to sanctify and glorify his name and to draw ourselves closer to him. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father by him.



We never test the resources of God until we attempt the impossible. It is only when the dark comes down that the stars shine.

# CROSS ROADS

## IGNORANCE IS BLISS

Terms such as "ignorance is bliss" and "what you don't know can't hurt you" are passed around daily. In fact, most people probably accept them as truisms, because in some applications they may be true. However, ignorance is not a blissful thing when it is referred to the Gospel of Christ. What you don't know about the gospel can't save you either.

Lately I have encountered what you might call three categories of young members and prospective members of the Church of Christ.

1. Those who have a basic knowledge of what's in the Bible and Book of Mormon and can discuss almost any related topic with some degree of scriptural understanding.
2. Those who have knowledge of certain doctrinal issues, but don't possess a working knowledge of the scriptures.
3. Those who have not been taught or have not learned an appreciable amount concerning any topic of the gospel nor possess a working knowledge of the scriptures.

With these categories in mind picture a curve or a graph. In the first part there will be very few young people, in the second part you will find more, maybe twice as many as in part one, and in the third category will reside the largest number of young people. I hope I am mistaken concerning these figures, but if I am not what an alarming situation has arisen! Why does this ignorance exist among a group of people possessing the fullness of the gospel?

I could probably continue in this negative vein and offer a few reasons why this has been allowed to happen, but I won't. Instead I'll relate an experience I had in the

home of my parents. For as long as I can remember we had family prayer before we went to bed. When the two oldest of us three kids could begin to understand the scriptures we began having studies before family prayer. (I was eight or nine and Marjorie was six or seven.) My father took us through the scriptures at a snail's pace and became very redundant at times explaining different passages. There were times when these studies bored me and I wished I was someplace else, but I was forced to sit, read, and listen. These lessons continued till I left home. (I was around twenty years of age.) We had studied through the Bible and Book of Mormon.

After I left home I wandered and became lost in the ways of the world. This was despite the training I had received. I truly learned that sin is misery and never was happiness. However, I was not able to walk away from my conscience or the knowledge of the scriptures my parents had instilled in me. When I awoke to the terribleness of my situation I remembered the Spirit of God that had had a place in me and I knew where to turn to. There are many who have gone through the same cycle as I and without instruction in the formative years could have been lost, never finding the true Gospel of Christ.

I really don't like writing about this subject so I'll just make one more point and close. If I ever have any children (souls entrusted to parents by God) I couldn't stand to watch them leave my care and enter forbidden paths... especially if I hadn't fulfilled by responsibilities by providing them with the training and instruction that they so deserve.

*Your Brother in Christ,  
Larry Sarratt*

## AUTUMN

A forest path covered with autumn's  
Colorful array of leaves.  
God's creatures scurrying about in  
their winter preparations.  
The sun's warm rays taking the chill  
from the November breeze.  
Trees standing bare with bird nests  
cradled in their branches.  
Needles from scattered pines display  
themselves in brown mats.  
Clouds seem to rotate in a never

ending circle.  
The sky remains in its ever present,  
painted look of blue.  
These creations will remain as described  
for only a short while.  
They will give way to the cycle of  
seasons and colors.  
Only to return again to take their  
place in nature's masterpiece of  
flora and fauna exhibits.

*-- Mikeal Payne*



## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We thank you God for all you've done.  
 For blessings bestowed upon us.  
 For your only begotten son.  
 We thank you God for your love.  
 For each and every new day.  
 For all we have, a debt we cannot repay.  
 We thank you God for the mercy shown.

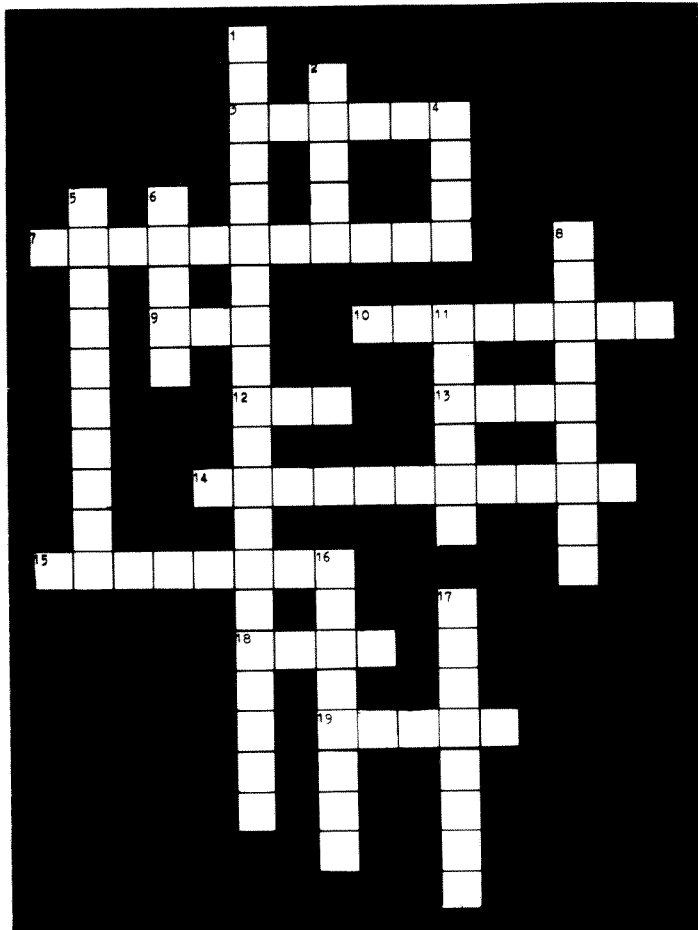
For your book of life, the Bible.  
 For your Church, and its Disciples  
 We thank you God for life Salvation.  
 For the chance to meet that final day.  
 For the wisdom to be saved. Amen.

--Mikeal Payne

## A RESTORATION CROSSWORD PUZZLE

by G. Jesse Adams

As the name implies, this puzzle is meant for readers who are handy with the Book of Mormon as well as the Bible. In addition to that, you may also need the help of a Smith's Bible Dictionary. Well, good luck. I hope you learn as much working this as I did making it. By the way, for you seasoned crossword nuts, next time I make one of these I won't let you off so easy. (Answers on page 15)



### ACROSS

3. One of the books of the Bible.
7. The beginning and the end.
9. Unto us a \_\_\_\_\_ is given. Isa. 9:6
10. Translates into: God with us. Isa. 7:14
12. "\_\_\_\_\_ the truth, and sell it not; ..." Prov. 23:23
13. To redeem from sin. Matt. 1:21
14. Secret societies which aided evil doings. Ether 3:92
15. Son and successor of King Solomon.
18. Be this to other people and you will be blessed.
19. The wife of Abraham.

### DOWN

1. The 12th book of the Bible.
2. The fourteenth book of the Book of Mormon.
4. "The love of money is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all evil." I Tim 6:10
5. Change; turning away from sin.
6. Seeds, or grain. Dan. 1:12-16
8. "... things which are hid must be revealed upon the \_\_\_\_\_." Mormon 2:35
11. Nephite king and seer. Approx. 200 B.C.
16. Eldest son of Joseph. Gen. 41:51
17. A state of happiness, rest, and peace for the righteous. Alma 19:44

## LIVE AS IF JESUS WERE COMING TODAY

*Drawn from a sermon by Elder Arlo Gould*

I'm going to read a poem, I've read it before, a few weeks ago, but will read it again, if I can do so without getting too emotional.

Today, upon a bus, I saw  
A lovely maid with golden hair,  
I envied her, she seemed so gay,  
And I wished I were so fair.  
When suddenly she rose to leave,  
I saw her hobble down the aisle;  
She had one foot, and used a crutch,  
But as she passed, she had a smile.

Oh, God forgive me when I whine;  
I have two feet, the world is mine.

Then, as I passed along the way,  
I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
He stood and watched the others play;  
It seemed he knew not what to do.  
I stopped for a moment, then I said,  
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"  
He looked ahead without a word,  
And then I knew he could not hear.

Oh, God forgive me when I whine;  
I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,  
With ears to hear what I would know,  
I'm blessed indeed.  
The world is mine.  
Oh, God forgive me when I whine.

-- *Author Unknown*

I think sometimes that I whine, that I'm a complainer when I feel from time to time, 'why does this happen to me'. Last January as I lay on the operating table, I cried out in my soul, "Oh God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Then... "I've never really done much for you, so why should I expect that you should do for me?" Later, I learned and realized that He had not forsaken me.

I'm going to read from another clipping...

### TODAY MAY BE THE DAY

Some years ago, a tourist passed by a beautiful garden. A friendly gardener opened the gate and showed him the grounds, which the elderly man kept in perfect order. The tourist asked him why he kept the gardens so beautiful.

"Because the Master is coming," the gardener

answered. The tourist asked when the owner had last been there.

"Twelve years ago."

"Does he ever write to you?"

"No!" the gardener leaned against his hoe.

"From where do you get your instructions?"

"From his son. I'm almost always alone, though."

"But I observe that you keep the garden in such fine condition, just as if you expect him, your Master, to come tomorrow."

The old gardener promptly replied, "Today, sir, today!"

Mark 13:13 "Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the Master of the house will come, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning:

"Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping."

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch."

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That is an example of how we each should live our lives; as though we expected the Master to come... Today!

I'm going to read just one verse from the scripture, 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

"If my people, who are called by my name..."--that includes us, doesn't it? We're called the Church of Christ, aren't we? We're called by his name. Is this what the Lord would say to us?--that we need to humble ourselves; that we need to pray more; that we do not seek him sufficiently in the manner in which we live our lives as well as in prayer.

"And turn from their wicked ways;..." Oh, we don't think we have any wicked ways, do we? We admit we have faults, but we don't think they are wicked. Where is the fine line between that which is not right to that which is wrong to that which is wicked?

"Then..." if the people who are called by his name, do this, "... I will hear from heaven, ..." do we need him to listen when we cry, to heed our pleas? "... and will forgive their sin, ..." have we sins that still need forgiving, those faults we spoke of? "And will heal their land." What would it be like to dwell in a land healed of all its wrongs; physical, moral, spiritual -- a land in which there is no iniquity or inequality? Only those who heed this admonition will ever know.

## TEST YOURSELF

by Ron Temple

We are all missionaries for the Lord. We do not need to be in the ministry to bring souls to Christ. To be a missionary we need to know certain working beliefs, the historical and biblical basis for this church, and where scriptures supporting Christ's doctrines can be found. Take the following self-scoring test to see how much knowledge you have of these things. There is one or more correct choices for each question. Determine your score by taking all the correct answers and subtracting the number of wrong answers. (Answers on page 15)

The following are multiple choice. Select the correct answer or answers for each question.

1. Christ's mission here on earth was  A. to save those who were lost through sin  B. to destroy the works of the Devil  C. to destroy death and hell  D. to send the sinners to hell
  2. Where do the righteous go when they die?  
A. Heaven  B. Paradise  C. The Prison House  D. Limbo  E. The grave
  3. The father of the American Indian is  A. Ephraim  B. Manasseh  C. Judah  D. Esau
  4. This country is  A. Joseph's land  B. Israel  C. The Promised Land  D. The land where Ephraim and Manasseh would be rejoined
  5. The Lamanites are  A. Descendants of Joseph who had the coat of many colors  B. Ancestors of the American Indian  C. A race of people that was completely wiped out  D. A group of people who were taken captive from Jerusalem just before the birth of Christ
  6. The Church of Christ was established in  A. 1830  B. 1844  C. 1868  D. 1914
  7. The person or people at the head of Christ's church on earth should be  A. The President  B. The Elders  C. The 12 Apostles  D. The Prophet  E. The High Priests
  8. We do not believe in the office of High Priest because  A. The duties of the High Priest no longer exist  B. Christ, when He was sacrificed on the cross, did away with the office  C. It was an office that never should have existed  D. A revelation to Joseph Smith did away the office
  9. We will be punished for  A. The sin of Adam  B. Our own sin  C. The sins of our parents  D. We are not accountable for our sins. God's grace will be enough to save us.
  10. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. . . ." (Mat 16:18) This Rock upon which Christ will build His church is  A. Peter  B. The knowledge of Christ through revelation  C. The Holy Ghost  D. Mount Zion
  11. The Book of Commandments is  A. Completely contained in the Doctrine and Covenants with no changes  B. Completely contained in the Doctrine and Covenants, but the Doctrine and Covenants has been altered from the original in many important respects  C. An expanded version of the Doctrine and Covenants  D. Contains all the important revelations given to the church from before 1830 down through 1914.
  12. The "a thousand two hundred and threescore days" mentioned in the 12th chapter of Revelation refers to  A. 1260 years in which the church would be in apostacy  B. Three and one half years in which there will be great destruction on the earth.  C. The three and one half years of Christ's ministry  D. The Millenial Reign of Christ plus the Little Season
- (NOTE: Question 13-15 refer to the same period of time mentioned in #12)
13. Where else is that period of time mentioned?  
 A. Matthew 24  B. Isaiah 52  C. Malachi 3  D. Daniel 7
  14. What is the starting point of that period of time?  
 A. at the second coming of the Lord  B. after the coming Great Destruction  C. at the death of Christ on the cross  D. at the birth of Christ  E. When Christ was about 30 years old  F. About 570 A.D., at the fall of the Roman Empire
  15. What is the ending point of that period of time?  
 A. 2000 A.D.  B. Some years before 2000 A.D. (And except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved: But for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Matthew 24:22)  C. about 30 A.D.  D. about 4 B.C.  E. 1830
  16. The great image from a dream interpreted by Daniel in the second chapter of Daniel refers to  A. great nations one following the other that were to rule the earth  B. God, ready to bring His wrath down on the wicked people on the earth.  C. the devil, ready to war against the Saints  D. the great nations that were on the earth at that time, all ready to go at war against each other
  17. When is salvation secured in the Kingdom of Heaven?  
 A. when a person first believes and accepts Jesus as his personal Saviour  B. at baptism when a person

- receives the Holy Ghost  C just after death when a person meets Jesus if he has endured to the end  
D. after the resurrection
18. Where in the Bible do we find the evidence of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon?  A Ezekiel 37  
B. Matthew 24 C. Isaiah 29 D. Revelation 12
19. The "two sticks" spoken of in the Bible refer to  
A. the Mosaic Law and the Gospel Law B. the Old Testament and New Testament of the Bible  
 C. the Bible and the Book of Mormon D. the Gentiles and the Jews
20. The name of Israel was passed on down from Jacob to  
A. Judah (Father of the Jews) B. Reuben, his oldest son  
 C. Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph D. Jesus
21. Verse 44 of the second chapter of Daniel states, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." The kingdom mentioned there was, or is, to be set up  
A. When the European Common Market reaches ten members representing ten toes of the great image  
 B. in 1830 A.D.  
C. sometime just before 2000 A.D. D. When the ten nations of Europe, representing the ten toes of the great image, plus the nations represented by the rest of the body all, are all nations at the same time.
22. When Christ sets up Zion, it's center will be located in  
 A. Independence, MO B. Jerusalem C. Heaven  
D. Nobody knows for sure
23. To become a member of the Church of Christ one must  
A. be baptized by the recognized ministry of any established church and sign a set of transfer papers  
 B. be baptized only by those ministry in the Church of Christ who are authorized to do so  
C. sign a church registration form D. come to 3 church meetings
24. To hold a priesthood office in the Church of Christ one must  
A. attend a seminary for at least one year B. apply for the office and upon acceptance of a majority of the members from any local, he will be appointed to that office  
 C. be called by God through revelation and be ordained under the hands of the elders D. apply for the office and upon acceptance by a majority of the ministry of the church, he will be appointed to that office.
25. What is the purpose of the laying on of hands?  
 A. conferring the gift of the Holy Ghost  B. ordination of ministry  
 C. blessing little children  D. healing the sick
26. The descendants of Ephraim are  
A. unknown  
 B. mixed among the nations C. the American Indians  
D. Asian nations
27. The descendants of Manasseh are  
A. unknown  
B. mixed among the nations  
 C. the American Indians D. Asian nations

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## COLLINS LOCAL NEWS

It's all dark and cloudy here today. The wind is coming up, the thunder is rumbling and it's raining. Days like this make me feel -- well, sort of special. I'm all warm and dry here in the house, I've had extra time to read and think about our God and the plan He has for us. Rainy days tend to slow me down and make me think and be thankful.

The month of October has been a full month for us here in Collins. Brother Allen Kauffman gave his first sermon October 9th. He spoke on the basics of Christianity -- the six principles of the gospel. He said these principles are what it takes to save your soul. He also gave a personal testimony on how God had worked with him throughout his life and brought him to the place where he is today.

The following Sunday was our dinner day and Brother Tony Grizincic of Independence was our guest speaker. Allen and I weren't here as we were visiting at Cowgill, Missouri. I know we missed a fine sermon because Brother Grizincic has such a way of reaching you, whether you're

2 or 82. I'd like for all those who are in the visiting ministry program to know how very much they are appreciated. We, here at Collins, look forward to their visits each month. It's a good way to share the gospel and to keep in touch with the other locals as well as to get to know one another a little better.

October 22nd was the first day of the Collins Rally. It opened with a prayer service conducted by Brother Allen Kauffman and Brother Oren Caviness.

Brother John Jones was the speaker for the 11:00 A.M. service. He told us he came to put us in remembrance. He spoke of God as our King and told how He set up His government and how He chooses His officers and puts in force His laws.

Brother Arthur Smith was our Saturday evening speaker. His text was taken from Romans 1:16,17. He said we have a message to present to the world. It is something very valuable and should be presented with a certain amount of zeal and enthusiasm. The most precious thing you can have is the assurance that Christ is your Savior.

Brother Gus Swegler and Brother Jack Martin were in charge of the Sunday morning prayer service. It was an especially warm service. More people were able to attend and seemed happy to take part.

Brother Roland Sarratt was the 11:00 A.M. speaker. He told us that we are at a time of testing all doctrines and truths. He asked the question, of what importance is our existence in this time? What is your testimony as to how you come to be in this Church of Christ? God has called you out. It is a great honor to be chosen of Christ. We should be humbled. God has called us to a high place. Will we, by our own choice, take a lesser place? We must have the confidence that this work will continue to the completion of God's will. Speaking of the ministry, he said, we, like Christ, should take upon us all the more the form of a servant -- humble. The devil will work as long as he can to destroy this church. We cannot fear man more than God or we shall become pleasers of man rather than God. How do we improve our righteousness? Look to Christ's standard.

Brother Allen Kauffman gave the final sermon of the rally. He said he was going to remind us of what had already been said. He told us his sermon had already been preached, not just by the ministry, but in the testimonies and songs from the prayer services earlier. He spoke of giving your best to the Master, as the song we sing states. He said we have gifts or talents, and if we don't use them we are withholding from God.

October 30th was a very special day here at Collins as people from several locals gathered with us to witness the ordination of two of God's chosen servants. After hearing some beautiful testimonies, concerning his calling, Brother Roland Sarratt was ordained an apostle under

the hands of Apostle E. L. Yates, assisted by Apostle Don Housknecht. Immediately after, Brother Randy Sheldon was ordained a priest by Apostle E. L. Yates, assisted by Elder Joe Yates. It was a lovely service and a beautiful spirit was there that we could all bear witness to.

The Phoenix Reunion was held November 27th, 28th, and 29th. The Larry Shaw family, Leon and Francis Yates and my family was privileged to attend. We were greeted by many old friends and were blessed beyond measure during the services that were held in those three short days. Since I've been home I really haven't been able to relate much of what went on there. I don't seem to have the words. I do remember though, that we were admonished to fast and to pray for our church and our people. Also that the priesthood in the different locals should set aside times to fast and pray that they might be led of the Spirit to be of one mind in delivering the gospel and serving the people and above all, our God.

In the last sacrament meeting here in Collins it was brought out how much we NEED the membership of this local to come, take part, and share themselves with us that we might ALL grow together in the love of God. We're not strong enough to stand alone. We need one another. It was suggested that we try again to hold mid-week services over in the Preston area. Brother Dennis Yates offered his home for our first meeting. I would ask an interest in your prayers that this might be a success. Time is moving on. I pray that we won't be found as the five foolish virgins without enough oil. May God strengthen us each one, is my prayer.

Your reporter,  
Czerna Kauffman

## MINNEAPOLIS NEWS

The important intent of being with loved ones for Thanksgiving made our total snowfall of thirty inches for the month of November insignificant. Leah Ferrier and Jeannine Gould scurried up to Bemidji to bring Mike and Bethany Gould and Victoria Prescott down for the holiday. The collective Gould family's Day was hosted by the Merlin Eddys. Brother Ben Case went home to family in Independence, Missouri. The Forest Maleys were with Tom Maley, Ruth Gill, Maley cousins, Mary Lee and Richard Peterson, and their son, Robert and his wife Priscilla. Though we are never completely free of sorrows, aren't the joys precious?!

On November 20, Nana Gill sang for us with guitar accompaniment a song of praise she had written "to brighten a gloomy day." Nana is generous in sharing her talents with us. Son Ronnie sometimes joins Nana. We feel grateful and blessed by their talent offerings. The words, "Help us reinforce ourselves so that we can live in this world of sin without becoming part of it," were part of the opening prayer offered by Brother Ben Case.

Brother Tom Maley was speaker for the morning, bringing Psalm 145 to our attention. Brother Tom tells us that without the spirit of God within us we can't truly appreciate the things He is doing for us. Appreciation must be the basis of our praise of Him. How much of the work of God do we appreciate? Do we take time to talk about it to each other and to Him? If our God is only a God in time of need when we run screaming to Him for help; unless we recognize and appreciate those things we have as His gifts to us, the gifts of understanding, breath, life, the capacity to move about, ears to hear the voices of our children, the beautiful things that man cannot make, such as a spectacular iris, the heritage of family, and the heritage of church, we are not truly worshipful of Him. When you are marvelling over God's handiwork, your enjoyment of it will be increased if you take time to say, "Father, you did a good job there." He spoke of the blind-raising-of-the-hands and shouting, "praise the Lord," as empty mouthing, a psychological trick done to create false excitement. He read the entire Chapter of

Psalm 145. We quote portions:

"All Thy works shall praise Thee, O LORD: and the saints shall bless Thee. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power; to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. . . The Lord is nigh unto all of them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth." When you pray, mean it. When you teach your children to express themselves to the Lord, teach them not to just ask for their needs, but to be thankful. By so doing you will have set their faith one notch closer to God. God rewards those who "diligently seek him" -- It is important in our seeking to take time to thank Him.

Brother John Gill spoke to us about our freedom of unwalled cities. Nana often illustrates points of a sermon for John on our board which takes blue felt-tip pen drawings. She chose to illustrate helpfulness, brotherly love, and charity, all of which must be part of unwalled cities. Peoples who must have walls about their cities have already lost their freedom and cannot move about without fear. He pointed out that God rescued many of the Hmong people because of their willingness to help the American soldiers. (National Geographic has published

material about these courageous people.) Do you think of water to keep your lawn green and beautiful as a luxury and a blessing? Do you know that even prisoners in our country are fed better and have better medical care than the majority of peoples over the face of the earth? Can we observe a gradual erosion, or loss, of feelings for our neighbors? Do we value our freedom?

We pray that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords blessed your home and loved ones abundantly in spiritual ways through the Christmas season. Christmas is a spiritual time, full of not just flimsy human love, but also the Great Eternal Love, given us as a small foretaste of the life to come. The year 1984 has come careening in. Long gone are the years which were sedately "ushered in". Our prayers are for more righteous living that we may recognize and lay claim upon the Power of Almighty God, with looking to Him through diligent study of His word for the clearing of hearts and minds of hindering darkness. That God is always at work embodies our Hope for the New Year. Please remember us in your prayers.

Irene Maley, reporter



### TEST YOURSELF

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Match the following important scriptures with their location. There is only one answer for each except where indicated. All choices are not used.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Sermon on the Mount (2 choices)                                  | A. Matt. 22:37-40 or Mark 12:30-31 |
| 2. Two Great Commandments   | B. Luke 1 and 2                    |
| 3. Another angel flying in the midst of heaven . . .                | C. Galatians 5:19-26               |
| 4. Faith and works both necessary                                   | D. Mark 1 and 2                    |
| 5. "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold. . ."            | E. Matt. 5, 6, 7                   |
| 6. The Beatitudes   | F. John 1 and 2                    |
| 7. The works of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit              | G. Acts 3 and 4                    |
| 8. The Gifts of the Gospel  | H. Matt. 5:3-12                    |
| 9. The principles of the Gospel                                     | I. John 10:16                      |
| 10. Definition of Charity   | J. Revelations 14:6                |
| 11. The blessings of Israel being passed on to Ephraim and Manasseh | K. Exodus 20:1-17                  |
| 12. The story of the birth of Christ (2 choices)                    | L. Genesis 1 and 2                 |
| 13. Definition of faith   | M. Heb. 11:1                       |
| 14. The Ten Commandments  | N. I Cor. 13 and Moroni 7:50-52    |
| 15. The Creation  | O. Matt. 1 and 2                   |
| 16. The Golden Rule   | P. Genesis 48                      |
|   | Q. James 2                         |
|   | R. Hebrews 6:1, 2                  |
|   | S. I Cor. 12                       |
|   | T. Matt. 7:12                      |
|   | U. III Nephi 5 and 6               |

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Apostle Roland L. Sarratt is appointed for the remainder of the 1983-1984 Conference Year to labor with Apostle E. Leon Yates in the State of Missouri, and other places within his opportunity as invitations are given by the respective Missionaries-In-Charge.

*Robert H. Jensen  
Secretary Protempore  
Council of Apostles*

**ANSWERS TO "TEST YOURSELF"**

*Now check your answers with the following correct answers.*

1. A - I Tim. 1:15, B - I John 3:8, C - Rev. 20:14 (D is not correct; His mission was to save sinners, Luke 9:56)
2. B - Alma 19:44
3. B - I Nephi 1:164-165, Alma 8:3 and on through the Book of Mormon
4. A, B, C, and D - This land is where Ephraim, the English-speaking peoples, and Manasseh, the Father of the American Indian, were to be rejoined and the name of Israel was given them. Gen. 48:15-20
5. A, B
6. A
7. C - I Cor. 12:28
8. A, B - Heb. 7:22-28, Heb. 9:23-28, Alma 16:215-216
9. B - (We are affected by the sins of Adam and by our parents sins, but we are not punished for those sins.)
10. B - Eph. 3:3-7, 16-20
11. B - (See Changing of the Revelations by Apostle Daniel MacGregor)
12. A - (See A Marvelous Work and a Wonder by Apostle Daniel MacGregor)
13. D - Daniel 7:25
14. F - When the Woman (church) fled into the wilderness (Rev. 12:6)
15. E -  $1260 + 570 = 1830$
16. A - Dan. 2:31-45
17. C - Mormon 3:27-29
18. A - Ezek. 37:16-22, C - Isa. 29:11-12 (See Church History)
19. C - In Bible times books were written on papyrus and rolled on sticks. The Bible is the stick of Judah and the Book of Mormon is the stick of Joseph.
20. C - Gen. 48:15-22
21. B, D - The only time when the whole image stood was in 1830. (See A Marvelous Work and a Wonder by Daniel MacGregor)
22. A
23. B
24. C
25. A, B, C, D
26. B - Hosea 9:16-17
27. C - (See the references on the answer to question 3)

**Matching:**

1. E and U
2. A
3. J
4. Q
5. I
6. H
7. C
8. S
9. R
10. N
11. P
12. B and O
13. M
14. K
15. L
16. T

*56 points is a perfect score. If you got less than this, it means you have some different interpretations than the author of the test, or it may mean some study is in order. But whatever you scored on this test, the quality of your missionary work depends on how you live the gospel.*

**ANSWERS TO RESTORATION  
CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

ACROSS

3. Esther
7. Jesus Christ
9. Son
10. Immanuel
12. Buy
13. Save
14. Combination
15. Jeroboam
18. Kind
19. Sarah

DOWN

1. II Kings
2. Ether
4. Root
5. Repentance
6. Pulse
8. Housetops
11. Mosiah
16. Manasseh
17. Paradise

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