

Spiritual Tune-Up

Jesus Christ, Advocate

Jesus has done and continues to all that He can possibly do for us, including pleading with the Father for us.

Moroni 7:28

they who have faith in him will cleave unto every good thing;

DC 45:3-

3 Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him

Jesus Christ, Antemortal Existence of

1 Peter 1:20 Christ was foreordained

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Jesus Christ, Appearances, Antemortal

Adam

Eve

Abraham

Jacob

Moses

Enoch

Isaiah

Ezekiel

Amos (9:1)

Nephi1

Jacob

King Lamoni

Genesis 17:1 Jesus appears unto Abram

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and **be thou perfect**.

Moses 1:2, 11 Moses sees God (Jehovah) face to face

2 And he saw God face to face, and he talked with him, and the glory of God was upon Moses; therefore Moses could endure his presence.

11 But now mine own eyes have beheld God; but not my natural, but my spiritual eyes, for my natural eyes could not have beheld; for I should have withered and died in his presence; but his glory was upon me; and I beheld his face, for I was transfigured before him.

Jesus Christ, Appearances, Postmortal (after His Resurrection)

Mary Magdalene

Other women

Peter

Luke and Cleopas

Apostles and others in upper room (Thomas absent)

Apostles again (Thomas present)

Seven apostles on the Sea of Galilee

Over 500 on a mountain in Galilee (1 Cor. 15:6)

James, Jesus' brother who became an apostle

Eleven apostles at His ascension

Paul (several times)

Stephen

Ananias (in a vision)

To many, for He was shown openly (Acts 10:40)

Those who came up with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. They became His witnesses (Acts 13:31)

Nephites and Lamanites at different times at the temple in Bountiful America

Mormon at 15 years of age (Mormon 1:15)

Moroni

Joseph Smith

Sidney Rigdon

Oliver Cowdery

Lorenzo Snow

David O. McKay (in a dream) see the book "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Pg 131)

Others in the last days

John the Revelator (Rev 1:1-17)

To spirits in the world of spirits

The pure in heart will see Him (Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God)

We will see Him someday (DC 130:1). He is a man like unto ourselves.

At His second coming, every eye will see Him (Rev. 1:7)

How to see Jesus

DC 67:10

10 And again, verily I say unto you that it is your privilege, and a promise I give unto you that have been ordained unto this ministry, that inasmuch as you

- strip yourselves from jealousies and fears, and
- humble yourselves before me, for ye are not sufficiently humble,

the veil shall be rent and you shall see me and know that I am—not with the carnal neither natural mind, but with the spiritual. (DC 67:10)

DC 93:1

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord: It shall come to pass that every soul who

- forsaketh his sins and
- cometh unto me, and
- calleth on my name, and
- obeyeth my voice, and
- keepeth my commandments,

shall see my face and know that I am;

Jesus Christ, Ascension of

Ephesians 4:10 God and Jesus dwell far above all heavens and all earths. There is nothing above them.

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Jesus Christ, Atonement through

Leviticus 17:11 Blood atones

11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

Isaiah 53:6 Jesus suffered all iniquities of all people

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

John 12:32 Jesus was lifted up from the earth onto the Cross

Jesus was lifted up from the earth to draw all men unto Him. He was above the earth while on the cross so that all the human race would “Look up to Him”

Romans 3:25 Have faith in *His* blood

Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through ***faith in his blood***, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Romans 5:9 We are justified by His blood

Much more then, being now ***justified by his blood***, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Philippians 2:8 Jesus chose to be humble

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Hebrews 2:9 Jesus tasted death for everyone.

That he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

1 John 1:7 Christ's blood cleans us from all sin

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

2 Nephi 2:7 Christ Sacrificed Himself: Broken heart and Contrite spirit

Behold, he offereth himself a sacrifice for sin, to answer the ends of the law, unto all those who have a broken heart and a contrite spirit; and unto none else can the ends of the law be answered.

Mosiah 3:16 Christ's blood atones

the blood of Christ atoneth for their sins.

Christ shed His blood in Gethsemane for approximately 3-4 hours. Then He shed His blood from His scourging through His side being pierced. He shed His blood most of the day on Friday. So He shed His blood for approximately 10-12 hours.

While He walked the Via Dolorosa blood was dripping from His body to the ground.

Alma 7:11 Jesus' Pain and Suffering

Jesus felt and experienced every imaginable pain, sickness, disease, hurt, sadness, disappointment, setback, emotion, guilt, heartache, sorrow, regret,

Helaman 5:9 Saved through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ

O remember, remember, my sons, the words which king Benjamin spake unto his people; yea, remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, who shall come; yea, remember that he cometh to redeem the world.

13th Article of Faith: How to be Saved

We believe that through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel.

Jesus Christ, Authority of

Jesus taught with love, knowledge, power, and authority. This astonished the people.

Mark 1:22 He taught with authority

They were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. They were astonished at His doctrine and with the authority he taught.

COMMENTARY:

David Spencer, in Torrance, CA, taught the Gospel Doctrine class with authority because he had studied and was very knowledgeable. He had taught Institute about 12 years. Sunday School class members were astonished at his knowledge and doctrine, plus his teaching style.

Luke 4:32 His word was with power

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

Romans 14:9 Jesus is Lord of both Living and the Dead

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Jesus is Lord of the living on earths now, and Lord of those who have been resurrected, and those who have died and are residing in the world of spirits. He is Lord of ALL of Heavenly Father's spirit children.

Hebrews 12:2 Why Jesus endured the Cross

Looking unto Jesus the ^aauthor and ^bfinisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him ^cendured the cross, despising the ^dshame, and is set down at the right hand of the ^ethrone of God.

DC 19:24 Jesus' Testimony of Himself

I am Jesus Christ; I came by the will of the Father, and I do his will.

DC 20:24 Jesus Sits on the Right Hand of the Father and Reigns with Almighty Power

And ascended into heaven, to sit down on the right hand of the Father, to reign with almighty power according to the will of the Father;

3 Nephi 9:15 Jesus created all things

Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

DC 49:5 Receive Christ and be saved

Thus saith the Lord; for I am God, and have sent mine Only Begotten Son into the world for the redemption of the world, and have decreed that **he that receiveth him shall be saved**, and he that receiveth him not shall be damned—

After baptism, we Receivethe Holy Ghost

Now, Receive Christ.

Now, Receive the Temple Endowment.

Jesus Christ, Baptism of

Luke 3:21 Jesus prayed at His baptism

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being “baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

2 Nephi 31:5 Why Jesus was Baptized

5 And now, if the Lamb of God, he being holy, should have need to be baptized by water, **to fulfil all righteousness**, O then, how much more need have we, being unholy, to be baptized, yea, even by water!

Jesus Christ, Betrayal of

Psalms 22:16 They pierced Jesus’ hands and feet

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

Jesus Christ, Birth of

Luke 1:31 Jesus shall be born

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

John 1:3 All things were made by Him

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Moses 6:57-62 Born of water, blood, and spirit

57 Wherefore teach it unto your children, that all men, everywhere, must repent, or they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God, for no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence; for, in the language of Adam, Man of Holiness is his name, and the name of his Only Begotten is the Son of Man, even Jesus Christ, a righteous Judge, who shall come in the meridian of time.

58 Therefore I give unto you a commandment, to teach these things freely unto your children, saying:

59 That by reason of transgression cometh the fall, which fall bringeth death, and inasmuch as ye were born into the world by water, and blood, and the spirit, which I have made, and so became of dust a living soul, even so ye must be born again into the kingdom of heaven, of water, and of the Spirit, and be cleansed by blood, even the blood of mine Only Begotten; that ye might be sanctified from all sin, and enjoy the words of eternal life in this world, and eternal life in the world to come, even immortal glory;

60 For by the water ye keep the commandment; by the Spirit ye are justified, and by the blood ye are sanctified;

61 Therefore it is given to abide in you; the record of heaven; the Comforter; the peaceable things of immortal glory; the truth of all things; that which quickeneth all things, which maketh alive all things; that which knoweth all things, and hath all power according to wisdom, mercy, truth, justice, and judgment.

62 And now, behold, I say unto you: This is the plan of salvation unto all men, through the blood of mine Only Begotten, who shall come in the meridian of time.

Jesus Christ, Condescension of

Psalms 113:6 Humble ourselves and see things in heaven and in earth

Who humbleth *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!

Isaiah 50:6 People jerked Jesus' beard from out of His face

6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Jesus Christ, Creator

Colossians 1:19–20

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through **the blood of his cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Ephesians 3:9

God, who created all things by Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1:2 (he made the worlds, this world and all other worlds)

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.

Jesus Christ, Crucifixion of

Matthew 20:17-20 Jesus told of His upcoming scourging and crucifixion

17 ¶ And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,

18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be ^abetrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to ^bdeath,

19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to ^amock, and to scourge, and to ^bcrucify *him*: and the third day he shall ^crise again.

December 13, 2023

Mark 15:13

“And they cried out again, Crucify him.”

The ‘war cry’ of hundreds of the Jews was, “Crucify Him.” This they spoke several times, not backing down from their predetermined objective, which was to have Jesus crucified. Their hearts were so hardened, that when they saw Jesus, scourged, and wearing the crown of thorns, they weren’t phased, not one particle, even when Pilate said, ‘**Behold the man**’ (John 19:5). They were actually that much more determined to have Jesus crucified. Pilate tried again, “**Behold your king**” (John 19:14). They said they had no king but Caesar. They wanted Jesus crucified at all cost, even to their own, well-deserved suffering. “*His blood be on us and on our children.*” They didn’t know what they were saying; nevertheless, within a few years thousands of these Jews were crucified. They got back in return what they sent out, fulfilling the “Law of the Harvest.”

The Jewish people were the most wicked people on the earth, so wicked that they were the only ones on the earth who would crucify Jesus, their Lord and Savior.

December 14, 2023

John 12:32-33 Jesus was lifted up from the earth to die

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

33 This He said, signifying what death He should die.

Jesus was crucified by wicked men who hated Him and righteousness. They were enemies unto God. It was imperative that Christ suffer death by crucifixion in order to draw all men unto Him. It was vital that He be nailed to a cross and lifted up from the earth so people could see Him. He was lifted up so people would look up to see Him. Even today we need to “Look up” to Christ and see Him, to “look to God and Live”, even the abundant, spiritual, righteous life. He could have been put to death by some other means, but crucifixion was the most horrible way to die, bar none, and this was the desire of the wicked Jews.

Thousands of people have been crucified throughout the ages for sins and wrongs they had committed. They were punished for the wrongs they did. Jesus, on the other hand, was crucified for the wrongs, the sins of OTHER PEOPLE-not for anything wrong that He did, for he did no wrong. All others have fallen, but Jesus never failed-He was perfect.

The cross was an inhuman instrument of death, torture, agony, anguish, blood loss, pain, and sorrow. He suffered through it all. The pain from the nails in His hands, wrists, and feet were so intense that it is impossible for we as humans to comprehend a fraction of it or even imagine it. His love was greater than the pain.

December 15, 2023

John 20:25 Thomas doesn’t believe that Jesus has been resurrected

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

Thomas doubts his brethren, the other apostles, in that they saw Jesus as He appeared unto them in the upper room. They testify to Thomas that Jesus was risen from the dead, and that He appeared unto them. There was quite a bit of doubt throughout the Qurum of 12 Apostles. When Jesus appeared unto the other women, they testified to the apostles of His resurrection. They didn't believe the women. They thought that the testimonies of the women were idle tales. Jesus shortly appeared unto the apostles and chastised them for their unbelief.

December 18, 2023

Acts 5:30 The Cross of Christ

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

God, Heavenly Father, sent Jesus down to earth to be born of Mary and to direct Him in becoming our Savior and Redeemer. God lead Jesus whithersoever He wanted Jesus to go and do. He communicated to Jesus often His will for Jesus to fulfill. Jesus' life was prayer-filled, for He always prayed, seeking to know His Father's will. This pleased God, the Father. Jesus did "always those things that please Him"(John 8:29), the Father.

This same Jesus was slain and crucified by the wicked Jews and Romans. His cross was made of wood. The Cross of Christ was an inhuman instrument of infinite pain, agony, torture, and suffering. Jesus shed His blood while hanging on the cross. His every movement increased the pain, suffering and the outpouring of blood dropping to the ground. Christ's event of crucifixion and death on the cross climaxed His mission and mortal ministry. Jesus felt infinite pain, but He suffered it for the joy that He and we would obtain. He did it for the Father, Himself, and us to be happy and experience eternal joy if we humble ourselves and are obedient.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

The Cross of Christ changed the course of history forever. On the Cross of Christ Jesus completed His Infinite Atonement, His Lifework.

December 19, 2023

1 Corinthians 2:2 Learn more about Christ than any other subject

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Galatians 6:14 Glory in The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

We will glory in the Lord, Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Look unto Christ and His crucifixion on the Cross for comfort and peace, for love unfeigned. Jesus is the only sure foundation upon which we can build a sure foundation for our lives. Magnify the Cross of Christ by applying His atoning blood to ourselves and receive a remission of our sins and wrongs. Preach Christ and Him crucified. Tell others about Christ. Bear witness of Him. Testify of Him. Live for Him. Love Him. Die for Him. Teach for Him. Rejoice for Him. Love for Him. Sing for Him. Do all that I do for Him and His name's sake, for the Glory of the Father and Christ.

Jesus is the true shepherd and knows His sheep. He worries and is concerned for every sheep. He seeks after the lost sheep and brings them back into the fold or into the fold for the first time.

The Cross of Christ is like a Flaming Arrow.

Jesus sweat great drops of blood from every pore. His life is not to be taken lightly. Learn of Him. Obey Him and be saved. Look to the Cross of Christ and be humbly grateful. Look to Christ on the Cross and think, ponder, meditate, and express thanksgiving. Love Him with all your hearts.

December 20, 2023

DC 20:23

He was crucified, died, and rose again the third day.

These three events in the life of Christ fulfilled the Father's will. Jesus always did "those things that please him" (John 8:29). Jesus never let His Father down. He was 100% obedient, dependable, and reliable. God could always count on Him.

Jesus' Crucifixion

Jesus' crucifixion was excruciating, painful, and heartbreaking; however, He endured the cross for us, for us to be happy and filled with joy. It also brought Jesus joy and happiness. He felt good when He did what He was supposed to do. Jesus' crucifixion lasted about six hours but its influence will last forever, continually, never-ending.

Jesus' Death

Jesus died on the cross. He had power over life and death. He died the moment that He chose to die, after He had completed all that the Father had sent Him to earth to do. At His death, His spirit left His physical body. His spirit went to the world of spirits, and His physical body was buried in

the tomb of Joseph of Arimathia, who was a member of the Sanhedrin, but he was a true follower of Christ and didn't vote against Him. "For as in Adam, all die" (1 Cor. 15:22).

Jesus' Resurrection

Jesus rose the third day, Sunday morning. He had power to lay down His life, and He had power to take it again. This He did. Now that Jesus has resurrected, all people will be resurrected, restored to life. "Even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer.

December 21, 2023

DC 35:2 Jesus was crucified

I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was crucified for the sins of the world, even as many as will believe on my name, that they may become the sons of God, even one in me as I am one in the Father, as the Father is one in me, that we may be one.

Jesus was crucified for the remission of sins for all those in the universe who repent, obey, and sacrifice a broken heart and contrite spirit unto the Lord. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked" (Galatians 6:7). Don't fool yourself. God knows every detail about us, and He will reward accordingly. We should strive to sacrifice unto Him a broken heart and contrite spirit.

Jesus' crucifixion was real and impacts us forever. Come unto the Cross of Christ, feast upon His words, serve others, work diligently to bring souls to Christ.

Jesus was perfectly humble. He didn't resist evil. He did no murmuring or complaining. He agreed with His adversary and suffered hunger, pain, temptations, anguish, and death. He is the only person who could have done this perfect atonement. His name be praised. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the author and finisher of our salvation. Beside Him there is no other.

December 22, 2023

DC 45:51-53 When the Jews will know Christ for who He really is

51 And then shall the Jews look upon me and say: What are these wounds in thine hands and in thy feet?

52 Then shall they know that I am the Lord; for I will say unto them: **These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified. I am the Son of God.**

53 And then shall they weep because of their iniquities; then shall they lament because they persecuted their king.

The Jews during in the meridian of time, the time of Christ's mortal life and ministry, were the most wicked people on the face of this entire earth. They were the only ones wicked enough to crucify Him. They were terribly wicked and prideful, mean and wretched, murderers in heart and in person. The Jews had Jesus crucified by the Romans.

While Jesus was hanging on the cross, the wicked Jews started to realize that the embarrassment was on them, and not on Christ. Eventually thousands of these Jews and their children and descendents were crucified, for God will not be mocked.

The day will come when the Jews will see the nail prints in Jesus' palms, wrists, and feet, and the wounds in His side, and they will ask Him what these wounds are? Jesus will answer by introducing himself, "I am Jesus, whom thou persecuted. **These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified. I am the Son of God.**"

They will then weep and lament because they in reality did persecute Him, their Savior, their Redeemer. Now they regret it. God will not be mocked. They will reap from the seeds that they had sown.

DC 76:40-43

40 And this is the gospel, the glad tidings, which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us—
41 That he came into the world, even Jesus, to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify the world, and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness;
42 That through him all might be saved whom the Father had put into his power and made by him;
43 Who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him.

December 27, 2023

DC 138:35

And so it was made known among the dead, both small and great, the unrighteous as well as the faithful, that redemption had been wrought (worked out) through the sacrifice of the Son of God upon the cross.

Throughout the duration of the Law of Moses, animals were sacrificed upon the altar of sacrifice, and their blood was shed. Christ was sacrificed upon the Cross, His altar of sacrifice, and His blood was shed, for the purpose of redemption of the souls of man.

Christ's redemption impacts and will forever impact those living and those who have died and are living in the world of spirits. "Redemption cometh in and through the Holy Messiah, for He is full of grace and truth. He offereth himself a sacrifice for sin" on the Cross (2 Nephi 2:6-7).

Jesus Christ, Davidic Descent of

Isaiah 9:7 Zeal of the Lord

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts

Zeal is "great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective." (Dictionary). Jesus was zealous, enthusiastic, to do His Father's will, to obey all that He was commanded to do. He was zealous to overcome the world-and this He did. He was zealous to preach repentance-and this He did. He was zealous for all to repent and come unto Him-and this He preached unwearingly. He was zealous to complete His Infinite Atonement-and this He did. He was zealous and is zealous now for all of God's children to repent, obey the commandments, be converted to the true church, have a broken heart and contrite spirit, be true and faithful every moment. Jesus had and has great zeal for righteousness and so must we.

Matthew 22:42 What think ye of Christ?

What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?

At the end of each day, ask myself, "What did I think of Christ today? Did I look unto Him in every thought? Did I picture Him in my mind's eye constantly throughout the day? Did I give Him all glory and credit? If not, I failed.

Meditate. Ponder. → "What do I really think of Christ?"

Jesus Christ, Death of

Romans 5:10-11 Reconciled to God

10 we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

John 12:32-33 Jesus was lifted up from the earth.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Romans 6:4 Walk in Newness of Life

4 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 also should walk in newness of life.

Philippians 2:8 Jesus' Obedience-Death on the Cross

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus came to earth to be crucified on the cross. He humbled himself and was obedient to the Father and was literally crucified on a cruel cross to be obedient unto death upon the Cross. Jesus came to earth to be lifted up, even upon the cross.

2 Nephi 9:5 Jesus suffered and died for All of God's children in the universe, in all worlds without number

5 Yea, I know that ye know that in the body he shall show himself unto those at Jerusalem, from whence we came; for it is expedient that it should be among them; for it behooveth the great Creator that he suffereth himself to become subject unto man in the flesh, and die for **all men**, that **all men** might become subject unto him.

Alma 22:14 Christ's Sufferings and Death Atone for Our Sins

14 And since man had fallen he could not merit anything of himself; but the sufferings and death of Christ atone for their sins, through faith and repentance, and so forth; and that he breaketh the

bands of death, that the grave shall have no victory, and that the sting of death should be swallowed up in the hopes of glory; and Aaron did expound all these things unto the king.

In addition to Christ's blood atoning for our sins, His sufferings and death also contributed to His atoning for our sins.

Moroni 9:25 Always remember Christ

25 My son, be faithful in Christ; and may not the things which I have written grieve thee, to weigh thee down unto death; but **may Christ lift thee up**, and may his sufferings and death, and the showing his body unto our fathers, and his mercy and long-suffering, and the hope of his glory and of eternal life, rest in your mind forever.

Pray always, and you will always remember Him.

Memorize scriptures always, and you will always remember Him. Always be memorizing a scripture.

DC 18:10-11 Jesus suffered for All People in The Universe

10 Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God;

11 For, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him.

Every soul of God's creation in all worlds that He has created through His son, Jesus Christ, is important and precious to Him. Jesus suffered, bled, died, and resurrected for all God's children in the universe. Jesus suffered infinite pain, agony, and anguish of soul for all God's children. Jesus felt the burden of the sins of all people in the universe. He suffered, bled, and died and resurrected so that if we repent, we would be happy and not have to suffer like He did. Otherwise, we must suffer for our own sins and wrongs, for this the Law of Justice.

'All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.' We all have fallen. Jesus only is the one being who didn't fall, thus we fall short of the glory which Jesus has; however, through our faith and repentance, we can become as He is through His infinite Atonement, His mercy and grace and our repentance and obedience. God is love.

DC 45:3-5 Jesus is our Advocate with the Father

Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him—

4 Saying: Father, behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin, in whom thou wast well pleased; behold the blood of thy Son which was shed, the blood of him whom thou gavest that thyself might be glorified;

5 Wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren that believe on my name, that they may come unto me and have everlasting life.

An advocate is one who pleads for another. Jesus sits on the right hand of God and pleads with the Father for us.

During His mortal ministry, Jesus pleaded with the Father for Peter. Jesus prayed for Peter that Satan wouldn't sift Peter as wheat.

During His Intercessory Prayer, Jesus pleaded with the Father for the twelve apostles and for all saints.

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, He pleaded with the Father for the Roman soldiers who were crucifying Him. He pleaded, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

For the Nephites, Jesus pleaded with the Father for them. (3 Nephi 19).

Jesus was sinless, qualifying Him to be our Savior and Redeemer.

Jesus lives. Jesus loves. Jesus advocates.

Jesus Christ, Divine Sonship

Luke 9:35 God the Father's Voice is heard

35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

God the Father speaks today, as in days of old. He introduces His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and lets Christ speak. We need to 'HearHim'. How do we 'Hear Him'?

1. Through humble, sincere prayer
2. Through the scriptures
3. Through inspiring talks
4. Through prophets and apostles
5. Through the still small voice
6. Through meditation

7. Through quietness
8. Through listening with our hearts.
9. Through other people
10. Through humility
11. Through sacred hymns and songs
12. Through spiritual music
13. Through writing
14. Through our feelings
15. through asking Him
16. Through looking upward
17. Through waterfalls
18. Through rivers and streams and creeks
19. Through the Sacrament
- 20.

Never blot out His Voice. Always be listening to Him to HEAR HIM.

Seek His face Continually. Seek His voice Continually.

1 Peter 1:16-18 Peter, James, John Eyewitnesses of Christ

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. (The Mount of Transfiguration).

Peter, James, and John were Eyewitnesses of Jesus Christ during His mortal ministry. They saw and heard Jesus firsthand. He was their teacher. On the Mount of Transfiguration, they actually heard the voice of God the Father, the excellent glory, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." These words made Jesus happy, because He had worked so hard to do the Father's will and to please His Father. These words brought glory and honor to Jesus. Jesus always did what pleased the Father ((John 8:29).

When we sincerely compliment others, it makes them happy and brings them glory and they feel honored.

2 Nephi 31:11 The Father declares Repentance

11 And the Father said: Repent ye, repent ye, and be baptized in the name of my Beloved Son.

God, Our Heavenly Father, is so eager for us, all of His children, to repent and be baptized into His true church. He and Jesus are saddened and hurt when we sin or live with pride, pride being the universal sin.

Jesus declared repentance and baptism by water and baptism by fire. Now the Father declares the same command. The Father is telling us to access Christ's Atonement through repentance and baptism for a remission of our sins.

Faith in Christ applies to His Atonement

Repentance applies to Christ's Atonement

Baptism applies to Christ's Atonement

The Holy Ghost (baptism of fire) applies to Christ's Atonement

Christ's Infinite Atonement Cycle is one eternal round. It's influence never ends.

JS-H 1:17 Hear Him

17 It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—**This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!**

God wants us to listen to Christ, His beloved Son, and HEAR HIM. Establish a better personal relationship with Christ. Converse with Him. Confide in Him. Meditate upon Him. Visualize Him. E like Him. Love Him. Thank Him. Be more thankful for Him.

Galatians 2:20 Christ lives in me

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of (in) the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

When we have faith in Christ, then we have Christ in us. When we have Christ in us, we desire to do good and be good, to please Him and the Father.

When we think of Christ, Christ is living in us.

When we have good thoughts, Christ is in us.

When we serve others humbly, Christ is in us.

When we have and feel the Spirit of the Lord, Christ is in us.

When we truly love God, Christ, and others, Christ is in us.

Drink the living water and feel the power of Christ in us. The church has living water.

Christ suffered and gave himself for us.

Alma 36:18 Alma turns to Jesus

18 Now, as my mind caught hold upon this thought, I cried within my heart: O Jesus, thou Son of God, have mercy on me, who am in the gall of bitterness, and am encircled about by the everlasting chains of death.

When we turn our hearts and minds to Jesus, He can and will cleanse us of our sins, and He can and will remove our guilt. We can and will feel peace and joy. He will give us rest. He is the prince of Peace. He stands at the door of our souls and knocks. He wants us to open the door and let Him enter into our souls.

DC 42:1 Jesus bears testimony of himself and God the Father

1 Hearken, O ye elders of my church, who have assembled yourselves together in **my name, even Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, the Savior of the world**; inasmuch as ye believe on my name and keep my commandments.

Jesus lives, and He bears testimony that God the Father LIVES. He is the Son of the LIVING GOD. Worship God AND Christ. Show devotion to both. 'Hearken' means to listen to, to pay attention to. We must Hearken to God and Jesus. Follow them. Obey them. Jesus is the Savior of the world.

God is the living God and Father of Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:2 Don't conform to this world, worldly things and worldly standards

2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Revelation 3:21 Overcome the world like Jesus did

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

DC 64:2 Overcome the world

2 For verily I say unto you, I will that ye should overcome the world;

1 John 5:4-5 Overcome the world

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

John 16:33 Jesus overcome the world

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Helaman 3:28 The gate of heaven

28 Yea, thus we see that the gate of heaven is open unto all, even to those who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God.

There is one gate of heaven, Jesus Christ. But there are many gates of hell.
Strait is the gate, narrow is the way...
Wide is the gate, broad is the way...

1 John 4:14 Why the Father sent the Son

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

The Father loved us so much that He sent His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior, the Savior of the world, the one to save us, to be our:

1. Rescuer
2. Preserver
3. Life vest: our temporal and spiritual life vests
4. Lifeguard
5. Guardian
6. Shepherd
7. Friend
8. Defender

9. Advocate
10. Protector
11. Exemplar
12. Liberator
13. Redeemer
14. Mediator
15. Spiritual First-aid
16. Healer
17. Purifier
18. Door to Eternal Life
- 19.

There is no other like Him. He is God's Son, His Only Begotten Son in the flesh.

1 John 5:11-12 Eternal life is in Christ

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Eternal life can only be obtained through Jesus Christ. He is the keeper of the gate to eternal life. The abundant life here in mortality is in Christ-not in the world, worldliness.

Jesus Christ, Exemplar

DC 56:2 take up one's cross

2 And he that will not take up his cross and follow me, and keep my commandments, the same shall not be saved.

To take up one's cross is to deny himself of all ungodliness, to sacrifice whatever is necessary.

John 14:6 Jesus is the Way

'I am the way...'

With and through Jesus we can do all things that are expedient for Him. "All things are possible to him that believeth."

Hebrews 4:15 in all points Jesus was tempted as we, but was without sin.

DC 35:2 Be ONE in God and Christ.

2 I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was crucified for the sins of the world, even as many as will believe on my name, that they may become the sons of God, even one in me as I am one in the Father, as the Father is one in me, **that we may be one.**

Jesus Christ, Family of

Jesus's Family

Mother Mary

Father Joseph

Matthew 13:55-56 Jesus' Brothers (brethren) and Sisters

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his **brethren**, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And his **sisters**, are they not all with us?

Brothers:

1. James (he became an apostle)
2. Joses
3. Simon
4. Judas

Joseph and Mary were humble parents, and they were deeply spiritual and devoted. They were two of the elect.

Jesus Christ, Firstborn

Jesus Christ, Foreordained

1 Peter 1:18-20 Jesus was foreordained

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Jesus Christ, Glory of

Glory: Honor, magnificence, splendor, distinction, greatness, brightness, majesty,

The **glory of God** is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth.

(DC 93:36)

Hymn "All Glory Laud and Honor"

1 Peter 2:16-18 Jesus' majesty, honor, glory. The Father's excellent glory.

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his **majesty**.

17 For he received from God the Father **honour** and **glory**, when there came such **a voice to him from the excellent glory**, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

Revelation 1:7-8 All to see Christ at His Second Coming

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:13-14 Brightness and glory of Christ

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd

1 Peter 2:5 Jesus is The Shepherd of our souls.

For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Alma 5:37-41 The Good Shepherd is calling us

37 O ye workers of iniquity; **ye that are puffed up in the vain things of the world**, ye that have professed to have known the ways of righteousness nevertheless have gone astray, as sheep having no shepherd, notwithstanding **a shepherd hath called after you and is still calling after you, but ye will not hearken unto his voice!**

38 Behold, I say unto you, that the good shepherd doth call you; yea, and in his own name he doth call you, which is the name of Christ; and if ye will not hearken unto the voice of the good shepherd, to the name by which ye are called, behold, ye are not the sheep of the good shepherd.

39 And now if ye are not the sheep of the good shepherd, of what fold are ye? Behold, I say unto you, that the devil is your shepherd, and ye are of his fold; and now, who can deny this? Behold, I say unto you, whosoever denieth this is a liar and a child of the devil.

40 For I say unto you that whatsoever is good cometh from God, and whatsoever is evil cometh from the devil.

41 Therefore, if a man bringeth forth good works he hearkeneth unto the voice of the good shepherd, and he doth follow him; but whosoever bringeth forth evil works, the same becometh a child of the devil, for he hearkeneth unto his voice, and doth follow him.

Alma 5:57 Follow the Voice of the Good Shepherd:Hear Him

57 And now I say unto you, all you that are desirous to **follow the voice of the good shepherd**, come ye out from the wicked, and be ye separate, and touch not their unclean things; and behold, their names shall be blotted out, that the names of the wicked shall not be numbered among the names of the righteous, that the word of God may be fulfilled, which saith: The names of the wicked shall not be mingled with the names of my people;

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

Boone Branch, Banner Elk Branch, Newland Branch, Marion Branch, Sparta Branch, Rockingham Branch, Sanford Branch, Laurinburg Branch, Camp Verde Branch, Sedona Branch, Mount Airy Branch, were all part of Christ's true church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Jesus Christ, Jehovah

Capture Notes	Create Notes
<p>Isaiah 12:2 Jesus is my strength 2 The Lord Jehovah is my strength.</p> <p>Isaiah 26:4 In Jehovah is everlasting strength 4 Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:</p> <p>Isaiah 41:13-14 The Lord WILL help us 13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.</p> <p>14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.</p> <p>Hosea 13:4 Christ-the only Savior 4 Yet I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me.</p> <p>2 Nephi 11:2-3 Isaiah, Nephi, and Jacob saw Christ 2 And now I, Nephi, write more of the words of Isaiah, for my soul delighteth in his words. For I will liken his words unto</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Really trust God and Jesus, for they WILL help us. 2. Never doubt them. 3. Pray with assurance. 4. Realize that there is only one Savior 5. Others have seen Christ, and so can I if I qualify. Qualify myself to see Him by striving to be spotless. See DC 93:1 fccok 6. Be spotless in thought, words, works, and actions. 7. Doubt is a spot. Fear is a spot. Negative thinking is a spot. Worry is a spot. Anger is a spot. Contention is a spot. Pride is a huge spot. Haughtiness is a spot. 8. Trust Jesus, for He IS our Savior, Redeemer, the Lord God Almighty. Be beside Him at all times. "Lead me, guide me, walk beside me." 9. Spend time with Jesus. 10. While praying to Heavenly Father, it's okay to say "O Lord" like Joseph Smith did in DC 109. 11. Eat spiritual food and drink spiritual drink 12.

my people, and I will send them forth unto all my children, for he verily saw my Redeemer, even as I have seen him.

3 And my brother, Jacob, also has seen him as I have seen him;

Jesus is our Savior, Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob

The Spirit of the Lord can bring about mighty changes in our hearts

1 Cor. 13:3-4

Jesus is our spiritual food and spiritual drink

Rev. 21:16 Jesus is the fountain of living water

6 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

3 Nephi 11:14

14 Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.

Jesus Christ, Judge

Content Notes	Create Notes
Hebrews 10:30 God will judge and recompence 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will	Eccl. 12:14 nobody gets away with anything, good or bad. God knows all and will reward everyone according to their works,

recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

3 Nephi 27:13-16 Righteous Judgment

13 Behold I have given unto you my gospel, and this is the gospel which I have given unto you—that I came into the world to do the will of my Father, because my Father sent me.

14 And my Father sent me that I might be lifted up upon the cross; and after that I had been lifted up upon the cross, that I might draw all men unto me, that as I have been lifted up by men even so should men be lifted up by the Father, **to stand before me, to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil—**

15 And for this cause have I been lifted up; therefore, according to the power of the Father **I will draw all men unto me, that they may be judged according to their works.**

16 **And it shall come to pass, that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name shall be filled; and if he endureth to the end, behold, him will I hold guiltless before my Father at that day when I shall stand to judge the world.**

Eccl. 12:13 The whole duty of man

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and **keep his commandments**: for this is the whole duty of man.

Eccl. 12:14 Every work to be judged

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Mormon 3:20 The whole human family of Adam

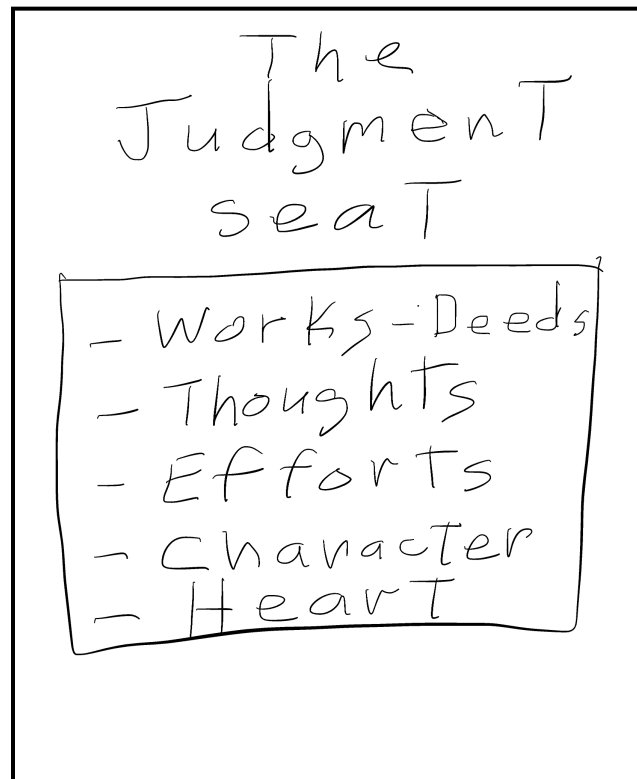
the whole human family of Adam; and ye

thoughts, and desires.

Everybody will receive a righteous, fair, and honest judgment from Christ, and He will present each of us to the Father to receive our rewards from our lives on earth.

We will be judged according to our works, our efforts.

Mormon 3:20 We are all one big family, the whole human family of Adam.



must stand to be judged of your works,
whether they be good or evil;

**2 Nephi 2:10 End Result of Christ's
Atonement**

the happiness which is affixed, to answer
the ends of the atonement—

Jesus Christ, King

CONTENT NOTES	CREATE NOTES
<p>Jeremiah 10:10 Jesus is the living God 10 But the LORD <i>is</i> the true ^aGod, he <i>is</i> the ^bliving God, and an everlasting ^cking</p> <p>Alma 5:50 Jesus is King of Heaven & Earth Behold the glory of the King of all the earth; and also the King of heaven shall very soon shine forth among all the children of men.</p>	

Jesus Christ, Lamb of God

CONTENT NOTES	CREATE NOTES
<p>Isaiah 53:7 Jesus never murmured 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.</p> <p>Revelation 7:13-14 The Blood of the Lamb 13 And one of the elders answered, saying</p>	<p>When Jennifer criticizes me or yells at me, don't open my mouth. Be patient like Jesus, for He openeth not His mouth.</p> <p>We can become clean, spotless, pure, and white through the blood of the Lamb, the Lamb of God. Washed in the blood of the Lamb.</p>

unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have **washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Revelation 14:1 The 144,000

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

DC 58:11 Prepare daily for Christ prepared for the great day to come.

DC 76:119 God and the Lamb

And to God and the Lamb be **glory**, and **honor**, and **dominion** forever and ever. Amen. (dominion-supremacy, superiority, sovereignty)

Who will be the 144,000?

Prepare for Christ's coming TODAY. Let Him come unto you today by our coming unto Him today.

Jesus Christ, Light of the World

CONTENT NOTES	CREATE NOTES
<p>Psalms 27:1 The LORD <i>is</i> my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD <i>is</i> the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?</p> <p>The Lord is my:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Light2. Salvation3. The strength of my life <p>2 Nephi 12:5 Walk in the light of the Lord</p>	

5 O house of Jacob, come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord; yea, come, for ye have all gone astray, every one to his wicked ways.

Jesus Christ, Lord

CONTENT NOTES	CREATE NOTES
<p>Lord: a Master, one with great power, authority, influence, wisdom, knowledge. God and Christ are Lords and Masters above all.</p> <p>Revelation 22:21 last verse in NT 21 The ^agrace of our ^bLord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.</p> <p>Ether 3:6 MM sees the finger of the Lord 6 And it came to pass that when the brother of Jared had said these words, behold, the ^aLord stretched forth his hand and touched the stones one by one with his ^bfinger. And the ^cveil was taken from off the eyes of the brother of Jared, and he saw the finger of the Lord; and it was as the finger of a man, like unto flesh and blood; and the brother of Jared ^dfell down before the Lord, for he was struck with ^efear.</p>	<p>Lord-a Master, one possessing great power, authority, wisdom, knowledge, influence. God and Jesus are Lords above all-Lord of lords. Jesus is my Lord and my God.</p> <p>Christ is the Lord Omnipotent. Have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.</p>

Jesus Christ, Mediator

CONTENT NOTES	CREATE NOTES
<p>1 Timothy 2:5 Christ is the mediator one <i>mediator</i> between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,</p> <p>2 Nephi 2:28 Lehi counsels his sons And now, my sons, I would that ye should look to the great Mediator, and hearken unto his great commandments; and be faithful unto his words, and choose eternal life, according to the will of his Holy Spirit;</p> <p>DC 76:69 Jesus wrought the perfect Atonement These are they who are just men made perfect through Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, who wrought out this perfect atonement through the shedding of his own blood.</p>	<p>Jesus said that no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.</p>

Jesus Christ, Messenger of the Covenant

CONTENT NOTES	CREATE NOTES
<p>Malachi 3:1 1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.</p> <p>John 8:42 Jesus had a Pre-mortal life Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for <u>I</u> proceeded forth and came from God;</p>	<p>“My messenger” consists of several people and will come to prepare the way for the Savior’s Second Coming and help people gain eternal life:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joseph Smith 2. John the Baptist 3. Peter, James, John 4. Moroni 5. Moses 6. Elias 7. Elijah 8. Church members 9. Church leaders 10. Church teachers

neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

11. Temple workers
12. Missionaries
- 13.

Jesus Christ, Messiah



Moses 6:52 Salvation through Christ

52 And he also said unto him: If thou wilt turn unto me, and hearken unto my voice, and believe, and repent of all thy transgressions, and be baptized, even in water, in the name of mine Only Begotten Son, who is full of grace and truth, which is **Jesus Christ, the only name which shall be given under heaven, whereby salvation shall come unto the children of men**, ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, asking all things in his name, and whatsoever ye shall ask, it shall be given you.

Names are important. But the most important of all names is the name of Jesus Christ. For it is only through the name of Jesus Christ that salvation comes, and there is no other name.

Names identify people. A person is identified by his/her name. The name of Jesus Christ identifies the Savior of the world, the Messiah.

Hebrews 2:10 Jesus-Captain of Our Salvation

*10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make **the captain of their salvation** perfect through sufferings.*

Jesus is the Captain of Our Salvation.

A captain is a leader, one who is in charge. The captain guides and directs. In this case, Jesus is our Leader, our compass, our exemplar. He will lead us to salvation if we but follow Him. This requires that we be humble and submissive before He can lead us. If we are prideful, hardhearted, egotistical, proud, puffed up, then He can't lead us. We are left unto ourselves and our own wisdom and strength which are terribly puny and weak compared to His power and infinite capacity.

He gives orders (commandments), and it is our God-given agency to obey or not.

Hebrews 12:2 Why Christ Endured the Cross

*2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.***



Jesus endured the cross because of the joy that awaited Him and everyone. If He could endure the cross until His Atonement was finished, then His Atonement would be perfect and infinite. It would be complete, and His mission would be accomplished. His enduring to the end was most pleasing to the Father.

As a result of His enduring the cross, all humankind is blessed with the opportunity to have peace and forgiveness of our sins if we repent and obey. His enduring of the cross means happiness for us now and in the eternities hereafter.

Jesus' famous words, **“It is finished.”** are three of the most vital words He ever spoke, because these words encompass all that He was sent to earth to do.

Paul said, “I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.”

We too must fight a good fight for righteousness, finish our course of mortal life by keeping the faith, like Paul and Jesus did

“Finishers Wanted”

Jesus said, “Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever” (Moses 4:2). Jesus “Finished” and endured to the end in order to do the Father’s will and bring glory to the Father forever.

Jesus Christ, Millennial Reign



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Psalms 89:18 The Lord is Our Defence

For the LORD is our defense;

Jesus is our protector, fortress, security, and stronghold. He is all powerful mentally, physically, spiritually. He knows all things and all people. He created all that has been created. With Christ, all things are possible. Without Him there is no promise or guarantee. Actually, without Him we are as nothing, powerless. We are dependant upon Him for all we have, all we are, and all that we become.

Isaiah 9:6 Jesus during the Millennium

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

During Jesus' 1000 year millennial reign on earth, He will be our King, and the entire government will be upon Him. He will rule in righteousness and fair judgment. He will be our lawgiver. He is the Mighty God. He is our Everlasting Father, the father of our salvation, for this was Jesus' mission on earth-our salvation.

Daniel 2:44 God's Kingdom will Stand Forever

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 for ever.

In the last days, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will last forever thereafter. Nothing can or will stop it from progressing. The kingdom is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Christ's New Testament church, the one and only completely true church on the earth. Opposition and persecution will arise, but nothing will destroy it, and it shall never pass away. God Almighty will preserve it with His matchless power.

DC 76:108 Jesus with The Crown of His Glory

Then shall he be crowned with the crown of his glory, to sit on the throne of his power to reign forever and ever.

Revelation 19:12 says He will have many crowns on His head.

Articles of Faith 1:10 Jesus will reign personally upon the earth

The day will come when Jesus will return to this earth and reign personally for 1000 years. He will be the head of government and the top law maker and law giver. He will be here in person and will reign in glory and majesty. The righteous will love being in His presence. Those who

whose to be prideful, bad, and wicked will not have the blessing of dwelling in His presence during this 1000 years.

What Matters Most

What will matter most to us during the millennium will be our relationship with Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost and others, personal righteousness we developed during mortality, during our stay on earth, how Christlike we became, our attitudes, character, personality, spirituality

What Won't Matter: Materialism. The deceitfulness of riches

What will not matter will be things like:

Worldly riches, money, bank accounts, wealth, houses, cars, your popularity, how many sports events you won, trophies, where you traveled to, your college degrees, which college you attended, school awards and honors, career awards, career status, your worldly status in the eyes of man. Pride will be the killer. Pride is like poison-it kills happiness and the Spirit of the Lord.

Jesus Christ, Mission of

Matthew 1:21 Jesus' Mission

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for *he shall save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 18:11 Jesus' Mission

For the Son of man is come to **save that which was lost.**

Mark 1:38 Jesus' Mission

And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, **that I may preach** there also: for therefore came I forth.

Luke 1:33 Jesus' Mission

And he shall **reign over the house of Jacob for ever**; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 4:18-19 Jesus' Mission (Isaiah 61:1)

The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because **he hath anointed me to:**

1. preach the gospel to the poor
2. heal the brokenhearted
3. preach deliverance to the captives
4. recovering of sight to the blind
5. set at liberty them that are bruised,

6. Preach the acceptable year of the Lord

Luke 4:43-44 Jesus' Mission

I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent. And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

John 1:3 Jesus' Mission

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 6:38 Jesus' Mission

For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**

John 12:23 Jesus' Mission

And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should **be glorified.**

3 Nephi 11:11 Jesus' Mission

And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have **glorified the Father** in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

1 Cor. 15:22 Jesus' Mission

For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Hebrews 5:9 Jesus' Mission: His overarching mission

And being made perfect, he became **the author of eternal salvation** unto all them that obey him;

Mosiah 3:9 Jesus' Mission: His overarching mission

he cometh unto his own, that salvation might come unto the children of men even through faith on his name;

Mosiah 12:21 Jesus' Mission

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that **bringeth good tidings**; that **publisheth peace**; that bringeth good tidings of good; that **publisheth salvation**; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth;

Mosiah 15:1 Jesus' Mission

God (Jesus, God the Son) himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall **redeem his people.**

Mosiah 15:9 Jesus' Mission

having (1) **broken the bands of death**, (2) **taken upon himself their iniquity and their transgressions**, having (3) **redeemed them**, and (4) **satisfied the demands of justice**.

Mosiah 18:2 Jesus' Mission

the resurrection of the dead, and the redemption of the people, which was to be brought to pass through the power, and **sufferings**, and **death of Christ**, and **his resurrection** and ascension into heaven.

3 Nephi 9:21; Ether 3:14 Jesus' Mission

Behold, I have come unto the world **to bring redemption unto the world, to save the world from sin**.

Ether 3:14 Jesus' Mission

Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world **to redeem my people**. Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son. **In me shall all mankind have life**, and that eternally, even they who shall believe on my name; and they shall become my sons and my daughters.

3 Nephi 15:5 Jesus' Mission

⁵ Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel; therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for **I have come to fulfil the law**; therefore it hath an end.

DC 19:2 Jesus' Mission

I, having accomplished and finished the will of him whose I am, even the Father, concerning me—having done this that I might **subdue (conquer) all things unto myself**—

All people and all things are subject unto Christ.

DC 138:25 Jesus' Mission

the Savior spent about three years in his ministry among the Jews and those of the house of Israel, endeavoring **to teach them the everlasting gospel and call them unto repentance**;

Zechariah 13:6 Jesus' Mission

What *are these wounds in thine hands*? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which **I was wounded in the house of my friends. (Jesus' Crucifixion)**

DC 45:52 Jesus' Mission

Then shall they know that I am the Lord; for I will say unto them: **These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified**. I am the Son of God.

Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son

Jesus is the only person who ever lived that had a mortal mother and an immortal Father; thus, Jesus was begotten by the Father. Jesus is God's Divine Son. Jesus' divine sonship.

Begat - to give life to. We are spiritually begotten by Jesus when we have faith in him and are born again (See Mosiah 5:7).

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

To "harden not your hearts" is to be humble.

Pride comes from Satan

Alma 12:33-34 Repent and be Humble

33 But God did call on men, in the name of his Son, (this being the [plan of redemption](#) which was laid) saying: If ye will [repent](#), and harden not your hearts, then will I have mercy upon you, through mine Only Begotten Son;

34 Therefore, whosoever repenteth, and hardeneth not his heart, he shall have claim on [mercy](#) through mine Only Begotten Son, unto a [remission](#) of his sins; and these shall enter into my [rest](#).

Jesus Christ, Power of

Genesis 17:1 Jehovah is The Almighty God

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, *I am* the Almighty God; **walk before me, and be thou perfect.**

COMMENTARY

Almighty means all powerful. Abram walked with Jehovah. He commands Abram to "Be thou Perfect", and this same commandment has been extended Jesus to everyone.

Matthew 25:30 Jesus' Second Coming with Power and Great Glory

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

DC 76:24 Jesus is the creator of all worlds, under the direction of the Father

That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.

DC 88:6-13 All things are controlled and governed by the Light of Christ

6 He that ascended up on high, as also he descended below all things, in that he comprehended all things, that he might be in all and through all things, the light of truth;

7 Which truth shineth. This is the light of Christ. As also he is in the sun, and the light of the sun, and the power thereof by which it was made.

8 As also he is in the moon, and is the light of the moon, and the power thereof by which it was made;

9 As also the light of the stars, and the power thereof by which they were made;

10 And the earth also, and the power thereof, even the earth upon which you stand.

11 And the light which shineth, which giveth you light, is through him who enlighteneth your eyes, which is the same light that quickeneth your understandings;

12 Which light proceedeth forth from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space—

13 The light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed, even the power of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things.

Jesus Christ, Prophecies about

The Stone of Israel

Shiloh

Choose the Good (Isaiah 7:15-16)

Isaiah 50:6 Jesus. Smiters, Cheeks-hair. Shame. Spitting

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isaiah 53:5 With His stripes we are healed

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

COMMENTARY

Jesus' stripes consisted of His broken body, His flesh ripped open and torn, His flesh being torn away from the bones and ligaments, His face scarred and beaten, His sacred wounds in His hands and wrists and feet, His cuts and scratches, His bruises and sores.

Jesus' long suffering, the shedding of His blood, His death comprised The Infinite Atonement of Jesus Christ. His was the perfect atonement. It's only through the shedding of HIS blood could the perfect atonement be done and the Father satisfied. Through His Atonement, we can be healed of our guilt, our sins, our pain resulting from our sins and transgressions.

Jesus is the Christ. REPENT and Come unto His sacrament table, partake of the bread and water, and be healed, always remembering Him, and receiving a remission of your sins giving you peace and happiness. His sufferings heal us.

Jesus is the Rock of our Salvation. If we build our lives upon Him, and we will never fall.

DC 45:51-53 Jews will learn of Christ at His Second Coming

51 And then shall the Jews look upon me and say: What are these wounds in thine hands and in thy feet?

52 Then shall they know that I am the Lord; for I will say unto them: These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified. I am the Son of God.

53 And then shall they weep because of their iniquities; then shall they lament because they persecuted their king.

Mark 9:12 Prophecy: Jesus must suffer many things and be set at nought (as nothing)

12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that **he must suffer** many things, and be set at nought.

COMMENTARY

Jesus, the greatest of all, suffered many things and was treated as nothing. The Jews' hearts were so hardened that they couldn't see the magnificent person Jesus was, the Lord God Almighty. Satan deceives people into thinking there is no Christ, or that if He did actually exist, that He was just an ordinary man, nothing special or beautiful about Him. It was the Father's will that Jesus suffer in order to satisfy the demands of justice, to pay for all sins of all people from all worlds created throughout all the universes.

Jesus' suffering was infinite suffering. He suffered the pains of all sins of all people. Jesus is the Crucified One. "The preaching of the Cross is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1:18).

The Jewish nation was filled with wickedness, pride, and evil, the most wicked nation on planet earth and all the earths created by Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and other gods.

1 Nephi 10:11 The Holy Ghost gives a person a testimony of Jesus

“...And after they had slain the Messiah, who should come, and after he had been slain he should rise from the dead, and **should make himself manifest, by the Holy Ghost**, unto the Gentiles. (see also 1 Cor. 12:3).

COMMENTARY:

The Holy Ghost reveals truth of all things, including the truth about Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Holy One of Israel. The Holy Ghost bears witness of Christ. The Holy Ghost is the third member of the Godhead, along with the Father and Christ. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are ONE, ONE in HEART, ONE in MIND. “No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost” (1 Cor. 12:3).

1 Nephi 11:33 Nephi saw in vision Jesus Crucified

And I, Nephi, saw that **he was lifted up upon the cross** and slain for the sins of the world.

COMMENTARY:

Throughout the ages prophets foresaw and prophesied of Christ’s birth, ministry, and crucifixion. They saw Him being crucified and dying on the Cross for the sins of the world. Jesus was no ordinary man. Nobody could die for the sins of the human family save Jesus only, for He was the Only Begotten Son of God in the flesh, and was foreordained in the councils of heaven to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. Jesus was the only person qualified to be slain for the sins of the world, for He was . perfect and committed no sin-never.

The Cross, crucifixion, was the most horrible and brutal form of death. It involved infinite pain and agony, long-suffering, shame, bleeding, piercing of the body, mocking. It involved the tearing of the body, damaging nerves, muscles, ligaments, body parts and organs, hardness of breathing, increased pain with even the slightest movement. Trying to ease and relieve pain caused more pain.

Jesus was sent to earth to be crucified for the sins of the world. He endured the Cross for the Joy that lay ahead for all humankind, for the glory of the Father, and to FINISH His assigned task, to do the will of the Father, to please the Father.

JESUS LOVES US THIS MUCH!!

1 Nephi 19:7-9 People Will Treat Jesus as Nothing

7 For the things which some men esteem to be of great worth, both to the body and soul, others set at naught and **trample under their feet**. Yea, even the very God of Israel do men trample under their feet; I say, **trample under their feet but I would speak in other words—they set him at naught, and hearken not to the voice of his counsels.**

8 And behold he cometh, according to the words of the angel, in six hundred years from the time my father left Jerusalem.

9 And the world, because of their iniquity, shall judge him to be a thing of naught; wherefore they scourge him, and he suffereth it; and they smite him, and he suffereth it. Yea, they spit upon him, and he suffereth it, because of his loving kindness and his long-suffering towards the children of men.

COMMENTARY

*Because of selfishness and sin, many people treat Jesus as naught (nothing). He isn't important to them. They know Him not and don't care to know Him. He isn't a top priority for them. They are concerned about materialism and pride. Things of the world are more important to them than Jesus. **They trample Jesus under their feet**, in other words, they treat Him as a nothing. They blaspheme Him. They do not learn about Him and follow His counsel. Mammon is of greater importance to them than Jesus. They even scourge Him, smite Him, and spit upon Him and He suffereth through it all "because of His loving kindness and longsuffering towards the children of men."*

Why don't we love Jesus and appreciate Him? Why do we trample Him under our feet? Why do we choose the world ahead Jesus? Pride. We have drifted away from Him and His Christian values because of our pride. We don't feel that we need Him anymore. We are puffed up in our hearts. WE are selfish and egotistical. We stopped praying unto the Father. We don't take church serious enough. Praise and honor and glory of man means more to us that praise from and to Christ.

It's all about Priorities, that which is most important to us individually and as a family and as a country.

We MUST PUT GOD AND JESUS FIRST!

2 Nephi 2:8 Christ's Atonement was Prophesied 600 years Before it Actually Occurred

"...there is no flesh that can dwell in the presence of God, save it be through the merits, and mercy, and grace of the Holy Messiah, who layeth down his life according to the flesh, and taketh it again by the power of the Spirit, that he may bring to pass the resurrection of the dead, being the first that should rise."

COMMENTARY:

God reveals His words and will to His servants, the prophets, and others. Nephi 1 saw Jesus crucified and three days later resurrected. Prophets are aware of God's dealings with man on earth and His whole church. He speaks to them.

Jesus had power to lay down His life according to the flesh. He chose to die at the moment He died. He actually laid down His life in death when the time was right. He also had power

to resurrect himself. This power was given unto Him from the Father. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united as ONE, one in heart and mind. The heart and mind of one is the heart and mind of the other two. They work together for the eternal life of humankind. Jesus died that we might live. He resurrected so that we could live eternally. "Blessed be the name of the most high God." (3 Nephi 11:17)

2 Nephi 10:3 The Jews-the Most Wicked Nation on Earth-Will Crucify Christ

3 Wherefore, as I said unto you, it must needs be expedient that Christ—for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be his name—should come among the Jews, among those who are the more wicked part of the world; and they shall crucify him—for thus it behooveth our God, and there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God.

COMMENTARY:

An angel of the Lord spake unto Jacob and told him that Jesus' name would be Christ, Jesus Christ.

Jesus was born in the City of David, Bethlehem, near unto Jerusalem, so that He would live in the vicinity and be crucified by the Jews.

His life was one of humility. There were many wicked people on the earth at that time, but nobody was as wicked as the Jews, the Jewish nation. They were so wicked that they were the only people on earth that would crucify the Lord, Jesus. Others would see His miracles and believe, but not so with the Jews.

Most Jews never yielded their hearts to God. They yielded their hearts to Satan and to themselves and to the world. They were so hardhearted, prideful, stiffnecked, stubborn, worldly, greedy, unbelieving, cruel, and hateful, that they would treat Jesus as a thing of nought. They would scourge Him, smite Him, spit upon Him, and ultimately crucify Him and He would suffer through it all because of His love and kindness and submissiveness in obeying the Father. He never resisted evil.

The Jews crucified Christ because of priestcraft, envy, hardened hearts, and wickedness.

2 Nephi 25:13 Christ will rise from the dead with Healing in His Wings

Behold, they will crucify him; and after he is laid in a sepulchre for the space of three days he shall rise from the dead, with healing in his wings; and all those who shall believe on his name shall be saved in the kingdom of God. Wherefore, my soul delighteth to prophesy concerning him, for I have seen his day, and my heart doth magnify his holy name.

COMMENTARY:

About 600 years before Christ, Nephi, in vision, saw Jesus Christ and Him crucified on the cross. After three days, Jesus was resurrected and came forth with power and glory. His resurrection was as though He was given wings to move about and power to influence all nations of the earth and worlds without end. Jesus was given this power from His Father. He earned it through His righteous living and obedience to the Father.

Jesus is the All Mighty God. He received the fulness of the Father, and so can we, if we are humble and obedient. It takes humility to humble ourselves and obey God. If we are prideful, we forget God, and He is no longer important in our lives. When we become prideful, we deny the healing power in His wings, the power He has to heal us, to bless us, and to lift us up.

Priorities: God and Jesus must always come FIRST in our priorities. Put them first 100% of the time, no matter what, and then you will continually feel the Healing in His wings. Put them above everybody else and above everything else, even above our problems to be solved.

Putting God and Jesus first magnifies their holy names.

Putting God and Jesus first GIVES YOU WINGS!!!

Mosiah 3:8 Prophecies that His name would be JESUS.

And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary.

COMMENTARY:

Old Testament prophets, New Testament prophets, and Book of Mormon prophets prophesied that our Savior and redeemer would be born into mortality via the virgin Mary and the Holy Ghost. “Surely the Lord God will do nothing but, He revealeth His secret unto His servants, the prophets” (Amos 3:7). Our Savior and Redeemer would be named JESUS, even JESUS CHRIST.

The angel Gabriel or Noah, appeared to the Virgin Mary and informed her that the Holy Ghost would come upon her, and that she would conceive and bring forth a son, even the Son of God, and that His name would be called JESUS. God, Christ, and the Holy Ghost work through their chosen seers and prophets and revelators and other Priesthood men and also woman to accomplish His will and purpose: to bring to pass the eternal life of the human family.

*God, Christ, and the Holy Ghost desire that we gain Eternal Life. No worldly success can compensate for missing this target: **ETERNAL LIFE**. And it is only through the name of Jesus that thereby salvation, eternal life, exaltation, can be obtained forever. Our works in mortality determine whether or not we obtain Eternal Life. We must live Celestially.*

Alma 7:10 Jesus will be born of Mary

10 And behold, he shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem which is the land of our forefathers, she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be overshadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God.

COMMENTARY:

The birth of Jesus was a miracle in all aspects. Jesus is the Son of God. He is the only begotten son of God in the flesh. Jesus is divine; therefore, Jesus' Divine Sonship is the all-encompassing embodiment of the importance of Jesus being God's Son, that His birth was divine in that He had an immortal father and a mortal mother. No one else has every nor yet will ever be, born as Jesus was born. He was born to be the Saviour of the world, of all the human family of worlds without end.

Mary was a chosen vessel. In other words she was foreordained in the premortal life to be the mother of Jesus here on earth. She was overshadowed (protected). She became pregnant (conceived) by the power of the Holy Ghost (a miracle). "For with God, nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). Never doubt what God can do.

Alma 21:9 What Constitutes the Atonement of Jesus Christ?

"...there could be no redemption for mankind save it were through the death and sufferings of Christ, and the atonement of his blood."

COMMENTARY:

The Atonement of Jesus Christ consists of :

- 1. Jesus' sufferings*
- 2. Jesus' shedded blood*
- 3. Jesus' death*

The Atonement of Jesus Christ occurred while He prayed and suffered in Gethsemane where He sweat blood from every pore so great was His anguish for the wickedness and abominations of the people. sufferings were so intense, like olives being pressed and squeezed through the oil press. Sins of people pressed and squeezed Jesus' blood from every pore.

He suffered in Gethsemane. He suffering during His trials in the house of Annas where a servant hit Jesus. He suffered in the Palace of Caiaphas where Jesus was slapped on the face, smitten, spit upon, mocked, blindfolded and tortured. He suffered in the Palace of Pilate where He was scourged, crowned with a crown of thorns and hit on the head with a reed. He suffered while carrying His cross to Calvary until He could carry it no more. He suffered while slowly walking the Via Dolorosa. He suffered at Calvary where He was nailed to the Cross. The nails in His hands, wrists, and feet brought infinite pain to His innocent

soul. He suffered while hanging from the cross. He suffered while His blood oozed from His body. He suffered until He said, "It is finished" and He gave us the ghost.

Helaman 5:9 How Man Can be Saved

“...remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, who shall come; yea, remember that he cometh to redeem the world.”

COMMENTARY:

Jesus Christ came to redeem the world from their sins. Through Him, His shedded blood, is the only way or means whereby man can be saved. Without Him shedding of His blood for our sins, there would be no redemption of anyone. All would die, eventually become as Satan.

Jesus shed His blood for our souls. "For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11). Jesus' blood is the most precious of any blood. Only His blood could redeem mankind. Anybody else could shed their blood, but it would not affect anyone at all regarding redeeming them of their sins. Only Christ could do this. No one else was qualified. "He only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in" through the shedding of His blood.

When we partake of the sacramental water each Sunday, we REMEMBER His shedded blood, the blood that atoned for our sins, to remit them as we repent and come unto Him.

Jesus' blood is divine. Jesus' blood is pure. Jesus' blood atones. Jesus' blood makes us clean and pure. Jesus' blood stirs our souls to do that which is good. Jesus' blood saves.

Jesus shed His blood during:

- 1. His Gethsemane*
- 2. His scourging*
- 3. His crown of thorns*
- 4. His Via Dolorosa walk*
- 5. His Crucifixion*
- 6. His pierced side*

Whenever Jesus shed His blood, He was suffering, except when His side was pierced, for He was already dead and didn't feel physical pain; otherwise, His suffering and bleeding occurred simultaneously.

Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer, our ALL.

Helaman 14:2 Samuel the Lamanite Prophecies of Christ's First Coming

And behold, he said unto them: Behold, I give unto you a sign; for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name.

COMMENTARY:

This is one of the most clear and distinct prophecies of the first coming of Jesus Christ. Samuel simply and profoundly says that Christ will come in five years from that moment. This is exactly what happened. His prophecy was fulfilled precisely. Christ came at a time when there was day-night-day wherein the night was light, no darkness. This was in fulfilment of Samuel's another prophecy.

Why doubt the prophets? If they are true and faithful prophets, they will always tell truth and lead in righteousness. They will never lead us astray as false prophets and teachers do. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7). Jesus said, "My word ... shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same." (DC 1:38).

Christ is the firstfruits of them that slept. Thus He will come again and reign on earth for 1000 years in righteousness: No Doubt!

3 Nephi 9:16 Jesus Bore Testimony of His Coming

I came unto my own, and my own received me not. And the scriptures concerning my coming are fulfilled.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus knew the scriptures. He read the scriptures. He pointed people to the scriptures. He knew of the scriptures that told of His coming. Thus, He bears testimony that the scriptures that prophesied of His first coming were all fulfilled.

Jesus desires that we study the scriptures diligently and learn of Him. President Benson said, "We should know more about the Book of Mormon than any other book." It is true! The Book of Mormon will kindle a flame of fire in your heart that will fill you with the Spirit of the Lord more than any other book. It will inspire you to do that which is righteous and good. You learn good and evil. The spirit of the Book of Mormon will influence you to obey God and the Lamb, and thus experience peace, joy, and happiness.

Ether 3:14 Jesus' Example of Preparation

I am he who was **prepared from the foundation of the world** to redeem my people. Behold, I am Jesus Christ.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus demonstrates that Preparation is essential in doing the work of God. In the councils of heaven, before the creation of this earth, Jesus spent many years preparing for His mortal

ministry. He Prepared himself to come down to earth to Redeem His People. His preparation consisted of Him be totally obedient to the Father such that when He was born into mortality, he came as a perfect character.

He developed His character and intelligence in pre-existence to perfection. This preparation of righteous living before He came to earth prepared Him to come here and be our Redeemer and Savior. In other words, He was prepared to be our Savior and Redeemer before He came here. The Father prepared Jesus to be our Redeemer and Savior.

Prophets and others are prepared in pre-existence, foreordained, to come down to this earth and fulfill their foreordinations.

DC 29:11 Jesus himself testifies of His Coming

For I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years, and the wicked shall not stand.

COMMENTARY:

Prophets throughout the ages prophesied of Christ's birth, His first coming. They also prophesied of His Second Coming to this earth. Not only did prophets foretell of Christ's Second Coming, but Christ himself told of His Second Coming. He and the Father and the Holy Ghost know when He will come again, but nobody else knows. Not even the angels of heaven know. But the day will come when He will reveal himself unto man in the flesh. This will be a great and dreadful day: great for all those who are prepared spiritually to see Him and meet Him, but dreadful for those who are not spiritually prepared, those who are carnally-minded.

Jesus is the Holy One one of Israel, the Bridegroom who is to come.

DC 34:7-8 Jesus Testifies of His Own Second Coming

7 For behold, verily, verily, I say unto you, the time is soon at hand that I shall come in a cloud with power and great glory.

8 And it shall be a great day at the time of my coming, for all nations shall tremble.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus tells us that He will come in a cloud; therefore, we will look up into the sky and see clouds and Jesus descending unto us here on earth. All nations altogether will see him. We will be eyewitnesses of Jesus' power and great glory. The wicked will be burn as stubble, but the righteous, those who have been valiant in the testimony of Jesus, will rejoice and be exceedingly glad to see Him and worship Him and live with Him under His leadership for 1000 years. These will be glorious days.

Jesus' first coming was foretold, and it came to pass. His second coming is being foretold, and IT WILL COME TO PASS.

Spiritually Dressed

*We must prepare ourselves spiritually for His second advent. Seek to be like the five virgins whose lamps were full of oil, spiritually prepared. Don't be like the five virgins who were foolish, filled with carnality and empty of spirituality. They can be good people, but if they have chosen the world first, ahead of God and Jesus, then their lamps will be lacking spirituality, thus they will not be able to dwell in His presence. No unclean thing can dwell in the presence of God. Seek to be **spiritually dressed** to stand in His presence NOW and at His Second Coming.*

This life is the time to prepare to meet God. Developing our talent of spirituality and becoming spiritually dressed are ways we prepare to meet Him.

DC 88:95-97 Jesus Christ's Second Coming and The Curtain of Heaven

95 And there shall be silence in heaven for the space of half an hour; and immediately after shall **the curtain of heaven** be unfolded, as a scroll is unfolded after it is rolled up, and the face of the Lord shall be unveiled;

96 And the saints that are upon the earth, who are alive, shall be quickened and be caught up to meet him.

97 And they who have slept in their graves shall come forth, for their graves shall be opened; and they also shall be caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven

COMMENTARY:

Regarding Jesus' Second Coming, after silence in heaven for 30 minutes, the Curtain of Heaven will be unfolded, like a scroll, and Jesus' face will be unveiled. The righteous on earth at that time and the righteous in the world of spirits will be caught up to meet Him within the midst of the pillar of heaven. This will be a great and marvelous day for the righteous people living on earth at the time and the righteous who have died and are residing in Paradise of the World of Spirits. Jesus will then rule and reign on earth 1000 years.

Moses 7:55 Enoch sees Christ Crucified

55 And the Lord said unto Enoch: Look, and he looked and beheld the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, after the manner of men;

COMMENTARY:

Enoch lived around 3000 B.C. He had a vision where he saw Jesus in mortality, the meridian of time. Within this vision, Enoch saw Jesus crucified by the wicked Jews, the most wicked people on earth. He saw Jesus lifted upon the cross and slain for the sins of the world. This he saw about 3000 years before it actually happened, but he received a perfect knowledge of this future event-Christ's Crucifixion.

Nephi had this same vision about 600 years before Christ's actual crucifixion, where he too saw the Son of Man lifted up on the cross and slain for the sins of all humankind. (1 Nephi 11:33)

Ephesians 2:19-20 Christ: The Chief Cornerstone of His Church

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

COMMENTARY:

Jesus established His church in the Meridian of Time, when He was living on the earth. He called it The Church of Jesus Christ. The foundation of the church consisted of Apostles and Prophets. These men were special of the name of Jesus Christ, duly called and ordained to proclaim Jesus and Him crucified to all the world.

In addition to the apostles and prophets being the foundation of Christ's church, Jesus was himself the Chief Cornerstone. Jesus was the Stone of Israel, the Rock of our Salvation. It was His church; therefore, He was the chief leader thereof. The church having apostles and prophets is one sign of the Lord's true church. Jesus is the head of the church. The apostles and prophets work under His direction and inspiration.

The church exists to help people gain salvation, exaltation, eternal life. This is His work and glory, and it should be our's as well, except the glory be His and not ours. The church is the Kingdom of God on earth, the only true and living church upon the face of planet earth today. Through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints a person can obtain eternal life by his/her repentance, obedience, and the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

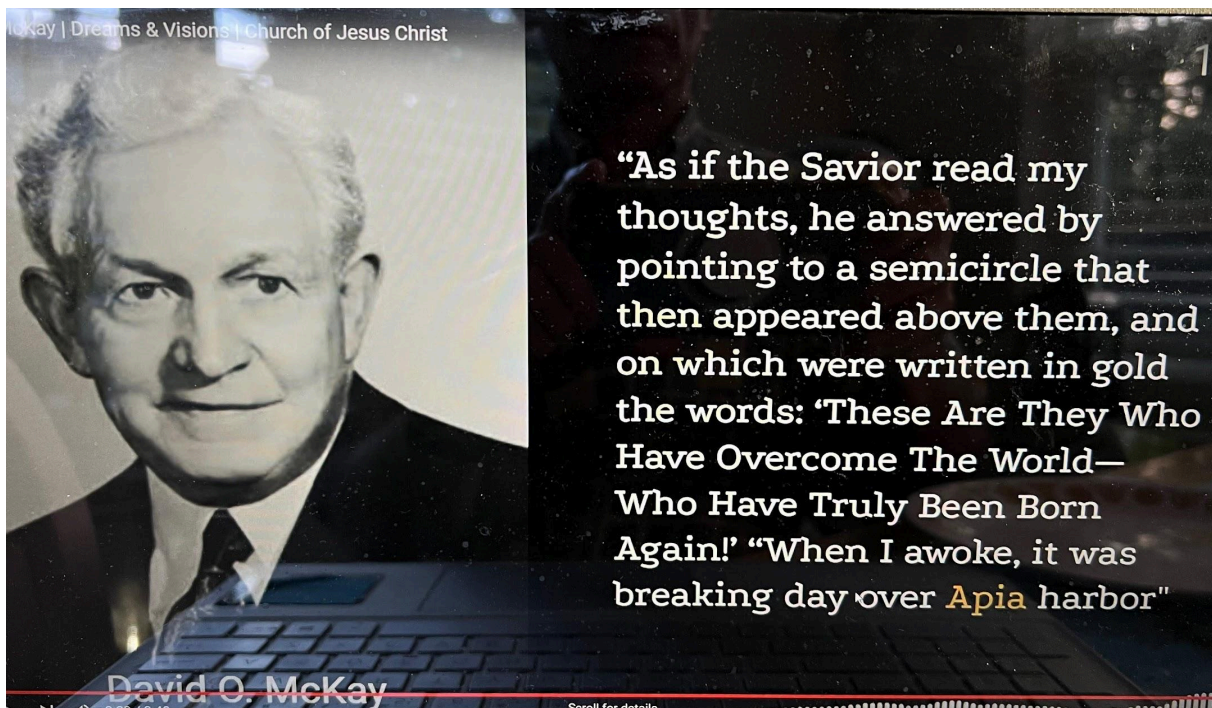
prepare them for the coming of the Lord, in whose hand is given all power.

COMMENTARY:

John the Baptist prepared the people for the first coming of the Lord. John taught repentance, faith in Christ who should come, and baptism for the remission of their sins. He baptized in the Jordan River and other places where he might have been. He was given the authority to preach and baptize when he was eight days old. He baptized Jesus.

In modern times, we must be striving to prepare ourselves and others for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as sure as we breathe and our eyes blink, He will return in great power and clouds of glory. The prideful and wicked will be burn as stubble from the brightness of His glory, but the righteous will rejoice and be exceedingly glad to see Him and live in His presence. Celestial spirits will be resurrected at the beginning the millennium. Terrestrial spirits will be resurrected during the millennium. Telestial spirits will be resurrected at end of the millennium. Sons of perdidion will be resurrected after the end of the little season following the 1000 year millennium of our Savior.

*Prepare ourselves and others now for the Savior's Second Coming by working humbly and hard to **overcome the world, to be truly "Born Again"**, to be sanctified, spotless, pure, white.*



Jesus Christ, Redeemer

Isaiah 53:4 Jesus is our Redeemer

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer. His suffering, bleeding, and dying for us wrought His infinite atonement, making Him our Redeemer and Advocate with the Father. Jesus alone was the only one qualified to pay for the sins of the entire human family. We have a hard time trying to pay for our own sins and remove them from our lives, but Christ, the Holy One of Israel paid for the sins of all people past, present, and future. We can't begin to fathom the magnitude of such a feat. It is incomprehensible to our finite minds.

Jesus knows all things, for there is not anything save He knows it. He, the Father, and the Holy Ghost are ONE, one heart and one mind. The mind and will of one is the mind and will of the other two. Jesus prayed that we would all become ONE with them. We can if we believe in Christ, believe that He is our Redeemer, if we repent and obey God's commandments, then we can be ONE with the Godhead.

What would we be like if Jesus was not our Redeemer? We would not exist. For He is our Creator, the creator of earth and man. Jesus lived for us. He died for us. And He lives again for us. "God be thanked for matchless gift of His divine Son." (The Living Christ).

Isaiah 53:4 Our Redeemer Jesus' Suffering

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus, our Redeemer, suffer greatly so that we would not have to suffer if we would but repent and obey His commandments. Jesus suffer so intensely that He sweat great drops of blood from every pore in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here He suffered part of His infinite Atoning Sacrifice for our sins. Jesus suffered our griefs and sorrows, our sicknesses and sad moments, our pains and agonies, our infirmities and our sins. He suffered to do the Father's will.

God the Father sent Jesus to earth to suffer, bleed, and die for the whole human family. It pleased the Father to bruise Him, to see Him suffer. And Jesus suffered the Father's will for the joy that lay ahead for Him and for everyone and for the glory of the Father. Jesus' suffering was infinite. There is no way we can comprehend the depth and breadth of Jesus'

suffering for us. He suffered physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional pain to an infinite degree. No mortal mind can comprehend even a glimpse of Jesus' suffering for us.

*We must praise, honor, and bring glory to God and Jesus for His long suffering. Who can say too much of His long suffering for us? We can't begin to praise and glorify Him too much. **We must bow down before Him and worship Him with all our heart, might, mind, strength, and with our whole soul. Anything short of this is not sufficient enough.***

Matthew 1:21 Jesus to Save People From Their Sins

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for **he shall save his people from their sins.**

COMMENTARY:

Prior to Jesus' birth, the angel, Gabriel, appeared unto Joseph in a dream and told Joseph that his wife, Mary, would bring forth a son and that His name would be Jesus. Gabriel informed Joseph that their beloved Son, Jesus, would grow up and save the world from their sins, meaning that Jesus would atone for the sins of all people and redeem them from all their iniquities if they only repent and come unto Him with a broken heart and contrite spirit.

This prophecy was fulfilled every whit. Jesus was born, grew into adulthood, ministered unto the people as the Father commanded, and was lifted up on the cross and slain for the sins of all humankind. Jesus became the Savior of the world to fulfill His foreordination in pre-existence to become such.

Jesus is the Almighty God, the Everlasting Father of heaven and earth. He is the Savior and Redeemer of the world. God loved us so that He sent His Son, even Jesus Christ, to suffer, bleed, die, and resurrect for all people in worlds without number.

Matthew 20:28 The Mission of Jesus Christ

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus is the epitome of GIVING. He gave His all, even His life for us. He sacrificed His all for us. He lived for us. He died for us. He resurrected for us.

GIVING IS LIVING

Jesus came to minister to people, to call them to repentance, and to teach them the true gospel in order for them to gain salvation, eternal life. He gave His life as a payment for our

sins, to satisfy the Law of Justice. For everyone, He was mocked. He suffered. He bled, He died. He resurrected. He endured infinite suffering. Blessed be His name forever.

Matthew 26:28 Jesus Redeemed us Through the Shedding of His blood

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

COMMENTARY:

The Law of Justice required that all sins be paid for. All people sin; therefore, their sins must be paid for. Jesus made the ransom for all sins. In other words, He paid for all sins. He atoned for all sins. He shed His blood for all sins. He was mocked for all sins. He suffered for all sins. He was crucified, put to death, for all sins. Now, it is up to us to do our part, to humble ourselves, repent, and obey God's commandments. If we don't do our part, we will suffer for our sins as Christ suffered. If we repent and obey, we won't have to suffer as He suffered.

Jesus was the only person who could shed His blood for the sins of all people. Nobody else had such power. He was sinless, qualifying Him to be our Savior and Redeemer. All others have fallen short due to our sins and weaknesses.

We are in debt to Jesus. He satisfied the Father's Law of Justice. He asks us to offer unto Him, as part of our payback to Him for what He did for us, a Broken Heart and a Contrite Spirit, to humble and repent.

Luke 22:19-20 Christ Gave His Body and Shed His Blood for Us

19 ¶ And he took **bread**, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my **body** which is **given for you**: this do in **remembrance** of me.

20 Likewise also the **cup** after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new **testament** in my **blood**, which is shed for you.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus Christ gave His body for us. He sacrificed His body through scourging, crown of thorns, smiting, crucifixion which included nails driven through the palms of His hands, wrists, and feet. He Suffer infinite pain and torture as He gave, sacrificed, His physical body, and He did it all FOR YOU, [FOR US]. Jesus was so unselfish. He suffered and died FOR US.

Jesus Christ shed His blood FOR YOU [FOR US]. His suffering caused Him to bleed, to shed His blood from every pore of His body. His shedded blood atoned for our sins. This was

the Father's will. He send Jesus, His Only Begotten Son in the flesh, to come to this earth to give His body and shed His blood FOR YOU [FOR US].

Romans 3:25 Faith in Christ's Blood

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood ...

COMMENTARY:

It is crucial that we have faith in Jesus Christ. Also, it is essential that we have faith in His blood. We must believe that Christ's shedded blood redeems us of our sins as we humble ourselves, repent, and obey His commandments.

- a. Faith in Christ's Blood is to see the power of Christ's blood in redeeming us.*
- b. Faith in Christ's blood is to appreciate His blood, His infinite atoning sacrifice of His blood and His life*
- c. Faith in Christ's blood is to be thankful for Jesus' suffering. As He was suffering He shed His blood which bringeth redemption of our sins.*

It is only through the blood of Jesus Christ that we can be saved. There is no other way salvation can be obtained other than through the blood of Christ and our righteousness on doing our part of the plan.

Romans 5:1-2 Access God and Jesus by Faith

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of

COMMENTARY:

WE can enjoy peace with God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We access Christ through our faith in Him. When we visualize Him, see Him in our mind's eye with an eye of faith, we are accessing Him. We access Him when we:

- 1. Visualize Christ*
- 2. Meditate and ponder upon Him*
- 3. Be quiet and still*
- 4. Confide in Him*
- 5. Talk with Him*
- 6. Listen to Him*
- 7. Thank Him*
- 8. Praise Him*
- 9. Worship Him*

We can access Christ throughout the entire day if we follow these steps. It takes faith to start doing these steps. It takes faith to pray to Heavenly Father. It takes faith to believe that He will answer our pleadings. “Without faith it is impossible to please Him.”

John 3:16 God the Father GAVE His Only Begotten Son

16 ¶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Galations 1:3-5 Jesus Christ GAVE himself for our sins

3 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 **Who gave himself** for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

5 To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMENTARY:

Both God the Father and His son, Jesus Christ, GAVE. They live lives of GIVING and FORGIVING.

God the Father GAVE His only Begotten Son, Jesus, to come down to earth to suffer, bleed, die, and resurrect for us, for us to have our sins remitted and the opportunity for us to choose eternal life.

Jesus Christ GAVE himself a sacrifice for sin. He didn't sacrifice animals or fowls as sacrifices, but He sacrificed HIMSELF, HIS BLOOD, HIS LIFE for our sins, that He might deliver us from the blood and sins of this generation, and people of all generations, through our faithfulness. (See 2 Nephi 2:6-7). J'esus GAVE himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:13-14)

Ephesians 1:7 Redemption through Christ's Blood

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Alma 5:27 We Can be Clean and White through the Blood of Christ

Have ye walked, keeping yourselves blameless before God? Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble? That your garments have

been cleansed and made white through the blood of Christ, who will come to **redeem his people from their sins?**

COMMENTARY:

*Jesus came to redeem us from our sins. Because of Him and our acceptance of Him and our repentance, we can become cleansed and made white through the atonement of His blood, the shedding of His blood for us. Blood atones. Jesus Christ is the only name under heaven in whom salvation comes. There is no other person who could atone for our sins save Jesus only. Jesus is the Holy One of Israel, the light and life of the world, the Savior and Redeemer of all mankind in all worlds. **Rejoice and be humbly grateful for the “blood of the cross”** (Colossians 1:19) which passeth all understanding. “God be thanked for the matchless gift of His divine Son.” (“The Living Christ”, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints).*

Hebrews 9:14 Jesus, without spot, offered himself to God

How much more shall the **blood** of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit **offered himself without spot to God**, **purge** your **conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

COMMENTARY:

Jesus was sinless, blameless, without spot. Yet, He offered Himself as a sacrifice unto God the Father FOR US. He sacrificed himself in our behalf, because He loved us so much, even with a perfect love. And, He wanted to do the will of His Father. Jesus offered Himself for us to have a way to have our sins remitted through our repentance and obedience. Without Him we could do nothing. Only He could unlock the gate to heaven and let us enter thereto if we qualify.

Hebrews 9:26 Jesus sacrificed himself

... he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus sacrificed himself upon His altar of sacrifice-the Cross. The Jews didn't sacrifice Jesus, but he gave His life through Self-Sacrifice. He put himself on the Cross. He had power to resist His crucifixion and mocking and suffering, but He didn't. He endured faithfully to the bitter end by doing the Father's will and completing the Perfect Atonement. He paid the ransom for the sins of all people. Jesus suffered, bled, and died when He offered himself as the great and last sacrifice. His great and last Self-Sacrifice ended the sacrifice of animals and fowls by the shedding of their blood.

During Jesus' mortal ministry He sacrificed for people. He went out of His way to help and bless others. He sacrificed for the betterment of others.

Today, we should be willing to sacrifice ourselves for the Lord, for the building up of His church and kingdom on earth. Sacrificing ourselves is to devote our time and give our lives in service to others. We sacrifice ourselves when we unselfishly help other people. David O. McKay said, “Spirituality is denying yourself for the betterment of another.” In other words, sacrificing ourselves for others.

1 Peter 1:18-19 Christ’s Precious Blood Redeems Us

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...

19 But with the precious blood of Christ...

COMMENTARY:

Money, silver and gold, do not redeem us.

Our houses do not redeem us.

Our land doesn’t redeem us.

Our bank account can’t and doesn’t and never will redeem us.

Our cars do not redeem us.

Our career choice does not redeem us.

Our vacations do not redeem us.

Sports do not redeem us.

Nothing material or worldly can redeem us. They are necessary for mortal survival, but salvation is not gained by them. It is only through our personal righteousness, our Christlike character, and the precious blood of Jesus Christ that redeem us. Satan desires us to think otherwise. He is out to deceive us by making us think that redemption comes through money and riches and other materialistic pursuits.

Beware of “THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES.”

1 John 2:2 Jesus is the Intercessor for our sins

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus Christ ransomed us; He paid for our sins. His actions granted unto a pardon of our sins if we truly humble ourselves, truly repent, and obey His commandments. His actions consisted of:

- 1. Long suffering*
- 2. Patience: Not resisting evil*
- 3. Shedding His blood*
- 4. Dying on the cross of His crucifixion*

His resurrection sealed and crowned His Atonement. Without Christ and His infinite Atonement, we could never receive a forgiveness of our sins.

Render thanks unto God and Christ, humbly, always.

1 John 3:5

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

COMMENTARY

God, the Father, sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to suffer, bleed, and die in order to TAKE AWAY OUR SINS. Jesus volunteered to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. He knew ahead of time that He would suffer, bleed, and die for all people, that He would perform the Infinite Atonement to glorify the Father. Righteousness glorifies the Father and Son. When one gains eternal life, this glorifies the Father and Son, for this is their work and glory. God desires that we be as sinless as possible, to be blameless, without blemish, even SPOTLESS. Jesus takes away our sins as we repent and obey His commandments.

“How Great Thou Art” (verse 3)

*“And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, **He bled and died to take away my sin.**”*

Revelation 1:5 Jesus’ Blood Washes Away Our Sins

5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

COMMENTARY

The blood of Jesus Christ atones for our sins. His blood washed and continues to wash away our sins as we repent and obey. Christ’s blood is the only blood that can wash away our sins. No other person’s blood and no blood of animals or fowls can wash away our sins. Christ’s blood only has this power of washing and cleansing us from our sins. Jesus’ shedded blood a Gift from God. Without Jesus’ suffering and the shedding of His blood, we could not be forgiven of our wrongs. Our sins would remain in us. We would be miserable, just like Satan desires us to be. But with the atoning blood of Christ, we can be clean and sanctified and made whole.

We can enjoy peace and happiness, even pure joy because of Christ’s atoning blood which He shed in Gethsemand, during His scourging, His crown of thorns, while being crucified on

the Cross of Calvary. "There is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only in and through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ" (Helaman 5:9). This was the Father's plan from before the foundation of the world.

2 Nephi 2:6-8 Redemption comes in and through Jesus Christ, the Holy Messiah

6 Wherefore, redemption cometh in and through the Holy Messiah; for he is full of grace and truth.

7 Behold, he offereth himself a sacrifice for sin, to answer the ends of the law, unto all those who have a broken heart and a contrite spirit; and unto none else can the ends of the law be answered.

8 Wherefore, how great the importance to make these things known unto the inhabitants of the earth, that they may know that there is no flesh that can dwell in the presence of God, save it be through the merits, and mercy, and grace of the Holy Messiah, who layeth down his life according to the flesh, and taketh it again by the power of the Spirit, that he may bring to pass the resurrection of the dead, being the first that should rise.

COMMENTARY:

Since Jesus is full of grace and truth, He came to earth to bring redemption upon mankind. Only through Jesus Christ can redemption come.



Jesus fulfilled the Law of Moses; therefore, it was no longer required for the children of Israel to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings upon the altar. Concerning sacrifices, Jesus came to fulfill the Law of Moses and to offer HIMSELF as a self-sacrifice upon His altar of sacrifice, the Cross of Calvary. Jesus' sacrifice was the Great and the Last Sacrifice. Jesus had power to lay down His life and to take it again, to resurrect himself. This power was given unto Him by the Father. Jesus could bind on earth and bind in heaven. He could seal on earth and seal in heaven.

Jesus' suffering, mocking, scourging, being cast out, disowned by His own, bleeding, and dying brought redemption upon humankind. Herein was Christ's Atonement made perfect. His glorious resurrection crowned His Atonement.

2 Nephi 11:2 Isiah saw Christ

2 And now I, Nephi, write more of the words of **Isaiah**, for my soul delighteth in his words. For I will liken his words unto my people, and I will send them forth unto all my children, **for he verily saw my Redeemer, even as I have seen him.**

COMMENTARY

The prophet Isaiah saw Jesus; therefore, Isaiah received a perfect testimony of Jesus Christ. This is why Nephi loved to read and study the teachings and scriptures of Isaiah. Nephi knew that Isaiah was a true prophet and couldn't lie. Nephi wanted to learn more about Jesus and draw closer to Him, and studying Isaiah helped fulfill this desire.

*Jesus has even commanded us to search diligently the teachings of Isaiah. Jesus said, "And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to search these things (teachings of Isaiah). Yea, **a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah**" (3 Nephi 23:1).*

The words of Isaiah are so great that Jesus commanded us to search them diligently. Thus, if we aren't searching the words of Isaiah diligently, then we are disobedient. We aren't keeping this commandment and must need repent. 'Great are the words of Isaiah'. Nephi searched the words of Isaiah. He even included lots of Isaiah chapters in the Plates of Nephi so that people throughout the world could read more of Isaiah and feel the strength and testimony of this great man, this great prophet who has seen Christ.

Some of my favorite Isaiah verses include:

1. Isaiah 11
2. Isaiah 12
3. Isaiah 2
4. Isaiah 29:13-14
5. Isaiah 29:18
6. Isaiah 4
7. Isaiah 5
8. Isaiah 53:3-5, the entire chapter.
9. Isaiah 55:8-9
10. Isaiah 5:20
11. Isaiah 7:14
12. Isaiah 9:6

Mosiah 15:10 Jesus himself was an offering for sin

10 And now I say unto you, who shall declare his generation? Behold, I say unto you, that when his soul has been made an offering for sin he shall see his seed. And now what say ye? And who shall be his seed?

COMMENTARY:

Offerings of animals and fowls were made for sin. But now, Jesus gives HIMSELF as an offering for sin upon His Cross, the altar of His self-sacrifice. Jesus voluntarily laid down His life and had power to take it again. He chose when to die, and he chose to resurrect himself to bring life and light to the entire human family, worlds without end. His offering affected eternity past and eternity future.

Jesus' infinite offering ransomed us from our sins. His offering satisfied the Father's Law of Justice where all sins must be paid for. Jesus paid for all sins. Glory be to God and Jesus for the Law of Justice and the Law of Mercy.

Mosiah 15:24 Redeemed by the Lord

We can "have eternal life, being redeemed by the Lord."

COMMENTARY

Jesus redeems us. He suffered for our sins. He paid for our sins through His long suffering (mocking, pains, afflictions, temptations, scourging, crown of thorns, Gethsemane, Crucifixion, slapping in His face, spitting upon His face, being hit with a rod, sorrows for the people, rejection, anguish, sins of people), His blood, His death. He then resurrected so that we could live. We are redeemed by the Lord and by no other. Thus, Jesus is our Redeemer, the one who redeems us.

His Long Suffering:

1. Mocking
2. Ridicule
3. Pains of every kind
4. Afflictions of every kind
5. Temptations of every kind
6. Sickesses of every kind
7. Scourging
8. crown of thorns
9. Gethsemane

10. Crucifixion
11. slapping in His face
12. spitting upon His face
13. being hit with a rod
14. sorrows for the people
15. Rejection of Him and His word
16. Anguish
17. Hunger
18. Thirst
19. Fatigue
20. Sins of people

WHY DID JESUS SUFFER SO MUCH, EVEN INFINITE SUFFERING? (see Alma 7:13)

1. That He might take upon Himself our sins
2. That He might blot out our transgressions according to the power of His deliverance

Alma 11:40 Jesus Came to Redeem Us

40 And he shall come into the world to redeem his people; and he shall take upon him the transgressions of those who believe on his name; and these are they that shall have eternal life, and salvation cometh to none else.

COMMENTARY

A mission of Jesus is to redeem us. His atoning self-sacrifice redeems those who believe in Him and are baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Then eternal life awaits these people if they endure faithfully by obeying all God's commandments, ordinances, and covenants to the end of their mortal lives.

Alma 42:15 Jesus atones for the sins of the world

15 And now, the plan of mercy could not be brought about except an atonement should be made; therefore God himself atoneth for the sins of the world, to bring about the plan of mercy, to appease (satisfied) the demands of justice, that God might be a perfect, just God, and a merciful God also.

COMMENTARY

Jesus Christ atoned for the sins of the world. He came to earth with a specific mission, to be lifted upon the cross, to suffer, bleed, and die for the sins of the entire human family, including those people from eternity past through eternity future. Jesus was that powerful. He is power. There isn't anything that He doesn't know, for He knoweth all things.

God is a fair and just God. He will not be mocked. When we do wrong, we will be punished sooner or later, for this is the law of justice. If we do good, we will be rewarded for that which good, for this is the law of justice. Jesus' atonement is the single most important thing that has ever happened and will ever occur throughout all creation. Jesus' atonement safeguards us from eternal damnation and torment. We can escape the weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth if we believe in Christ, repent of our sins, be baptized into the true church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, endure faithfully to the end. God will grant unto each one according to their thoughts, works, desires, faith, effort, attitudes, their character. Christlike Character matters most.

Jesus' atonement opens the gate for our eternal happiness and becoming a God like He and His Father. This is life eternal to know God and Jesus.

Jesus' Infinite Atonement is the Plan of Mercy.

Helaman 5:9 Salvation only through Christ's Atoning Blood and our Obedience

there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ

COMMENTARY:

If a person wants to gain exaltation, eternal life, be saved in the highest heaven of the Celestial world, EXPERIENCE NEVER-ENDING HAPPINESS, the only way to accomplish this desire is through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Christ shed His blood in Gethsemane, during His scourging, during His crown of thorns torture, and when He was crucified on the cross. His shed blood atones for our sins. His shed blood paid for all our sins. Only through the shed blood of Christ can we be forgiven of our sins and be sanctified, made clean, pure, and spotless after we repent.

*Christ is the way and the only way, through His divine grace can we be saved in exaltation. Christ's Atoning Blood saves us after all we can do. Jesus did His part, and we must do our part. **Our part is to humble ourselves, develop powerful spiritual roots, develop a magnificent Talent of Spirituality, repent, keep His commandments, sacrifice unto Him a broken heart and contrite spirit, and serve others diligently, and do all these things for the duration of our lives.***

Christ's Atonement is the most basic, most fundamental, and the most important aspect of our religion, of life itself, of our existence; therefore, we should strive to learn all we can about Christ and His Atonement. "We should know more about the Book of Mormon than any other book." (Ezra Taft Benson). And the Book of Mormon is the number one source book to learn about Christ's Atonement.

3 Nephi 11:11 Jesus took upon himself the sins of the world

11 And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in **taking upon me the sins of the world**, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

COMMENTARY

Only Jesus can be our Savior and Redeemer. All of the rest of us have sinned and come short. Jesus; however, lived a sinless life, empowering Him to be a Savior for the rest of humankind. He has power over life and death, and we do not. He has power to lay down His life and take it again. We do not. He took upon himself the sins of all people. We have not. Jesus's Atonement makes all things possible. He overcame death through His death and His resurrection. "But to us there is but one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). The bitter cup was Jesus' Atonement. He drunk out of the bitter cup. It was bitter due to the infinite pain, suffering, bleeding, agony, anguish, that Jesus experienced. He was the only person who could have endured such suffering.

Turn to Christ and be perfected in Him. For He is the author and finisher of our faith, our Mediator and Advocate with the Father. He is the light and life within every human soul. Without Him we could do nothing (John 15:4-5).

DC 18:11 Jesus is Our Redeemer

11 For, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him.

COMMENTARY:

Christ's Atonement and Our Repentance

Jesus is our Redeemer because of what He did. He shed His precious blood to atone for our sins. He suffered death, for He gave His own life in self-sacrifice so that we might live. He suffered the pain of all men. This is pain of all kinds including the pain we experience from sin and wrong doing.

Whenever we sin, the law of justice takes affect and pricks our conscience to tell us we did wrong. Were it not for the Law of Justice and our conscience we would continue to sin and not feel bad about it. Jesus paid for our sins and suffered so that we would not have to suffer

*if we repent and come unto Him. We must humble ourselves before we have the heart to repent. Repentance comes after we are humble. If we remain prideful, then we won't repent. We see and feel no need for repentance; therefore, **humility precedes repentance**.*

Jesus said, "How great is his joy in the soul that repenteth" (DC 18:13)

*Christ's Atonement and our repentance go hand in hand; for they work together. **Our repentance brings the power of Christ's Atonement into our lives.***

DC 18:47 Jesus bears testimony of Himself

47 Behold, I, Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, and your Redeemer, by the power of my Spirit have spoken it. Amen.

COMMENTARY

Jesus declares who He really is, that He is our Lord, our God, and our Redeemer. He is like His Father and the Holy Ghost having one heart and one mind. Jesus' mission was to come to earth and atone for the sins of the world, to be lifted upon the cross and suffer, bleed, and die for our sins. He did suffer, bleed, and die for those who have a broken heart and contrite spirit. The prideful aren't humble sufficiently to access Christ's atonement, and won't, unless they humble themselves and repent and come unto Him.

God isn't happy or pleased with those who are filled with pride, who have a hard heart. He desires that we walk humbly with Him. (Micah 6:8).

Jesus is Supreme. Look unto Him in every thought. Doubt not. Fear not.

DC 21:9 Jesus was Crucified by Sinful Men

9 For, behold, I will [bless](#) all those who labor in my vineyard with a mighty blessing, and they shall believe on his words, which are given him through me by the [Comforter](#), which [manifesteth](#) that Jesus was [crucified](#) by [sinful](#) men for the sins of the [world](#), yea, for the remission of sins unto the [contrite heart](#).

COMMENTARY:

Blessed are those who preach and testify of Christ. They will be blessed for opening their mouths and declaring His name throughout the world wherever they might be.

Jesus was crucified on the cruel cross by sinful men. They were the most wicked people on earth. Only they would crucify Jesus. Jesus was born where He was to be where He could be crucified. His crucifixion is the reason the Father sent Him to earth.

Jesus was crucified for the remission of sins, not just for anybody or everybody, but for those who are humble, who have a contrite heart, who are repentant and obedient. Jesus suffered death in the flesh to atone for the sins of all people in all worlds throughout the universe. This is God's work and glory. Jesus paid for all sins of people eternity past and eternity future. But, unless a person humbles himself and comes unto Christ, then Christ's atonement won't impact them like it does the repentant and meek.

We should always "walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8). Herein is found peace in repenting. To develop a contrite heart one must humble himself before God and be sincere grateful to God for all He and Jesus have done. Without humility, a person won't repent, confess sins, help the poor and needy, and seek forgiveness. Humility opens the door for repentance and forgiveness and remission of sins. Pride blocks the Spirit of the Lord from entering into a person's heart and soul; and therefore their lives are in vain, immersing themselves in the vain things of the world, jeopardizing their chances for eternal life. Satan wants people to have pride so he can tear them down and prevent them from following Christ and gaining eternal life. He literally puffs people up into pride and boasting in themselves and others. Satan deceives people with riches of the world, making them look as the most important of all things: WHAT A LIE! "Be not like unto them."

DC 19:16-19 Jesus' Suffering - Our Suffering

16 For behold, I, God, have **suffered** these things for all, that they might not **suffer** if they would repent;

17 But if they would not repent they must **suffer** even as I;

18 Which **suffering** caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to **suffer** both body and spirit—and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink—

19 Nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus suffered in body, mind, and spirit for all people everywhere throughout the universe. His suffering was infinite. He suffered the burden of all sins of all people from all worlds created by Heavenly Father and Himself. He suffered pain, agony, torment, ridicule. In Gethsemane Jesus suffered and trembled so greatly that He shed great drops of blood from every pore of His body. His atoning blood saves us. He suffered in the Cross infinite pain and agony.

Jesus suffered pains, sicknesses, diseases, sins, infirmities of every kind. We have no glimpse of the extent of His unbearable suffering. He trembled because of His excruciating pain. Jesus suffered so that we might not suffer if we but REPENT; therefore, we can repent or suffer. Everything we suffer, Jesus has already experienced it. He knows us perfectly. He has

experienced our small and great sufferings. He has compassion towards us, unworthy creatures.

“I am grateful for the Lord’s long suffering. He seems to get so little return for His investment in us” (President Spencer W. Kimball). We can give back to Him our obedience and a broken heart and contrite spirit. We can “walk humbly with God.” (Micah 6:8)

DC 138:1-4 Pondering and reflecting on Christ lead to a knowledge of Christ

1 On the third of October, in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, I sat in my room **pondering** over the scriptures;

2 And **reflecting** upon the great atoning sacrifice that was made by the Son of God, for the redemption of the world;

3 And the great and wonderful love made manifest by the Father and the Son in the coming of the Redeemer into the world;

4 That through his atonement, and by obedience to the principles of the gospel, mankind might be saved.

COMMENTARY:

We can be saved only through the Redemption of Christ and our obedience to the principles of the gospel. Since the Fall of Adam, it was necessary and essential that an atonement be made, made by someone who was perfect. Jesus Christ was the only one qualified to fulfill such a demand. Jesus, our Redeemer, sacrificed His life, shed His blood, and died for us so that we might live, even everlastingly.

Jesus is the great Redeemer and Mediator and Savior and Advocate. Jesus died that we might live. He died in order that He could be resurrected; thus, we can now be resurrected. That first Easter morning was glorious and beautiful. After hours of suffering, bleeding, and then dying on the cross, Jesus was buried in the tomb for three days. Then He rose from the grave and appeared unto many.

Jesus is our Advocate with the Father. He pleads with the Father now in our behalf. He loves us and wants us to be righteous, happy, and live the gospel principles successfully. In Jesus’ name can man be saved in exaltation. Jesus rose from the dead, becoming the first fruits of them that slept. No one can phantom the love our Father in Heaven and Jesus have for us. They love us with a perfect love, no matter what we say or do. It saddens them when we do wrong, but the love is still there, nonetheless.

God and Jesus must not be forgotten. We must ALWAYS remember them.

Alma 34:8 Jesus Atoned for the Sins of the World

8 And now, behold, I will testify unto you of myself that these things are true. Behold, I say unto you, that I do know that Christ shall come among the children of men, to take upon him the transgressions of his people, and that he shall atone for the sins of the world; for the Lord God hath spoken it.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus took upon himself our transgressions and atoned for our sins, the sins of all people on all earths created by Him under the direction of the Father. Jesus is the savior of the world, and besides Him there is no other Savior of worlds without number. Jesus is the first and the last, even Alpha and Omega.

Jesus suffer infinite suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He trembled because of pain and bled from every pore of His physical body because of the wickedness of all people. His anguish of soul was so severe and intense that an angel had to come down from heaven and minister unto Him, to try to relieve Him of some of the pain and anguish in which He was experiencing.

Jesus suffered an infinite suffering on the Cross of Calvary, where He suffered, bled, and died for all humankind. Thousands were crucified by wicked people and leaders, but only Jesus' crucifixion was to atone for the sins of the worlds. Jesus alone had power to take upon himself our sins, forgive us of our sins, and resurrect himself. Because of His resurrection, all will be resurrected. For joy, Jesus endured the sufferings of the Cross. He knew that if He would endure the Cross' suffering, then He, the Father, and people would rejoice and be exceedingly glad and have joy.

Joy feels the souls of those who believe in Christ, repent of their sins, are baptized into the true church, receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, humbly serve others, and endure faithfully to the end of their lives.

Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Only Begotten of the Father, the Son of Man of Holiness. He is the Redeemer and Savior of the world.

DC 34:3 Jesus Gave His own Life

3 Jesus, "who so loved the world that he gave his own life..."

COMMENTARY:

Both God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, GAVE. They are unselfish. They think of others. "

The Father GAVE:

"For God so loved the world that He GAVE His only Begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Jesus GAVE:

Jesus, “who so loved the world that He GAVE His own life..” (DC 34:3).

God the Father sacrificed His son, Jesus, to see Him suffer, bleed, die, and resurrect for the happiness of all His children, for the entire human family throughout the universe. The Father was willing to see His son, Jesus, suffer pain, agony, and torture, belittlement, mocking, and anguish of soul, bleeding from every pore, smitten, and ridiculed, to the point of seeing Jesus tremble. The Father was willing to see His son experience such suffering in order for His eternal Plan of Salvation to be fulfilled.

Jesus, on the other hand, was 100% willing to obey His Father by giving His own life for the eternal well being of all people. He was willing to sacrifice His life and resurrect in order to bring glory to the Father by doing His will. Jesus even prayed that the bitter cup of the Atonement would be removed from Him, that He would not have to suffer it, nevertheless, He wanted to do the Father’s will, which was to drink the bitter cup through suffering, bleeding, and dying, all for others: the Father and all God’s children. For joy, Jesus endured the Cross.

DC 45:4 Jesus is the Advocate with the Father. Jesus pleads our causes

4 Saying: Father,
behold the sufferings and death of him
who did no sin,
in whom thou wast well pleased;
behold the blood of thy Son which was shed,
the blood of him whom thou gavest
that thyself might be glorified;

COMMENTARY:

Jesus did no sin. Jesus shed His blood. Jesus suffered many pains, afflictions, and sorrows, much anguish, mocking, and ridicule. Jesus died to glorify the Father and for the joy that could be had by those who repent and follow Him.

Jesus’ life was a humble one. He suffered the will of the Father in every particular. He always did that which pleased the Father. He was perfectly obedient to the Father. Jesus was submissive. He never murmured nor resisted evil. He patiently suffered. He never sought after material or worldly wealth. He overcame the world and all worldliness. He is filled with compassion and mercy toward all people. He is our Savior and Redeemer, our Advocate with the Father. He redeemed us of our sins. We are always and forever indebted to Him for all He has done for us and continues to do. He is our true shepherd. He continues to reach out and gather us under His wings even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings.

Jesus Christ, Relationships with the Father

John 5:18 God was Jesus' Father

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that **God was his Father**, making himself equal with God.

COMMENTARY:

Elohim, God the Father of heaven and earth, is Jesus' Father, and He is our Father. The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost are three separate, individual, and distinct beings. They each have their own identity. They are ONE in the sense that they are of ONE heart and ONE mind. Jesus prayed unto His Father.

The Father said on several occasions, referring to Jesus, "This is my beloved Son. Hear Him." They have a Father-Son relationship. God is literally Jesus Father, Father of Jesus' spirit and of Jesus' body. Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God the Father.

"The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man, the Son also" (DC 130:22). God created all things by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3:9).

We pray to God, Our Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ. We worship His Son, Jesus. We worship Him with all our hearts, might, mind, and strength, and our whole souls. We strive to "always remember Him", for all He has done for us. He pleads with the Father for us, for He is our Advocate with the Father.

A few of the Prayers of Jesus are recorded so that we can see the Father-Son relationship in the which God and Jesus have with each other.

Jesus prayed unto the Father-and so must we.

Jesus did the Father's will, and so must we.

Jesus always did what pleased the Father, and so must we.

Jesus was One with the Father, and so must we.

Jesus loved the Father, and so must we.

Jesus brought glory to the Father, and so must we.

Jesus is the Son of God.

John 5:19-20 Jesus does what He sees the Father do

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he **seeth** the **Father** do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

COMMENTARY

Jesus does what He sees His Father do. How did Jesus know what the Father doeth? “The Father..showeth him all things that himself doeth.” The Father revealed unto Jesus what He should do. Jesus could be taught only by His Father: Jesus served under His Father (See JST Matthew 3:24-26) as follows:

JST: Matthew 3:24-26 Jesus couldn't be taught by anyone but His Father, Elohim

24 And it came to pass that Jesus grew up with his brethren, and waxed strong, and waited upon the Lord for the time of his ministry to come.

25 And he served under his father, and he spake not as other men, neither could he be taught; for he needed not that any man should teach him.

26 And after many years, the hour of his ministry drew nigh.

*Jesus said, “I do nothing of myself, but as **my Father hath taught me.**” (John 8:28) Jesus' Father, Elohim, taught Jesus all He needed to know for a successful ministry. The Father showed Jesus all the things that God himself did. Jesus obeyed the Father perfectly for He always did what pleased the Father and was the Father's will. Jesus and God had the ideal Father-Son relationship.*

John 10:17-18, 29 Jesus refers to His Father as “My Father”

17 Therefore doth **my Father** love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of **my Father**.

29 **My Father**, which gave them me, is greater than all;

COMMENTARY:

It is so clear and distinct that God and Jesus are two separate individuals, both having comprising of body, mind, and spirit. They are one in heart and mind, but they remain two distinct identities.

*Jesus refers often to “**My Father.**” Jesus always sought to know and the will of His Father. He wanted to always do what would please His Father, to know and do what was right. Jesus said, “**My Father hath taught me**” (John 8:28).*

Acts 7:55 The Godhead: The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost

55 But he (Stephen), being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

COMMENTARY:

Stephen experienced and witnessed all three members of the Godhead. He was full of the Holy Ghost. He felt the power and influence of the Holy Ghost in his soul. Then he looked up into heaven and saw God the Father and His glory. He also saw Jesus standing at the right side of God the Father. Hence, Stephen, at the same time, experienced the Father, The Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The three members of the Godhead are three distinct individuals. The Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, have bodies of flesh and bones; whereas, the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but he is a personage of spirit. Were it not so the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us.

Colossians 1:19 All fulness dwells in Christ

19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

COMMENTARY:

All things, even a fulness, dwell in Christ Jesus. There is no other name greater than the name of Jesus. He is supreme. His power and light is throughout the universe. Jesus is the Light of the World. He is the life of the world. Beside Him, there is no other. He takes the preeminence.

3 Nephi 9:15 Jesus is the Son of God; therefore, God is Jesus Father

15 Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus Christ is the Son of God; thus we see this Father-Son relationship. God the Father is literally the Father and parent of Jesus. Jesus' Divine Sonship is paramount for Jesus to be our Savior and Redeemer, to have power to carry out the Infinite Atonement.

3 Nephi 17:14-15 Jesus prays to His Father

14 And it came to pass that when they had knelt upon the ground, Jesus groaned within himself, and said: Father, I am **troubled** because of the wickedness of the people of the house of Israel.

15 And when he had said these words, he himself also knelt upon the earth; and behold he prayed unto the Father, and the things which he prayed cannot be written, and the multitude did bear record who heard him.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus' prayers to His Father was the ideal tool that helped Jesus develop and maintain the perfect, ideal relationship with the Father.

Jesus prayed often, I mean often.

We can develop our relationship with the Father with humble, sincere, mighty prayer. Be grateful. Talk with Heavenly Father. Express the feelings of my heart.

Look at the many prayers Jesus prayed unto the Father. Some lasted all night.

Jesus' life was prayer-filled.

Praying to Heavenly Father and talking with Jesus Christ are the two most important things we can do each day.

3 Nephi 9:15 Jesus is in the Father and the Father in Him

15 Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

DC 50:43 Receive Christ and be ONE with the Father and Christ

43 And the Father and I are one. I am in the Father and the Father in me; and inasmuch as ye have received me, ye are in me and I in you.

COMMENTARY:

Jesus and the Father are ONE, one in mind and heart. The thoughts and desires of one are the same as the other. They are on the same page, along with the Holy Ghost. In other words, Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus. They are inviting us to RECEIVE CHRIST and be ONE with them. We have that privilege and the power to do it if we only choose to do so.

To be ONE with the Father and the Son, we must RECEIVE CHRIST. We must put God and Jesus first in our lives; make them our top priorities and focus, to always have a prayer in our hearts at all times to remember them, and to think of them neverending. Jesus said, "Look unto me in every thought. Doubt not. Fear not." (DC 6:36). To be ONE with Jesus

and the Father is to think like them, to act like them, to have the same goals and desires as they do. Jesus taught, “And what manner of men ought ye to be? Even as I am.” (3 Nephi 27:27). Which means that to be like Jesus is to be ONE with the Father. Jesus said, “If ye are not ONE, ye are not mine” (DC 38:27).

Be ONE in God, Jesus, Family, Church, and righteous Groups.

DC 93:3-4 Jesus is in the Father. The Father is in Jesus

3 And that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one

4 The Father because he gave me of his fulness, and the Son because I was in the world and made flesh my tabernacle, and dwelt among the sons of men

COMMENTARY:

Jesus and the Father, His Father, are as ONE. They are in each other in heart and mind. Jesus is like His Father. He became like unto His Father because He followed His Father. He obeyed His Father. He prayed unto His Father. He aligned His life with His Father. His behavior was after His Father. He thought always about His Father. He communed with His Father. He was taught by His Father. Jesus is the Son of God, His Father.

Start: he gave me of his *fulness*, [D&C 93:4](#).

