



# THE ASSURED WAY

## The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message

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### A General Guide to Teaching the Foundation of the Church of Christ

A good place to gain understanding of the Church of Christ and why and how it exists can be found in the Bible; beginning with the Book of Ephesians.

In the Book of **Ephesians 2:19-22**, we can see that the Christian belief has as its foundation: the Apostles, the Prophets, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the chief corner stone. We may find the writings of Apostles in the book of Acts through Revelation. We may find the writings of the Prophets in the book of Genesis, through the book of Malachi. Then we may find the writings of the Lord Jesus Christ in the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

If then we turn to the Book of **Ephesians chapter 4:3-6**; we will discover that there is One Body, One Spirit, One Hope, One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, and One God. If we return back to verse 4: we may closely examine these verses better. In verse 4 we are told there is one body. What is the Body? To answer that question we may turn to the Book of Colossians, which is

only two books to the right. **Colossians 1:14-18** has a wealth of information! Verse 14 tells us "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." That verse tells us that it is Jesus Christ whom we have forgiveness of our sins, because of His sacrifice on the cross. Then the next verse 15, tells us "Who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature." This verse tells us that Jesus Christ is God Himself. It is one of many, many verses that explain clearly, that Jesus Christ is God. The next verse 16 tells us, "For by Him Were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"

Verse 17 continues saying, "and he is before all things, and by him all things consist." In those few words, we learn that Jesus Christ created the World, the Universe, and everything that is in it. (We may also refer to the Gospel of

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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 has again spoken and revealed His will from Heaven. To this end we dedicate *The Assured Way*.

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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.

**Special Notice**

The 2013 General Assembly of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held on :

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**John 1: 1-14)** Then we move to verse 18, “And he is the head of the body, the Church....” And we find out that the Body is the Church.

Now returning to **Ephesians 4:4**; we can clearly understand that by the word of God; the Body is the Church. By the Word of God we can now understand that God said, “the Body is One.” In other words, there is only one Church, not the several thousands we find in the world today. God is not divided, and His Word is not divided; therefore the Church must be One and not divided into the denominations of man.

**Ephesians 4:4** continues saying, “there is one Spirit”. That Spirit is the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ. We can find that in the Gospel of **John 14:1-31** (notice especially verse 26). Then we may read also in verse 4, “there is one Hope.” The One Hope, is that our salvation is secure because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross and his resurrection. Because He arose, we shall have our own bodies and souls resurrected and put on immortality with

our Lord Jesus for all eternity.

**Ephesians 4:5** tells us, “One Faith”, yet it we can plainly see that there are thousands of different churches with as many different doctrines. Yet God said in His Word, there was to be only One Faith. We know God did not lie; His Word is Truth.

**Ephesians 4:** continued saying, “there is One Lord”, yet many churches pray to Jesus, some to God, Some to Mary. Is God divided? Of course not! Then why are the Churches divided over who Jesus Christ is? Jesus Christ is God Himself.

**Ephesians 4:5** continued saying, “One Baptism”, yet again we find the church divided on that subject as well. Some teach to baptize in the name of Jesus, others in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; while others tell us baptism is simply symbolic and we do not need it: in truth there are 29 different versions of baptism throughout Christian churches and yet God said there was only One Baptism. Did God Lie or was He confused when He said, Only One Baptism? Of course not, God stated what should exist

and His foundation which we are to stand.

**Ephesians 4:6** tells us, “One God”, yet in Christian belief, some believe that Jesus Christ, God, and the Holy Spirit are not all the same person (even though the Scripture is plain on that subject. They use words like, the Holy Trinity to explain what they fail to read in the Word of God, which very plainly tells us in The Gospel of **John 1:1-14**, “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” And then in verse 10, “He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not”; then in verse 14, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”.

In the above paragraphs we can witness the foundation our Lord God gave unto us as a clear explanation of His foundation. In the world we live in today however, we also can see that the churches are deeply divided upon that very foundation.

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In **Ephesians 4:11-16**, we can discover that the Lord Jesus Christ set up His Church while He was upon this earth. It is plainly stated and exactly described. Beginning with verse 11 God said, "He gave some Apostles; and some prophets; and some Evangelists; and some Pastors, and Teachers." We can understand that the He is Jesus Christ and that Christ created these responsibilities within His Church (*see verse 12 as it states "for the edifying of the body of Christ "---and we know the body is the Church.*) The Lord Jesus Christ created 12 Apostles and told us they would exist until we came to the unity of faith. (*See verse 13*) Jesus did not give Bishops in His Church, yet in the churches man sat up; man has made the Bishop the head of the church. We can read in **Acts 6:1-7** where bishops came from and their function within the church. Their function was to collect the tithes and care for the widows and orphans. Yet man, has them in his churches paying pastors, themselves, and others out of the tithes which God said was to support he

widows and orphans.

**Ephesians 4:14** tells us, "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive", which is a true explanation of what finally did happen within the churches of the world.

In the above paragraphs we have discovered that Christ set up His Church upon the earth and did so to edify the believers that they would not be led astray to other doctrines and belief of men; and remain grounded upon His foundation. In a close examination of the Book of Ephesians and the foundation God set up for man and His Church; we can soon discover that the church has fallen away from what God intended and what God Himself set up for man to follow. In other words the Church fell into what is commonly known as the apostasy of the Church (which means the falling away from the word of God by the believers in the Church).

The next thing that needs discussion is as the Scripture points clearly to the foundation of the Church and Christian Belief; it also clearly points out that the Church would fall away, as well as all mankind, from the Word and Doctrine of God.

We can examine the foundation (the Apostles, the Prophets, and Jesus Christ himself) and find where it is written that His Church would fall away from the Doctrine of the Lord. We can begin with the words of the Apostles contained in the first book of **Timothy 4:1-3**. It states, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." The largest "Christian church" in the world, (the Catholic Church) forbids it's ministry to marry and the partaking of meat on Friday. God calls this the doctrines of devils. Do we desire

to have the doctrines of devils? Yet understand that the protestant churches of the world came from the Catholic Church. Martin Luther who began the Lutheran Church was a Catholic Priest and really all protestant churches came from the Catholic Church and have their roots and doctrines connected to the Catholic Church's Doctrines. The Assembly of God churches and the Pentecostal churches also came out from the protestant churches, still tainted with the doctrines of the Catholic Church: which the Bible refers to as the mother of harlots and abomination of the earth (*see revelation chapter 17.*)

We can continue in the writings of the Apostles and read in **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:1-22** and find, " But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring

in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." The Apostle Peter was not ignorant of the things yet to come; and that the world would fall away from the word of God. He continued in **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:3-7** saying, "knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days...." God had clearly showed His Apostles that the Church would fall away today and we have many examples of it everywhere we live and travel today.

The Apostle Paul said in **2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2: 1-10** that before the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, "...there should be a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdi-

tion. Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" That is what the Catholic Church has done with the Pope. They believe his words to be the same as if from God.

Then we have the words of the Prophets contained in **Amos chapter 8:11-12**, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but for hearing the words of the Lord. And they shall wander from the sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it." God had showed the prophets of the day we live in today and that the people would suffer for lack of the Word of the Lord and run to and fro and not

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find it. We live in that time dear friends.

Jesus Christ himself told us the very same thing. We may read in **Matthew 24:1-2** and find, "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to

him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, see ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Who was the chief corner

Stone. (*read Ephesians 2:20*) Jesus Christ was the chief corner stone and He himself, said that mankind would fall away from the very foundation which He had created for us to follow.

To be Continued next month.

## Message 25

*The Messenger came to me at my home near Port Huron, Michigan, Sunday evening, March 29, 1931. These are the words as he gave them to me, and told me to write them:*

1 "I have been sent to you from the Lord. Withhold not the words of the Lord from the inhabitants of the earth. Hearken and hear, ye people, for the Lord your God has spoken to all nations. Let no one stand between you and your God, lest you betray the trust the Lord has placed upon you.

2 Some will not believe until destruction<sup>1</sup> will come, and they will suffer therefrom. Remember, you will be hated by friends and loved ones, but

for this cause were you born, for the work that is to be done is so great that man cannot comprehend it, for the glory of God shall yet be seen, and his power manifested.

3 The Lord has sent me to warn the nations, and after this warning will come destruction, wars, pestilence, famine, and earthquakes, as never have been, for the Lord wants a holy people.

4 The Church of Christ shall receive greater power as I told you, and the Lord will draw the honest in heart to him by his Spirit, and they shall keep his law, for the gospel of Christ shall be preached to all na-

tions and then shall the end come.

5 Go to the assembly in peace. Let your work be in love, for Satan shall try to discourage, and seek to destroy. Many will come to seek for truth. Let there be no contention among you, for the Lord shall require peace at your hands.

6 Let the message be taken from nation to nation, from state to state, from city to city, from house to house, from heart to heart, for all must be warned of the things that will come to pass.

7 There are those that doubt the message, and are discouraged, but if they will keep the commandments of the

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Lord, their reward is sure. There are those that are filled with traditions of men, and are deprived of many blessings. There are those that are a law unto themselves, they have no part in this work, for the Lord will not accept of them and their works.

8 There are those that have been slothful in their calling, and have treated lightly the message from the Lord. Let them repent, lest Satan darken their minds and the Lord reject them.

9 The Lord has seen your struggles, and the opposition of Satan, to destroy you and the Lord's work. Much has been accomplished, but greater work shall be done, for the time is short. Remain humble, heed not the advice of men, nor your friends or loved ones. Let those that hinder depart from you, for this is the Lord's work.

10 I have been instructed to direct the Lord's work, and the work that shall be done, and will come from time to time and direct the Lord's people as in the days of Moses.

11 The evil forces will seek to destroy you, and the Lord's work. The time will come when your life will be in greater danger, like Elijah<sup>2</sup> of old. As you meet in the assembly, counsel not your God, but seek ye counsel and wisdom at his hands.

12 Despise not the young in their efforts, nor speak ye lightly of the aged, for all must help, for the Lord will bless the humble, and will reward those that seek him in love.

13 The message I have brought from the Lord is to Catholic and Protestant, to Jew and Gentile, to bond and free, for all have gone away from the commandments of the Lord, and the Lord is no respecter of persons.

14 Repent, ye ministers of pleasure, for your worship is not of the heart,<sup>4</sup> your prayers are only from the lips, and an outward show, and this is an abomination unto the Lord. For your effort is to get gain<sup>5</sup> and your hearts are full of greed; therefore, the wrath of God is kindled against the hypocrite, and the hireling, for they shall receive the greater damnation, for the Lord will send a scourge and destruction in the

land; and he shall cleanse the people of darkness and superstition and your mockery shall come to an end.

15 Many have said, 'Lord, Lord',<sup>6</sup> yet they have their idols in their hearts, and will not follow in the ways of their God. But the time will come when their cries shall be heard, when through suffering they will learn obedience.

16 I will come to you and instruct in the work that shall be done that all may labor in love. Let those that can take the message, rid themselves of debt, and the burdens of life, that they may be free to go as the Lord will direct.

17 Let each one save that the burdens may be lightened, and that the gospel message may be taken to Mexico, to Australia, to New Zealand. Let William R. Dexter labor in Chicago, and the regions round about, that the work may be started, and the warning go to that wicked city, for many are honest in heart.

18 Let Thomas Bennett and Robert Wilkins be set apart

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as elders in the Church of Christ, and let them labor in Toronto, and the region round about, for many are honest in heart. But their faith is weak and their hope has been blighted, because of the conditions of the past, but let them remember as they la-

bor, that Satan will seek to tempt them, for he knows their weakness, therefore be ye strong, lest you destroy yourself.

19 Let Henry Humphrey labor as he can. Let him take the message from

house to house. Let his work be in love, for many will be brought to the light.

20 Save your strength, for the Lord has a great work for his people. Be not discouraged, for the Lord will direct. Amen.”

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