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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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**Understanding is the reward
of faith. Therefore seek not to
understand that thou mayest
believe, but believe that thou
mayest understand.**

—St. Augustine

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Guest Editorial . . .**LET'S LIVE UP TO OUR HERITAGE**

Webster defines "heritage" as something handed down from one's ancestors, or the past as a characteristic, a culture, a tradition; the rights, burdens or status resulting from being born in a certain time or place.

We in this nation have been given a great heritage. With this heritage comes many blessings as well as many responsibilities. As we approach the 212th birthday of this great nation, let us contemplate upon some of what has taken place, not only in this nation, but in all the Americas.

The covenants and blessings of God to this land began with the blessing that was given to Joseph; that he would be a fruitful bough, whose branches run over the wall. Joseph's seed did indeed go over the wall and become many in the Americas.

God made a promise to those whom He led out of Jerusalem: If they kept the commandments of God they would prosper upon the face of the land and be kept free from all other nations. But if they rejected the Holy One of Israel, the judgments of God would fall upon them and they would be scattered and smitten. 2 Nephi 1:18-24

God's promise was also to the Gentiles that this would be a land of liberty to them. God would fortify this land against all other nations. All who possess this land shall serve Him or be swept off when the fullness of His wrath shall come upon them. 2 Nephi 7:17-77; Ether 1:30

God destroyed the Nephite people by the hand of their brethren, the Lamanites, because of their wickedness. God has scattered and smitten the Lamanites throughout the Americas by the hand of the Gentiles.

God, almost 500 years ago, began leading Gentiles to the Americas. Over 300 years ago He led the

first settlers to this nation. It was by the hand of God that this nation was formed and preserved. This has been a land of liberty and freedom to the people until this day. Many prophecies concerning the Indian and the Gentile peoples have been fulfilled.

This nation came into being by the will of, and by the hand of the Lord. We are a nation brought forth to be used of God; a land of freedom that He could use to set up His kingdom in these latter days. Indeed this has been, and still is, a great nation, a nation of riches and freedoms only dreamed about in most of the world. The constitution of the United States, drafted by the inspiration of God, is the best that the world has ever seen. Man's imperfections have crept in, but it is still a model for the rest of the world.

But, as this nation continues in its rebellion against God, the promise of God to those who are iniquitous will surely be fulfilled. Surely, the wrath of God will be poured out upon the people of this nation. Not only the heritage of the freedoms and blessings, but also of the burdens and responsibilities that heritage places on us. This nation has given us much, we need to give much in return. Perhaps the adage, "where much is given, much is required," applies.

We also have a heritage in the Church of Christ. This heritage is also filled with blessings and responsibilities. The little Church of Christ must remain a beacon, a light set on a hill, to be a guide, an example, a voice of warning. We have a work to do.

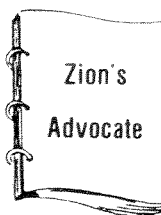
This land has been given to our Lamanite brethren for their inheritance. It has been promised that the Gentiles will be blessed upon this land. May God's blessing continue to rest upon this nation.

—Elder Ken Oar

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Sincerely,
Your Editorial Staff

HE THAT DOETH TRUTH

by Apostle Roland Sarratt



PART TWO

We have found that a necessary part of being saved is our responding favorably to the gift of salvation as provided by Jesus Christ in sacrificing his life as an atonement for our sins. This favorable response requires a following of the example that Jesus has set for us as a way of life. More than just a casual effort is necessary on our part to follow Christ; we must develop a sincere desire to do the will of God.

When the people asked Jesus, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." (John 6:28,29)

Some might oversimplify that statement by saying that all you have to do is believe. But as we have already found in the scriptures, believing in Jesus Christ necessitates doing what he has commanded and demonstrated for us to do. Truly, believing in Christ is a work if we are to fully benefit from our belief in him. James confirms this fact when he wrote: "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:17)

The step from simple belief to understanding the gospel of Christ requires a continuous faith and willingness to learn. King Benjamin gave a proclamation to his people. His first words were: "My brethren, all ye that have assembled yourselves together, you that can hear my words which I shall speak unto you this day: for I have not commanded you to come up hither to trifle with the words which I shall speak, but that you should hearken unto me, and open your ears that ye may hear, and your hearts that ye may understand, and your minds that the mysteries of God may be unfolded to your view." (Mosiah 1:38,39)

King Benjamin made it plain that he did not want his people to treat lightly the things that he was to speak. Not only were they to open their ears to hear, but they were also to open their hearts and their minds. Their hearts had to be turned toward the good things that the king was to speak. The people had to be willing to receive his words before they could understand them. Likewise their minds had to be

receptive before the mysteries of God could be unfolded to them.

Throughout the scriptures there are statements made concerning the heart. Like the physical heart, the spiritual heart is the most vital part of the being. It is the center of one's livelihood and gives strength to the total body. The heart is the seat of desire and therefore controls the entire spiritual being. If the heart's desires are directed toward things that are good, good works will be the results. If the heart's desires are evil, however, the results will be evil works.

By nature the heart is inclined to be evil, but we can control our heart's desires by our awareness of good and evil, and the realization of the consequences of doing evil as compared to the promises of reward in doing good. To control our hearts as we face the various types of temptations and oppositions in our lives, we are required to exercise self-discipline in the light of truth which gives us an incentive to do good.

The prophet, Abinadi, while speaking to King Noah and his priests, dared to make this statement: "Ye have not applied your hearts to understanding; therefore, ye have not been wise." (Mosiah 7:83)

Applying one's heart to understanding indicates far more than a few passing thoughts, especially in the consideration of the commandments of God. To say the least, a concentrated effort is needed. However the rewarding fact is that as our understanding increases our desires of good also usually increases.

Alma, being converted by Abinadi's words, formed a church and led a sizeable number of people back to Zarahemla where he in turn converted many of the people there. As time passed, however, some of the younger generation who had grown up after Alma's return, did not accept the teachings of their parents. One of these young people was Alma's own son, Alma. It was said of them: "And now because of their unbelief, they could not understand the word of God; and their hearts were hardened." (Mosiah 11:107)

We find a simple truism here: as belief is necessary to understanding so is unbelief the cause of not understanding. When their hearts were hardened it is evident that they could not apply their hearts to understanding. In continuing the story we find that by miraculous means the Lord softened the hearts of these young people and they became stalwarts of the truth.

At a later time, Alma the son of Alma, brought a type of a parable to the Zoramites (see Alma 16:152-173) which we can apply to ourselves. He compared the word of God unto a seed, which when it is planted in your heart it will begin to swell and grow. You will then know that it is a good seed and it will begin to enlighten your understanding. This will in turn increase your faith, but eventually your knowledge in that thing will become perfect and your faith will become dormant.

Alma emphasized the need to nourish the tree with great care that it might get root and grow up to bring forth fruit. If it is not properly nourished and cared for, it will eventually wither away and you shall pluck it up and cast it out. This is not because the seed was not good but because your ground was barren. If this happens you will not be able to pick of the fruit of the tree of life.

Alma admonishes us to nourish the word "...by your faith with great diligence, and with patience, looking forward to the fruit thereof..." (Alma 16:170) Considering our present environment with all the modern pushbutton conveniences and the general attitude of expecting, if not demanding, immediate results, the words "diligence" and "patience" as well as the expression, "looking forward to the fruit thereof," are somewhat foreign to our way of life. The real meaning of Alma's counsel to the Zoramites would probably require considerable study and effort to fully apply them to our lives.

Paul gave Timothy this appropriate counsel: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

We all know from our school days that to study requires effort. The goal placed before Timothy (and us) is to show himself approved unto God. When we set aside all desires to impress man and seek only the approval of God in learning His precise will, we can become that workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Helaman was admonished by his father, Alma, to

learn wisdom in his youth and to direct the affections of his heart toward the Lord:

"O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God; yea, and cry unto God for all thy support;

"Yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord for ever; counsel the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good:

"Yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning, let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day." (Alma 17:68-70)

These words are especially appropriate for the young for it shows the need for a person to develop a personal closeness to the Lord early in life. Such daily habits of praying for the Lord's protection over you during the night and giving thanks unto Him in the morning may seem rather routine and childish, but in reality it is necessary in developing a true faith in God. If we have faith to seek the counsel of the Lord in all things that we do, we can be sure that He will give us answers that will be to our good.

Moroni gives us these profound words on the subject: "Wherefore, whoso believeth in God, might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God, which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God." (Ether 5:4)

Our sincere belief in God and our hope for that place at His right hand will cause us to become sure and steadfast in our efforts and to do many good works. The scriptures repeatedly point us to the need to be constant and unwavering in our obedience to the commandments of God. This is being steadfast. To most of us, however, this requires a great effort as we are inclined to yield to the will of the flesh and relax our efforts from time to time. Returning our thoughts back to God and to the glorious gift of Christ—his life, his death and his resurrection—we can curb our humanness with an awareness of the goodness of God which in turn will keep our hearts pure before Him.

(Conclusion next month)

Many people want to be **of** the world but not **in** it. But the scriptures say we should be **in** the world but not **of** it.

—Priest John Gill

1988 CONFERENCE REPORT

The purpose of a Solemn Assembly is that the people of the Church might humble themselves before the Lord in fasting and prayer. We meet to specifically ask God's blessing on the Conference and for discernment, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for guidance as to the work of the gospel, the establishing of Zion, and the building of the Temple. With these desires in their hearts and minds many saints met at the Temple Lot Local on Friday morning, April 1st, for the first service of our Solemn Assembly.

Apostle Roland Sarratt was in charge of the service with Priest Jim Yates Jr. assisting. The service had several seasons of prayer. Complying with the purposes for which we had met, there were prayers for the work of the gospel, the restoration of the house of Israel, and strength to overcome our weaknesses.

Friday afternoon Elder Jay Moser was in charge with Elder Ken Oar assisting. Brother Moser read to us the definition of the Solemn Assembly along with several scriptures. He counseled us to ask the Lord what we can do for Him, rather than what the Lord can do for us. There were many beautiful, sincere prayers offered by the elderly, middle-aged and several children.

Friday evening we gathered together with Elder Leroy Wheaton in charge and Elder Nicholas Denham assisting. Parts of the 10th chapter of Moroni were read. The words admonished us to exercise our faith and remember that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The service was filled with prayer and worshipful singing.

The second day of our Solemn Assembly convened the next morning at 9:00 a.m. Elder Hubert Yates was in charge with Elder Jim Yates Sr. assisting. Brother Hubert spoke to us about the need to fast. The Psalms tell us that we can humble our souls by fasting. With this counsel we entered into a season of prayer. There were earnest prayers offered for the work of the gospel. After we arose there were many prayer requests voiced for our Brothers and Sisters who were sick or had other serious needs. We had another season of prayer for these expressed needs. Immediately after this season of prayer, Brother Stephen Gould stood and sang a prayer which had been given to him through inspiration:

We pray a song of healing for those we
hold so dear
And thus O Lord we address thee in

humble reverent fear.

We pray for Sister Maria; may Brother Ed be made strong.

We pray for dear young Vanessa, O Lord, please hear this song.

Our Mother Smith is ailing with sickness through and through,
Our Brother Curtis needs healing that only can come from you.

Thy children, oh so weary, whose eyes hold many a tear,
For all our young hearts so tender that you might draw us near.

We pray for Brother Victor whose troubled soul's misplaced,
Oh call him back to this gathering that he may take his place.

We pray for thine Apostles whose age has caused distress;
We ask now for their healing, that this thy church may be blest.

Our brother's arm has withered, that it may now become strong.
Oh Lord, we ask now thy blessing upon this earnest song.

We ask thy consecration upon the prayer of this song.

Our hearts were touched and tears were shed as God's spirit moved in the assembly. There was a feeling of humility, reverence and deep praise among the saints at that meeting.

Elder Charles Brantner was in charge of the final meeting of our Solemn Assembly with Elder Virgil Addie assisting. Brother Charles read several scriptures and commented that we must seek God's guidance. After the season of prayer, Brother Addie testified how God had answered numerous prayers throughout his life. He spoke of the beauty and benefit of prayer. As we meditated on Brother Addie's words, we were encouraged that through faith God would answer the prayers that had been offered at this Solemn Assembly.

The next morning was Easter Sunday and at 9:00

a.m. we met at the Independence Town Hall for a sacrament service. Apostle William Sheldon was in charge with Apostle Don McIndoo assisting. Brother McIndoo gave the opening remarks. He read several scriptures and spoke to us about recalling what the sacrament means. If we take it in remembrance of Christ, his Spirit will be with us. He read from 3 Nephi 9:21-24, and reminded us that these promises are extended to us today.

Then the congregation was privileged to witness the blessing of two beautiful babies: Hailey Yates, the daughter of Jim and Kim Yates, was blessed by her two proud granddads, Elder Robert Oldham and Elder Jim Yates Sr.; Johanna Kidd, daughter of Bruce and Teresa Kidd, was blessed by her uncle, Elder Joel Yates and Elder Hubert Yates. Our hearts rejoiced in this provision the Lord has given to his Church.

We had a season of prayer and then testimonies were given by the following people: Aaron Heath, Gary Housknecht, Mary Lois Bryant, Peter Gould, Ray Feely, Shirley Bailey, Becky Sheldon, Hubert Yates, Cheri Pennington, Milo and Neva Housknecht, Kim Yates, Sam Gould, Max Spencer, Nicholas Denham, Nanette Smith, Harvey E. Seibel, Joel Yates, Glen Gill, Marie Weaver, Ben Case, Randy Sheldon, Wanda Jo Eddy, and Stephen Gould.

Many of the testimonies dealt with love. Several people spoke of the love they felt for the saints and all of mankind. One sister explained that love is the universal language. Several testimonies talked about what a privilege it is to be in the Church of Christ and that we should not take this blessing for granted. There were testimonies of answered prayers, divine healing, and God's protection in very marvelous ways. The service lasted four hours, but because it was filled with God's Spirit it went by very quickly.

Later that afternoon, after lunch was served, an Easter cantata was performed together by the Independence and Phoenix choirs. We want to give Martha Bruner and Michelle Yates special thanks for all their efforts in bringing that production to pass.

Apostle Marvin Ely was the preacher for the Sunday evening service. He began his sermon by reading 1 Peter 5:6-9. Brother Ely stressed the importance of being humble. We need to be alert and realize that we can not handle the forces of evil alone. We need to rely on God and remember that He cares for us.

He reminded us that to be carnally minded is death and to be spiritually minded is life eternal. We must know the consequences of walking in sin. He read Proverbs 14:12 which says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." Brother Ely implored us to remember that the devil is the great deceiver.

There are ways to denounce sin and escape deception, and Brother Ely expounded the scriptures on how to do that. He reminded us that Jesus is the bread of life, and it is the words of Christ that will tell us all things that we should do. He explained that the Lord speaks in plainness. If we follow the Lord's plan we can have happiness in this life as well as eternal life. Just as the consequences of transgression are destruction and sorrow, those who keep the commandments of God are happy and blessed.

Brother Ely also spoke to us on the importance of repentance. 2nd Nephi 12:78 explains "...the Lord covenanteth with none, save it be with them that repent..." He also rehearsed to us the promises made, not only to the house of Israel, but to the Gentiles. The Gentiles that repent will be numbered among the House of Israel. In closing, Brother Ely reminded us of the promise of the city, New Jerusalem, and that we can be there if we are repentant. Our duty now is to prepare our lives for the great work which is ahead of us.

Our next preaching service convened on Monday evening and Apostle Don McIndoo was the preacher. The theme of his sermon was the promise of eternal life. Brother McIndoo pointed out that this is the greatest promise of all. He read to us from Hebrews 11:13, 16, 36. He explained that when many of us think of the promises of God, we think of the abundant life, or the redemption of Zion. But, the promise of eternal life is the most important, for it is the promise that goes out to all people. We need to turn our hearts and minds toward this promise and how we can attain it and share it with others.

Brother McIndoo read to us from 2nd Nephi 1:116, 117 and 120 and Mosiah 1:121-122. He told us two inspiring testimonies from two of our brothers from Yucatan and how the promise of eternal life changed their lives.

Mosiah 2:10 says, "...thereby salvation might come to him that should put his trust in the Lord, and should be diligent in keeping the commandments, and continue in faith even unto the end of his life." After reading this scripture Brother McIndoo pointed out that we must remember several things about attaining eternal life. First, sanctification is a daily process, for it does not happen in one moment. We must repent daily. Second, we must study and read God's word every day. It can inspire us and change our lives. Third, we must heed God's Spirit as it leads us to do good and stay away from evil. Brother McIndoo admonished the children and young people never to do anything that they wouldn't talk to their parents or Sunday school teacher about. He counseled the ministry to live what they preach. You can not take the message of eternal life if there is a

contradiction between your actions and your words.

In closing, Apostle McIndoo implored us to labor diligently for the work of the gospel. He told about a dedicated young brother in Yucatan who labors for the Lord in spite of hardship and trial. We must exercise our faith, keep the promise of eternal life before us, and labor with all our might.

Tuesday morning bright and early at 8:00 we met for the prayer service that precedes the business meeting. Elder Frank Fann was in charge with Elder Joel Yates assisting. Brother Joel made the opening remarks. He read several scriptures that spoke of putting on charity, being humble, and forgiving one another. He admonished us to take counsel from the Lord and to let Him lead us.

We had a short season of prayer. Then there were many beautiful testimonies about how God is working with his people. One sister told us that, through faith and prayer, she was able to overcome a phobia. Several sisters told about how they had received a blessing through administration. Two testimonies dealt with the power of love. One Elder told us that because of the differences in the Church he used to have a wounded and troubled heart, but the love of the saints healed his broken heart. Another sister told about how she overcame her shyness by asking the Lord for a portion of his love. She had a dream where she saw Christ and felt His overwhelming love.

As usual, the morning prayer service was very inspiring. Those of us who attended felt very blessed and were able to enter into the business sessions with an extra portion of God's Spirit.

Tuesday evening, Elder Jay Moser gave us a very unique sermon. He put some items out on a table and explained that his sermon was going to be about what it is like to be in Yucatan. It was Brother Moser's desire that we might better know and understand our brothers and sisters there. He stressed that they are our brothers and sisters in this Church of Christ. There are many concerns as you travel through Mexico, but Brother Moser explained, when he attended his first Church service there his fears rolled away.

He showed us a bolsa, which is a net bag, a hammock, a machete, flowers and an embroidered handkerchief. He explained a little bit about each object, and read a scripture in Spanish.

Elder Moser told us several things about their lifestyle and their services. He explained that the services are led by the Spirit, and that there is much singing. The children are very involved in the singing. The Church people love to visit with one another and speak often about God and his blessings. In spite of a great deal of sickness and trial, they have joy and a great hope of eternal life.

Brother Moser read us a letter that a young sister gave him. She started out by calling him "Brother", and he told us that this exemplifies the attitude of the people there. They are very loving and very concerned for their brothers and sisters in the United States.

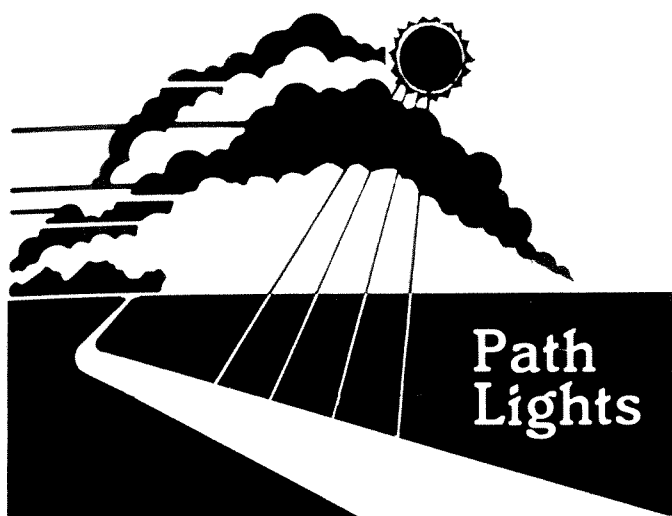
Mark 10:31 and 3rd Nephi 10:1-4 were the scriptures to which Brother Moser referred. He brought to our attention that we can assist the House of Israel right now. We can help provide for some of their temporal needs, such as books in Spanish. We can also help them spiritually. We can reciprocate the love they share for us by earnestly praying for them.

There was a good crowd for the Wednesday morning prayer service. Elder Nicholas Denham was in charge with Elder Allen Kauffman assisting. In Brother Kauffman's opening remarks, he reminded us that these services help us remember the Lord and his commandments. Brother Denham led us in a season of prayer. After the season of prayer there were many beautiful testimonies which glorified God.

Several members told about how God had healed them of their physical afflictions. Two dreams were brought out during the service. One brother admonished us to be specific in our prayers. He told several testimonies about how specific prayers had been miraculously answered. Another brother testified of how the Lord had humbled him and helped him put those things out of his life that weren't right. Before the service ended we had a short season of prayer for a specific prayer request.

Wednesday evening was the last service of our 1988 Conference. Elder Smith Brickhouse was our preacher. Brother Brickhouse challenged the congregation to use our time and talents for the Lord and the work of the gospel. He asked us what we as individuals are doing to help to bring forth Zion. He encouraged us to focus on the promises of God. Brother Brickhouse read Psalm 33:11 and Hebrews 2:1. He asked us to take counsel from the Lord and to give earnest heed to his word. We were reminded of some of the fundamentals of the Gospel. He proclaimed that this is the Church of Christ. The Bible and Book of Mormon are one. This is the promised land and we have a hope of Zion. Brother Brickhouse asked us what positive actions we were making for the cause of Zion. We can help and serve others and increase our desires for the Lord.

Elder Brickhouse gave an important analogy: He asked us to think about the song, "We're Marching to Zion." He pointed out that it is a march. We cannot stroll or walk as we help to bring forth Zion. A march is hard, but we have a purpose and a destination. We have maps and provisions and a leader. The



A Mighty Wind of Faith

When I was a boy of ten, I had my first experience with the power of God. My family worked and lived on a hennequin plantation where they were virtually slaves to the Spanish landowners.

In order to grow their crop of corn, which is the staple food of the Maya, the people had to go outside the rock fence of the plantation, cut the forest, then burn the cut trees and brush. The following year we could plant our seed on the burned area. Occasionally the fires would get out of control and spread onto the plantation where it would burn the hennequin plants. In order to discourage this practice, the landowners made it a death penalty, by hanging, if one of the workers let his fire get out of control and onto the plantation.

On this particular day I went with my father to burn the trees on our land. We were burning the trees on a calm day when, suddenly, a strong wind arose and blew our fires directly toward the plantation. The fires were soon burning out of control toward the fence. My father cut some branches of a special fire-resistant tree, and with these branches we tried to beat out the flames, but it soon became evident that we were not going to be able to control the fire and keep it from entering the fields. When the flames were just a few meters from the edge of the plantation, my father dropped his branch and said, "Son, we cannot control the fire and surely we will be put to death. Let us bow down and pray to God for His help."

We knelt there on the smoldering earth and prayed with all our hearts. Tears ran down our faces. When enough time had passed for the fire to enter the plantation, we finished our prayers and looked up. Just then, we felt a strong wind begin to blow from the opposite direction. It drove the fire back over the burned ground and that which wasn't put out burned off into the forest in the other direction.

When we told others of the miracle, they said it was just "luck" or an "accident," but I knew it was a miracle from God. When the gospel was first preached in Uayalcek many years later, it found a receptive heart in Isidro Koyoc. To this day, he is faithful to that God who saved his life so many years ago.

Isidro Koyoc
Yobain, Yucatan, Mexico
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I Found The Bus To Zion

A year or two before I was baptized, I had a rather outstanding dream which, at the time, I didn't understand. As it began, I was on horseback in a large open field. I was holding a small boy in the saddle with me. We didn't seem to be going anywhere, just sitting there. The field was bleak and desolate of life like mid-winter. The sky was a solid gray and everything seemed colorless.

Suddenly, I became aware that there was danger - a large bull was crossing the field toward us. I felt that we should find safety, so we dismounted and I carried the boy to the nearest fence. We crossed the fence and from that point I don't remember anything more about the boy in the dream.

I walked over to an old barn and entered it. On the opposite wall from where I entered was a large sliding door. Bright light, which appeared to be sunlight, shone through the cracks in the door. I immediately went over to the door and pushed it open. As I went through the door I found that I was still in the barn, but on the opposite wall was another door with light shining through it, also.

I went over and opened that door, finding still another door with light shining through it. I continued opening doors, each having bright light shining through them like the first one.

In a short time I had gone through several doors (I don't remember how many) searching for the light.

When I finally came to the outside, I found that the sun was shining and the sky was clear and beautiful. Some have said that we dream only in black and white, but I can testify that in this part of my dream everything was as colorful as real life. The grass and trees were green, the sky was blue and everything was in its natural color.

Upon a hillside just a little distance from the barn was a road. I quickly crossed over to the road where a bus was parked, apparently waiting for me. The bus started up and, as we began to move, the dream ended.

I have interpreted this dream as being my personal experience with the gospel of Christ. The bleak and desolate condition was descriptive of my outlook on life before I was baptized. The danger of the bull and my crossing the fence to safety was my

awareness of evil and my desire to escape it. The small boy apparently indicated my immaturity and indecisiveness which left me as I began to seek safety from the power of the evil one.

Entering the barn describes my return to attending church. The light was the gospel being preached and taught. Opening the doors was my search for the truth. The brightness and colorfulness of the outdoors described the effect the light of the gospel had on my outlook toward life. Getting on the bus was my joining the Church of Christ.

Apostle Roland Sarratt
Independence, Missouri

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GRACE + FAITH + WORKS

by Amy Schrader

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," John 8:32

The varied interpretations and/or emphasis put upon the scripture by the limitations of the human mind not opened in understanding by the Spirit of Truth often confuse truth, purporting conflicts where there need be none. One such question over which there has been many stormy discussions is "grace versus works" as pertaining to salvation. It appears to me that the very statement is the beginning of the error. Grace and works are not opposites, they are both essentials to the end desired.

There must be a sense in which the statement of Ephesians 2:8-9 is true, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." It takes both grace and faith. What is the part which is dependent upon grace? Is it not of God's grace that he so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life? John 3:16, Is it not of the grace of Jesus' love that he lay down his life? John 10: 15-18. Even when we were yet dead in sins he so loved us as to make a way that we might be reconciled, through himself, with God, Ephesians 2:4-6, and this by his grace. He didn't owe it to us. It was not our due that he should so love us; he was in no way obligated to do this except by the grace and love that was in him.

All that we have of the gifts of his Spirit is because of this grace that is in him. A gift is something given that is not earned. Once the matter of recompense for whatever enters, it ceases to be a gift. The Holy Ghost is a gift, Acts 10:45. Such good

as we appear to have achieved is not of ourselves, John 3:17, but is given of heaven. Even Jesus claimed no good in his own right, Matthew 19:16-17, nor to do anything of himself, John 5:19, 30, but ascribed all to God, in that he did only those things that pleased the Father. John 8:28-29.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we can hope to become, is of, and depends upon, that grace of God for, towards and in us. We receive grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ, Ephesians 4:7, And through the manifestation of the Spirit is given to the profiting of all, it's gifts are divided severally as he will, 1 Corinthians 12:6-11, these gifts of the Holy Ghost are given as he wills, Hebrews 2:4, they all come from him, James 1:17, and he it is that works in us both to will and to do as he pleases, Philippians 2:13, and without him we can do nothing, John 15:5. The works which Jesus himself did, as he said, were the works of the Father dwelling in him, John 14:10, so the works of faith wrought in us, are they not also the works of the Father? all, of his will and purposing to our salvation, wherein there is no space for aught of boasting left to mortal man. Ephesians 2:8-10.

All gifts have one condition. They must be accepted before they can benefit the one to whom they are offered. Accepting a gift, including the going through of various legalities (in the case of an inheritance or legacy) in order to claim it can in no way constitute earning it; or even deserving it.

It seems the condition coupled with this gift of the grace of God, is to receive it through faith. He that believes on Jesus Christ has everlasting life, John 6:47. In modern definition, to believe is to accept something as being true; to have faith in its validity, to trust and depend upon it. To profess to hold any belief which is not in any way followed by action borders on hypocrisy; saying one thing but doing another, professing allegiance but living contrary. It is the resulting action that proves the live faith. And what is this action to be other than simple obedience to the teachings and commandments of God? And though we come to him in perfect obedience, we can not claim that we have earned the gift nor the grace by which the gift has come to us; only that our faith is real.

People can and do believe, with corresponding actions, in any number of things; and history records the tragedies of misplaced faith; of lives diligently mis-spent because of misplaced faith, faith in that which had no foundation. All the works possible growing out of faith in God would also be empty were it not for the grace of God upon which this faith and hope and action is grounded. Still with the reality of God and his grace toward us, and the sureness of his word and promises; if we by the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us should rise to a perfect faith and

obedience in performing all the acts enjoined upon faith, we can not account it as of ourselves but are to acknowledge ourselves as unprofitable servants, Luke 17:10, that all praise, honor and glory can go to him to whom it belongs; lest we diminish it in taking some unto ourselves, or in some way assume to add to it simply by being subject to him, being what we were intended to be and doing what it is our duty to do.

This grace of God in all his power and love, stooping to our hopeless and helpless condition, is the foundation of all our hope. It is the first cause, without which all striving for salvation is futile. But that grace with all its limitlessness being real, is something to place faith and hope on, which leads to trust, surrender and obedience, which are the works

of faith. To suppose one can believe anything without a resulting response is nonsense.

In the words of Diedrich Bonhoffer, "to believe is to obey". In the light of this, how real and deep is our belief? In a count of obedience to Christ's commandments where would we score? How alive would our faith be found to be?

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Lord has made a way for us to accomplish this task. For the closing of the service and the 1988 Conference, Brother Brickhouse challenged us to make a greater commitment toward the cause of Zion.

Becky Sheldon
Conference Reporter

-NEWS- NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

Dear Readers:

Any information on the whereabouts or address of the people whose names are listed below, with their last known address, will be greatly appreciated. Please send information to:

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Since I am the General Church Recorder, I solicit your help in any way.

In Gospel Bonds,
Isaac Brockman

COLLINS LOCAL NEWS

Hello again. I hope this writing finds you all well and encouraged in the gospel. We are receiving a bit of badly needed moisture and enjoying the cool, cloudy day.

Our sister, Mildred Adams, of Windsor, Missouri, has undergone a quadruple by-pass surgery due to blockage of an artery. She is presently home and I understand she is improving daily. Our prayers are being answered on her behalf.

Our sister Frances Yates fell at her home and broke her hip. She laid there several hours before she was found by a man coming to do some plumbing work for her. She was taken to the Osage Beach Hospital and then more recently was transferred to St. John's Hospital in Springfield where she could

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get better therapy. I called the hospital this morning to visit with her and found she had been released. She is now at her own home under the care of her daughter, Marlene and son, Ronald. Frances said she still has quite a bit of pain, but is able to be up in a wheel chair and can also use a walker a little bit, but is not to put any weight on her right leg for awhile. She said she was so happy to be home and grateful that her injuries were not any worse.

We have had some wonderful sermons from our guest speakers and, of course, from our regular ministry as well. Some of our guests include Brother Don McIndoo and wife, Betty, Brother Marvin Case and Edith, Brother Rodger Bruner and Martha, Brother Roland Sarratt and June, and Brothers Hube and Jim Yates.

Our Mother's Day program this year looked pretty skimpy to begin with, but more people came and agreed to take part. Brothers Hube and Jim Yates came in unexpectedly and didn't intend to be in our program, but as songs and readings unfolded their hearts were touched and they offered their tribute to "Mother" and family. Brother Joe and Sister Floralise Yates also were able to come and no program is ever complete until Joe has opportunity to speak too. And so it was this day. Our programs are very informal and strictly volunteer (aside from the "urging" given by the program committee!) but the results are, for me, so enjoyable and I do appreciate all the efforts that are made.

It happened that Brother Rodger Bruner of Independence was our speaker on Mother's Day. Some of what he said stays in my mind. I thought perhaps I'd share it with you as I close for this time. He talked to us about mothers and their protectiveness for their children. He read to us from Helaman about the 2000 young men who were taught by their mothers. That story touches me as Allen and I have a son who is going into the Navy in September and I worry as to whether I've done my job. Have I taught him enough? Then Brother Bruner said, "Being a mother is an awesome job; they're raising a soul; giving direction to a child." These are very important thoughts, not just for mothers, but for everyone. We are always dealing with and influencing people. We need God's direction so we influence right.

God bless you all.

Your reporter,
Czerna Kauffman

FLINT, MICHIGAN LOCAL NEWS

Although we are a small group, we have been blessed with the ability to be able to gather here

together in our church, and worship God with a kindred Spirit. We are truly blessed to have our fellowship guided by the Spirit through our eloquent speakers, and in our study of the Gospel which allows us to receive the wisdom we so lack in coping with these most difficult of times.

On Saturday, April 23rd, at our local here in Flint, Daniel W. Porter, son of Ken and Velma Porter and Laura K. Winegardner, daughter of Ella and Dewey Thronson were united in marriage. Laura and Daniel wished only a few friends and family to witness their vows, and it was a beautiful ceremony. Best Man, Mark Porter, and Maid of Honor, Lisa McCraw, Flower Girl, Sara Thronson, and Ring Bearer, Christopher Hyde, made up the wedding party. Juanita Opper's daughter, Kim, played the piano beautifully for the ceremony. Brother Edward Toulouse performed the wedding and helped Daniel and Laura begin their new life together. They are making their home here in Flint, and we pray for God's blessing on this couple. We know if they keep the Lord first in their lives, they will always be richly blessed.

We are feeling a loss here at our Flint Local, as our Brother in Christ, Orville Eddy, passed from this life. He had his family with him, and they and his many friends and relatives will miss him dearly.

May God bless you and yours,
Dawn M. Hyde
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INDEPENDENCE NEWS

Hello!

Hope this finds everyone well.

The weather has really been dry. It seems we miss all that rain that the weatherman forecasted.

School will be out this week and I can already hear the shouts of joy! Well mothers, brace yourselves.

Our sister Melissa McGhee had to go in for a removal of a suspicious tumor. Well, I am glad to report everything turned out fine. Melissa is healing nicely. As she put it, "It was a nice big beautiful benign tumor." The Lord does hear prayer.

Jim Gordon, Bob Oldham's brother, was baptized at the East Local and was given the hand of fellowship. We hope all of you will in turn, as you meet our new brother in Christ, do the same.

Advocate Reporter,
Patty McGhee

PHOENIX NEWS

To our dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings from your friends in Phoenix! We have

been bravely warding off the briskness and chills that often accompany the rough winters we experience here in the Valley. Actually, colds and flu have been quite prevalent here this season, but with prayers, we have managed to stay healthy enough to welcome in spring.

February passed quickly here, with much activity in the Local. During the second week of this month, Elder Hubert Yates Sr. and Elder Jim Yates Sr. visited Art and Teresa Guthrie in Las Vegas. They also stopped by to see Ed and Sherrie Brown and their children and had a nice visit. They both enjoyed their visit, as we in Phoenix could tell by their countenance when they returned home. Elder Joel Yates, his wife Jennifer, Michelle Brockman, and Bob Hedrick had a chance to see Gary, Gerry, and Nick Adams in California during Valentine's Day weekend. The time spent was profitable for both parties. Jon and Carrie Hedrick were also visiting the Adam's. We had a wonderful and enjoyable time in fellowship with each of them. The third Sunday, Elder Hubert Yates and Elder Tom Karas met with the Payson Local. The fourth Sunday, the 28th, Elder Hubert Yates and Elder Gordon McCann met in fellowship and praise and humbleness with the people in Show Low. Grandma Lois Yates was able to attend that service and enjoyed meeting with the people there. Elder Tom Karas and Elder Harold Polack were able to hold a service with Lola Haygood this month also.

The young people's group has been meeting every other Friday or Saturday. On the fifth, the kids enjoyed playing games such as "Wink 'em" and "Spoons" with the promise of snacks afterwards. On the nineteenth, young people, with parents in tow, had a delightful picnic at the park. Some played soccer, while others played t-ball or flew kites. A good time was seen that afternoon—along with some burned noses and shoulders! On February 13, the eve of Valentine's Day, the members gathered for a social. Games were played, such as "How well do you know your mate?", and others gave inspiring testimonies about their relationships with their mate and how they were led together. Some also spoke of how they were sure their marriages were guided by the Lord. It was quite an uplift.

Many of our friends have visited this month. We were pleased to have Michelle Brockman stay here for the month of February while she worked in a hospital for part of her schooling as a Physical Therapy Assistant. Our friend, Bob Hedrick is also having an "extended visit" with us. He is living here and hopes to find a good job, so he would sincerely appreciate your prayers in his behalf. Sam and Helen Kidd were also here for two weeks to visit their

daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Joel Yates. Warren and Fern Sarratt have been visiting since the Phoenix Reunion. They left here February 29th. We were all happy to visit with them, as they were glad to see their daughters and sons-in-law, too. Margi Frank, Norman and Darla Warfield are in need of your prayers. Their place of employment is closing down and they need to find another job that will sustain them.

During the month of March, Hube Yates and Jim Yates Sr. went to Bullhead City once again to visit Ed and Sherrie Brown. During their stay, a beautiful service took place. Ed and Sherrie Brown's three children were blessed. Tom Karas and Gary Frank stopped by Payson for a sacrament service and to visit with those living in Northern Arizona. Joel and Jennifer Yates, along with Joel's parents, Hube and Louise Yates, went to Show Low for services the last weekend of the month. Gordon, Pat and their daughter Jennifer visited Lola Haygood in Tucson. Speaking from my experience, I quite enjoyed talking with the scattered members and worshipping together with them.

The weekend of March 4-6, we were pleased to have Rodger and Martha Bruner visiting Phoenix. They came to work with those singing in the Cantata for Conference. March fourth was a day of fellowship and fun. The day started with a picnic/potluck for Darrin Malone who left for a special school in Wichita. He would appreciate your prayers and letters if you could write to him. His address is: 2303 Jardine Drive, Wichita, KS 67219. The small children's (3 and 4-year-olds) Sunday School Class were taken to the zoo for a fun and educational time for both the adults and children. That evening, the young people gathered together for a game of Bible/Book of Mormon Trivia and Pictionary.

March 6th, during Sacrament Service, the ministry told of the need of men to be ordained and prepared for the ministry in the church. They implored us to pray in this regard, and especially for more ministry in Yucatan. The prayer was answered that day through apostle Don Housknecht when he called Brian McIndoo to the office of Priest. Many beautiful testimonies and prayers ended that service with a peaceful feeling surrounding each of us. March 11-13 was devoted to fasting and prayer for the upcoming Conference. Prayers were offered, asking the Lord's guidance during the meetings. Brian McIndoo was ordained March 13, preceding the Sacrament Service which ended our fast. It was truly a beautiful service, and a sweet spirit was indeed present, touching each one in attendance.

March 11, 1988 holds a special place in this local, most especially to Jim and Kim Yates who brought a

special blessing into this world on that day. Hailey Ilise Yates was born at 4:02 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 20½ inches. Jim and Kim have received a great blessing in this little girl, and I'm sure Hailey's grandparents feel the same. Jennifer Oldham was able to visit for a week after Hailey's birth, to help Kim and to be with her new granddaughter. Bob Oldham was able to go on a business trip that *happened* to be near Phoenix, so he dropped by to visit for a while. We were also blessed to hear him speak Sunday, March 20. Our love and prayers go to this little one and her family as well.

Much love and prayers to all.

Your sister in Christ,

Jennifer Yates
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OBITUARIES

ORVILLE V. EDDY 1911-1988

Our dear friend and Brother **Orville V. Eddy** passed from this life on April 29, 1988, at the age of 76. He was with his loving family, who had stayed by his side during his illness. Brother Orville was born in Lewiston, Michigan, June 24, 1911, the son of Joseph H. and Gertrude Eddy. He had a sister Pearl, brothers Earl and Lloyd, who were also members of the Church of Christ, who preceded him in death. His surviving brother, Harold, resides in California.

He was married July 13, 1935, to Agnes L. Musil. Their family consists of sons Robert V. and wife Wanda Joan of Clinton, Missouri; Ronald O. and wife Nancy of Lennon, Michigan; daughters Audrey Ex and husband Darwin of Davison, Michigan; and Patricia Burmeister and husband Arthur of Sterling, Michigan. They were blessed with five grandsons and five granddaughters.

Brother Orville was a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) since 1952. He was ordained a priest at our Flint Local on February 7, 1954.

We will miss him so very much. His deep faith was an inspiration to us all.

ORETA MAE MORGAN YATES 1929-1988

Oreta Mae Morgan Yates, born January 24, 1929

to Herman and Beulah Morgan in Kansas City, Missouri; departed from this life March 13, 1988 in Springfield, Missouri after suffering a long illness. No woman could have given more of herself to her God and her family.

Her early childhood was spent in Independence and the surrounding area. She attended William Chrisman High School and was active in drama and music. Upon graduation in 1947, she went to work as a secretary. In 1948 she met Wendell Gene Yates and a year and a half later they were married on October 1, 1949. They made their first home in Squaw Creek, Montana and resided there for two years. Then they returned to Independence where three of their five children were born. In 1958 they moved to Almon Valley and were blessed with two more children. It is there they have resided for the past 30 years.

She was baptized into the Church of Christ, Temple Lot, and attended the local church in Collins, Missouri. She supported her community as an active member of the Skyline PTA of which she was President in 1973-74. Her community involvement was exemplified through the Almon News column that she wrote for several years for the Index. She was a member of the Good Neighbor Club of Preston, which was always an enjoyment to her for 23 years. Oreta was a help in the founding of Preston Day. She loved reading and writing and was NEVER too busy to listen. There was never a problem too trivial or one that was too unsurmountable.

She was always thinking of others more than she did of herself. She was a devoted and loving wife for 38 years. Oreta was the beloved mother of five children as well as a wonderful grandmother. Her faith and prayers helped raise all her children and undoubtedly helped them become the people they are today.

Oreta had a wonderful sense of humor and through strife and adversity it never failed her. She always tried to look on the bright side and one of her favorite sayings was, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." She truly lived those words, for in the past few years with her failing health, she carried her burdens with a smile. Even in her darkest hours, she was constantly thinking of her beloved husband and family and was an inspiration to us all.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father and two brothers. She leaves behind her husband, Wendell Gene Yates, of Preston, Missouri; two sons, Myles Stanton Yates and Brent Marlon Yates, both of Preston; three daughters, Elana Sheree Kelley, Phoenix, Arizona; Wenda Lynn West, Tunas, Missouri; and Taria Delight Holt, also of Preston.

These five children and their spouses blessed Oreta and Wendell with eleven grandchildren, who as well as a host of other relatives and friends, will miss her beyond words.

As we say good-bye to Oreta today, we truly know we've lost a loved one and each of us will miss her warm loving smile, her gentle touch, and her lovely voice. We know her suffering is over and there are only brighter days ahead for her, but we do have the intangible memories she created for us and with us. That in itself is a comfort and we know she has finally gotten the reward she so deserved and is at peace with her God.

MISSOURI REUNION

We would like to invite everyone to attend our Missouri Reunion with us.

Date: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13-14, 1988. First meeting to begin at 9:00 A.M., August 12.

Place: Warrensburg, Missouri, at East Hudson Conference Center (the same building as the past few years).

Location: East Anderson St., east off Highway 13 in Warrensburg.

Lodging: Rooms are \$16.00 for a single room and \$20.00 for a double room per night. Pay as you enter. Linens are furnished.

Food: Meals will be furnished, desserts included. Donations will be accepted from those who dine with us.

We would like to know approximately how many plan on attending so the menu can be prepared. As soon as possible notify Jeanette Cunningham, Rt. 5, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093. 816-747-5024

There is plenty of room for all. Arrangements can be made for disabled persons if we know ahead of time.

Let us all try to attend and worship and associate together to make this the best Missouri Reunion ever.

BOOK OF MORMON NOTICE

Because of the passing of James Hedrick, who had undertaken the responsibility of preparing the Book of Mormon for publication, this project was virtually at a standstill for nearly a year. However, due to the continued interest of Alma and Daniel Hedrick, there is a renewed effort being made. The services of these men were and are without cost to the Church, and we are deeply indebted to them for their kindness and dedication. We understand that at least one other, a fellow-employee with Brother James Hedrick, is also offering valuable assistance.

With previous publication of the original notice in the course of a couple of years, many donations are on hand, held in reserve for the time of publication, which we anticipate may be in the fall or early winter months. That notice offered the Book of Mormon with a cheaper binding for a donation of \$10, and the book with a better binding for a donation of \$25. We may offer a limited number of these with better binding also with thumb-indexing; this would cost a few dollars more. These are only initiatory prices, which may be changed after actual publication costs have been determined; but these pre-publication prices are good for any who will donate until those prices have been fixed. If it is desirable to obtain more than one copy at these initial figures, it will be honored.

Please send your contribution with an expres-

sion of your desires to: Business Manager, Church of Christ (Temple Lot), P.O. Box 472, Independence, MO 64051. It will be credited to the Board of Publications fund. In the unlikely event that, for reasons beyond our control, the Church would be unable to complete the publication of the Book of Mormon, your money will be refunded upon request; otherwise, it would remain in the fund for other publications, most of which are given free of charge.

Considerable effort has been made to prepare this book even more nearly in accord with original manuscripts than the present 1908 authorized edition of the RLDS Church. The preface goes into historical detail not previously given, and answers some notable criticisms against the book. Reference text material has been revised and expanded, and study helps have been included at the back.

This project being a conference action, we would like to emphasize the importance of supporting this worthy cause to its completion. It is hoped that you will generously donate even above your anticipated order of new books, and if feasible, you will raise funds at the Local church level for the publishing of our own Book of Mormon. We pray that this precious record may always be available to us and our posterity.

The Council of Apostles
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1989 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 2. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 3. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, March 31 and April 1.

The 1988 Ministers' Conference (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 17 through 19 at Independence, Missouri.

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