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## God's Law of Inheritance

Inheritance can be described as a way of passing down characteristics from a parent to a child. It is one of the most common and well understood facts of life. And it is also one of the key elements of life and of God's plan of redemption. The Bible often mentions that we are all God's children and were created and made in His image. He is our eternal Father and we are His children whom He created and breathed into us the breath of life.

The Bible also teaches us that God created man and placed him in the garden – Genesis Chapter 2-3. Adam was given all that he could possibly need even a companion to take away his loneliness. He was given only one commandment – that he should not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Which if he disobeyed he would surely die. And given only one commandment that he should keep, Adam failed and in-

Elder Edward Coffey



stead listened to the serpent and disobeyed God causing sin to enter into the world. And this sin caused him to die. Oh, not a physical death of the body, but a spiritual death of the soul. It is here we must understand the true nature of death. Death is simply a separation. The death of the body is a separation of the soul from the physical body which connects us to this temporal world in which we live. And the death of the spirit is a separation of the soul from God. We are told in the scriptures that the wages of sin is death. And without the grace and mercy

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**FOREWORD**

*The Assured Way*, the official publication of THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE inc. comes to you as an expression of hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expressions of a united people, whose only aim is to promote the cause of Christ by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue, and people, the true gospel of Christ, that through obedience to his laws we might be found worthy of eternal life.

In this publication, The Record of the Nephites is quoted many times. This book was revealed and translated by the gift and power of God: The year 1828 marked the beginning of the restoration of all things. It is a history of the people who once lived in the Americas, some who are the ancestors of the Native America Indians. Though it contains a record of two other groups of people who once lived in the Americas, it is for the most part a record of the people of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are messages from the Lord, brought to earth by his chosen servant John the Baptist, who comes to earth in a glorified body to finish the work given him of God; that of restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The angel first came in 1829 and restored the priesthood authority of the Son of God, that The Church of Christ might be established as in the days of the Apostles.

In 1927, the angel messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us The Word of the Lord that the Church of Christ might be set in order, that a people might be prepared to be the bride of Christ. This "The Elijah Message" so many have looked for, "The midnight cry" has been proclaimed, a warning of destruction, but to the people of the Lord, a message that Christ's coming is near at hand. Fear God and give glory to his name, for the hour of his judgment has come. Awake thou that sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of prayer and fasting in humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God ahs again spoken and revealed His will from Heaven. To this end we dedicate *The Assured Way*.

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The Quorum of Twelve recognizes the teaching and wording found in the Bible (Authorized King James Version), The Record of the Nephites, and The Word of the Lord: Brought to Mankind by and Angel, as our rule and guide as the stable wording of God.

It is the agreement of The Quorum of Apostles of this church that no minister of this faith is to ordain any man into the ministry of this church until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in our *Articles of Faith and Practice*. It is each elders duty to seek guidance from and to keep the apostles informed of his works in regions he is laboring.

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of God through the atoning blood of his son Christ Jesus we would all remain dead and separated from God with no hope of eternal life. But, before the foundation of the earth was laid God had already planned a way of salvation from the curse of Adam's sin.

Now we are all descendants of Adam according to the flesh. So, we naturally inherit all of our human characteristics from him. All healthy children are born with 2 legs, 2 arms, 2 eyes, etc ... just as Adam was created with the same. This is an unchangeable law of the natural world – all children inherit the traits and characteristics of their parents. But, there is also an equally unchangeable spiritual law that is true. We also inherit the spiritual traits of our first parents. When Adam sinned he was immediately cut off from God and his nature was changed from a Godly and righteous nature to a carnal and fleshly nature. The spiritual nature dying and in its place a new nature was

born. It is this new nature that all mankind would inherit from their father Adam. It is this new nature that would cause God to lay out the plan of salvation to redeem man from his awful state.

It is now that we see that man's inherited nature is wholly unfit to dwell in the presence of God – "Now this I say brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" I Cor. 15:50. So, there is now an immediate need for man's nature to be changed. And how can it be changed except it follow the pattern of the first change. When Adam's nature was changed from spiritual to carnal it happened as a direct result of the death of his righteous nature because of sin. The righteous nature died when Adam sinned by eating the fruit of the tree of good and evil. So, the carnal nature must follow suit and be laid to rest in the same manner. But how can this be? We have no earthly means to

destroy this fleshly carnal nature that dwells within us. It must be by spiritual means that this must occur. But who can provide us with this spiritual gift? It is the same one that gave us life in the beginning. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16,17. It is Christ that provides this amazing gift that restores life to a dying world. "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:5-7.

Now, at once we see the means by which we may lay hold on this wonderful

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gift that will free us from the grasp of our earthly nature and restore our original nature -- the one that Adam lost in the Garden of Eden. But wait, Christ speaks of a new birth of the Spirit, but how can a new nature arise unless we first destroy the old carnal nature?

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we

should not serve sin.” Romans 6:1-6.

“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” II Cor. 5:14-15.

Now, the vision is made clear. We must first enter into the kingdom of God through the door that Christ has provided – faith, repentance and the baptisms; in order to receive this death of the carnal nature and a re-birth of the spiritual nature that Christ has promised. “Remember there is one God, one Jesus Christ, between God and men who gave Himself a ransom for all – that mankind may be redeemed, even the saving of sinners, a Way of Deliverance.” Mess. 81:18.

Now as we lay hold on the gift of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we also lay hold on the death of the carnal man

and the birth of the spiritual man. The old fleshly nature is truly buried with Christ in His baptism as we receive the gift and gifts of His Holy Spirit. And in doing so, we no longer inherit from Adam, but instead we inherit from our spiritual father Christ Jesus. At once becoming joint heirs with Christ where we are brought back into the presence of God the Father. What a wonderful gift we have been given. God has provided a way of escape from the chains of sin and has given it unto all – whosoever will walk therein and be saved.

“Finally my bretheren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Eph. 6:10 – 12.

## New Books Are Here

As promised new printings of **The Word of the Lord** and **The Record of the Nephites** have arrived. The church has printed 500 copies of each book at about \$11 apiece. If you or someone you know would like a book or several books please let Terry Laws know at [terry.laws@elijahmessge.net](mailto:terry.laws@elijahmessge.net) or 620-375-2146. The books are free, but any donation to offset the cost would be appreciative.



## Missionary Report from Rwanda

by Apostle Norm Lyles

Greetings unto each of you, who read this report of March 20, 2010. I pray that you may understand the workings of God and His Holy Spirit during the time since last we reported unto you. We truly thank you for your prayers, your support and your love.

God who is the author of all good things has blessed us on this journey and protected us in ways that would be difficult to explain, suffice it to say that everywhere we have traveled for the Lord, He has provided peace and His Blessings, His Grace and His Love as we journey among the children of God in Rwanda,

Kenya and Uganda. It would be impossible to tell of all the people who have blessed us upon this part of our journey for the Lord. The kindness, love, and sharing of all they have for us is humbling and touches our souls very deeply. Without the blessing and goodness of our Brothers and Sisters in Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda; life would have been extremely more difficult.

We are blessed to stay in homes and far too often, they give all of what little they may have to try to comfort our stay and insure we are safe, often at risk unto themselves. We also

must give credit unto those who pray, labor, and tithe in America to make all of this possible. It is all these who deserve honor and credit for the missionary effort we are upon. We are simply vessels which God may use to glorify His Holy name and edify the Body of Christ: His Church.

We departed Kenya for Rwanda, accompanied by Disciple John Githinji, Disciple Fred Mikangi, Disciple Robert Beck, and Apostle Larry Gosier Williams. It was two days of straight travel via Matatu and Bus; we traveled roads not always so smooth and a bit dusty at times. The Lord

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provided us with safe journey to Kigali, Rwanda; a place I had been in 1992 and the city had changed so very, very much. We were greeted there by Sister Drocet and some pastors from other churches and a good brother and Pastor Miana James. Pastor James would be a blessing in so many ways and is truly a man who loves the Lord and is firm in the Work of God. His kindness and humble ways will remain forever in my mind and heart.

For the first few days we visited our membership in Kigali and labored with the Pastors from other churches which sister Drocet had brought for us to labor with. We presented unto them the Unity of the Gospel of Christ, and shared with them the love and word of God. Many of them seemed touched by the Spirit of God and witnessed unto us that they had been preaching the doctrines of man and the traditions of men. These were good men with a love for the Lord, but for the

most part, they lacked grounding and understanding of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. (This may seem odd to some reading this report— however should I go into detail you would be a bit surprised at some of the doctrines that these men carried and some of the basic teachings of Christ which fell far short of the Doctrines of Christ. And the second book of John in the back of your bible in verse 9 we are told –if you have not the doctrine of Christ—



you have not God) It is no fault of men if they have not full understanding of the Gospel. Where in lies the problem; is when men come to understanding and fail to correct themselves and their mistakes. These good men were willing and we have scheduled the Disciples to return unto them for more teaching and help with the Doctrines of Christ

that they might stand on firmer ground. The honesty and love of the flocks we visited was very heart-warming and a true blessing to all of us. These fine people of Christ were so willing of themselves to seek the Lord and to be obedient unto the Word and Will of God. Although they were poor in material goods; they were rich in the Spirit of God and in His Love and in His Mercy.

We then transferred from sister Drocet's home to the home of Pastor James to continue to reach out to those in need of the Word of God in Kigali. Pastor James ever so graciously had us preach and teach in two of the Churches which he was connected unto. Brother Larry, and Brother Githinji, and Brother Beck; traveled to one church and myself and Brother Fred traveled to the Church with Pastor James. There we were blessed to be allowed to preach and teach and share in the Word of God with all who were present.

Returning to the home of Pastor James, we were

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blessed to share in the Gospel with several of the Pastors in James home. Those present seemed sincere in their interest and in the fellowship we all shared. Pastor Alexander Fire offered to translate the Message in its entire form as a book. It will enable to allow the Message to reach over 10 million people in Rwanda and Congo. I also received an invitation to travel to Congo and preach and teach to several hundred churches and share the Gospel and Message for today unto "a much needed people with the de-

sire to hear the true word of God" Some of this came through prophecy before our departure from Kenya in the Kitale Local church. We rejoiced at the working of God and His Holy Spirit. Following the Genocide which happened in Rwanda in 1994; there has become a true hunger for the healing of Christ through the Word of God. People are hungering and thirsting for the Word of the Lord. It bring so much joy to my heart to know and feel the Spirit of the Lord working among these whom the Lord loves and desires to heal. It tells us in revelation

22 that the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations and we can plainly witness a healing taking place.

It was difficult to leave Rwanda and the joy and fellowship we had shared in Kigali, however we needed to be in Uganda and to help the work there; so we departed and once again traveled by bus and Matatu for Mbale, Uganda and the Lord's Work that awaited us there.

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## Message 20

*The Messenger was with me from 1 to 4:05 a.m., April 8, 1930, at the home of Brother J. G. Pointer, 1041 West Van Horn Road, Independence, Missouri. During this time he sat on the edge of my bed and I talked with him face to face. At 4:05 he commanded me to write the following message, remaining with me till 5:06 a.m.*

1 "Arise and write the message I will give you, for great is the responsibility that I shall give you. Behold, the men whom God has chosen have rejected the call and trust the Lord has placed upon them.

2 In their hearts they have rejected the message I have brought from time to time, and they are not willing to be directed by the Lord their God, but they have hearkened to the voice of Satan and have followed him.

3 The authority and trust that God had placed upon those that have rejected the message that the Lord has

sent, yea, I say unto you, it has been taken from them and the Lord has committed it to others, who at this time are willing to heed the voice of the Lord, and the message I shall give you.

4 For great is the work that must be done, and God will direct in the work that shall be done. The Kingdom of God shall be established in its fullness. But with this message there comes a message of warning, that those men that the Lord shall place in charge now, let them take heed lest they fail, for Satan will tempt them also.

5 As I told you, let C. A. Spilsbury be set apart with you and W. L. Gates, who has withdrawn from them. And let Thomas B. Nerren, William R. Dexter, W. P. Buckley, George A. Backus, and Joseph H. Camp be set apart at this time that the work might go on at present, and I will direct you as to the others whom God will chose to carry on his work. Let these men with you be set apart

as apostles, but with it I say unto you and to them, be humble, that you might fill the office and calling the Lord has placed upon you.

6 And let Ralph E. Stone, Edwin G. Law, Arthur W. Bogue, A. O. MacArthur, Daniel Frappier and my servant, Dr. Curtis, be placed in charge of the bishop's office that the moneys so received may be in safe hands; and inasmuch as these men will be humble in their work, the Lord will bless them in their work, and much will be done to the glory of God.

7 Let the Church be established in other lands, that the gospel might be preached, and the warning be taken to all nations, as I shall direct you from time to time.

8 Let nothing disturb your minds; cast behind you the traditions of men. Let the hands be laid upon those that I have told you, that the light and power of God may come to them to the extent that they will humble them-



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selves, that light may come to them. Let the elders also be set apart, but let none take part in this work until they have come in by the door and have been baptized<sup>4</sup> for the remission of their sins, that they may be a pure people, and that God may use them in his work to his glory, and the carrying on of his work. Have no part with those that have rejected the message I have brought and will bring to you, for the Lord will direct in all things that shall be done.

9 Fear not about the temple; this is in the Lord's hands. Temples will be built that God has not commanded to build, but the Lord will direct in all things. He knows the hearts of men. Some who have rejected the message will repent; others will go to destruction.

10 Let your hearts be filled with love to all men. Many will accept the warning and will repent and will live lives that are pure before God.

11 The Lord has sent me to this home and to this

place; the Lord will hear the prayers of his children. Save your strength, be humble all in your work, be true to the great trust the Lord has placed upon you, and the Lord will bless you by his Spirit and you with your brethren shall be a blessing to the world.

12 I will come to you from time to time. Fear not, many will help in the great work that is before you. Be at peace with all men and God will bless you and your labors. Amen."

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