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The Water of Life

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Let the Assured Way continue to reach out unto the nations, that all may be blessed and encouraged. — Mess. 123:19

“And he said unto me, It is done. 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.” – Rev. 21:6;

The Word of God often speaks to us about the water of Life. The Lord has said that if we are thirsty that He will give us to drink of the water of life. And we are encouraged often in the scriptures to drink from the water of life freely.

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” – Rev. 22:17;

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” – John 7:37-38;

The water of life can only be given to us by God and there is no counterfeit that can take its place. It is a necessary element for our salvation and we cannot receive salvation without it. As Christ has said if we are athirst, we can drink freely from it, as it is not for sale and cannot be purchased. In order to receive it we must first be thirsty for the truth and then seek God in order to receive it. Because the Lord has promised that He would give it to us freely and without price. The water of life is truly the gift of God given to mankind that we might have true life and have it more abundantly.

One of the most critical elements that is necessary for life in this natural world that we live in is water. Without it life cannot exist on Earth. We need water for the grass to grow; for the crops that we plant to grow and produce; and for the animals to live and thrive. All of God’s creation on this earth relies on water. Besides oxygen there is no

other more critical element necessary for life to exist in this world. Without water all human life on earth would cease in a moment.

We need water in order for a child to live and grow and develop. We need it in order for the crops that we plant to live and to grow and to produce their increase. Water refreshes us and provides necessary nutrients for our bodies to function. In fact, it is reported by scientist that two thirds of our body are in fact composed of water. Water is critical for the existence of any life on this earth.

And just as water is critical for life in this natural world that we live in, so is the water of life which flows from the throne of God also absolutely necessary for life in the spiritual world. We cannot grow and develop as new creatures in Christ without it. We must rely on it to refresh us and renew us so that we can grow and develop into the creation that God desires us to be. Without His water of life, we have no life in us and we will perish. But if we are thirsty for His word, then we will obtain the water of life and drink our fill so that we may grow and produce fruit for the father’s table. When we hear or read the word of God and then we accept it and begin to exercise faith on it through obedience, we are drinking from the water of life. Because when we exercise faith on the word of God, we make it a part of us so that it can nourish us and strengthen us to function as God would have us to function as new creatures in Christ Jesus.

The best example of the definition of the water of Life is the story of Jesus and the woman from Samaria. In the time of Christ, the Jews and the Samaritans were two distinct groups of people who both claimed to be descendants of Abraham, but they did not worship in the same way and they had very little dealings with one another. So, during the time of Christ it was very unusual for a

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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*.

NOTICES

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.

Ministry Notice

Be it known unto the membership and ministry of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message that William Holden Jr. is no longer a part of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. He has rejected the Word of God and the Lord has removed him from the membership and ministry of His Church. According to Message 126:12 -

"...Those who reject the Words I bring shall not be found among the faithful of the Lord." We would ask that you Please do not give heed to any communication about the church that you may receive from Mr. Holden.

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Jew to speak to a Samaritan. But Jesus asked the Samaritan woman to give him water from the well and she was amazed that he would even talk to her much less ask her for assistance. But what did Jesus say to her? He told her that if she knew who He was that she would ask Him for water.

“Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman said unto Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.”-- John 4:13-15;

“Jesus said unto her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither on this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” — John 4:21-24;

The doctrine of Christ is the water of Life and if we thirst for the truth and to be servants of the true and living God, we will seek God in His word. And if we then believe and have faith on His word it will lead us to eternal life.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” – John 1:1;

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:” – 2 John 1: 9-10;

The Samaritan woman went and told all that Christ had told her to her village and Christ went to that village and gave them His gospel and they believed and were saved because of their faith on the word of God. Truly they were thirsty for the word of God and they received it when they heard it.

When we abide in the doctrine of Christ, we can truly receive abundant life, because obedience to His word leads us back into His presence through the gateway of faith, repentance and baptism. And through this door we can enter into the Kingdom of God as new creatures in Christ Jesus. And as we continue in His word, we freely quench our thirst by steadfastly abiding by His word and His gospel that refreshes us daily.

“They shall be abundantly satisfied with the bounty of Thy house, and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures. For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light.” – Psalm 36:8-9;

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 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.” -- Romans 12:1-2;

By studying and showing ourselves approved we refresh our minds in the word of God through faith and obedience to His word. He has given us His word in the Bible, the Record of the Nephites and the Word of the Lord brought to Mankind by an Angel. If we abide in His word, we can obtain eternal life and bring forth much fruit. But if we transgress and abide not in His word, we have not God, no matter how much we might claim Him. Remember the Lord said in His word that there would come many at the last day and He would tell them that He never knew them. Why? Because they did not abide in the true doctrine of Christ, the Living water from the Throne of God. So, let us strive to remain faith-

ful to His word that we might be among the people that the Lord is gathering in these last days, a people of clean hands and pure hearts. Let us drink from the fountain of the water of life freely.

“And he showed me a pure river of the Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.” – Rev. 22:1;

“Yea, verily, I have plead with you yet few arise quickly to obedience. Blessed are all those who drink of the water of life freely. Lift up, ye faithful for I am he who dwelleth on high. I will not leave you, therefore, lift up in faith and move in the strength I shall give, for I am your Redeemer and I will cause thee to stand.” --Mess. 56:10

“Verily, verily, I plead with you that you stand not in jeopardy. Come unto me and I will give unto you the water of life freely. Lift up your heads all ye faithful and rejoice for I am he that dwelleth on high and have great power. My power shall be more greatly manifested in the future among ye that believe than has been in the past. Therefore, I say unto you, lift up in faith and be glad in the strength I shall give, for I am your redeemer and I shall cause thee to stand.” -- Mess. 41:11

“I am come to you with living water, with the Authority and Power of God. I am the Elijah, the Messenger of the Lord’s Covenant; sent by the Lord to purge and cleanse His ministry and purify the Lord’s Church and Doctrine.” -- Mess. 121:5

“Praise the Lord who giveth rain in the latter days upon the earth, and causes water springs within the deserts of mankind, who pant in thirst for the living water of the Lord. He will not neglect His people, nor forget his promises unto His Church.” — Mess. 127:17;

May the Lord keep you in His Perfect Will.

Your brother in Christ,

Apostle Edward Coffey

The Pearl of Great Price

Maurice Turland

“Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant seeking goodly pearls; Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:45-46.

Many have learned that a pearl is the result of a foreign substance which somehow works its way under the outer covering of the oyster secreting a milky white fluid which covers the intruder and cushions it. At considerable expense to the oyster the irritant is thus transformed into a thing of beauty and joy and sometimes a thing of great value. Now truly the Lord’s Kingdom is like that. As the suffering which the oyster endures brings forth the pearl that is so beautiful, so as Paul said when exhorting the disciples to continue in the faith of Christ. “We must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God” Acts 14:22. We know that to have place in God’s Kingdom is surely a thing of beauty and joy.

Years ago as I pondered over this, it was made plain why the Lord likened His Kingdom to a pearl of great price, rather than a diamond, or a ruby or an emerald, some of which are of great

price too. It would never do to liken Christ’s Kingdom to one of these. Why? Because men cut and shape, grind and polish these stones and their rough exterior is made smooth and symmetrical. The diamond, ruby and emerald have been improved by man-handling. The stones are thus prepared for market, for use among men.

But start to cut and carve a pearl and what happens? We have ruined it. The pearl stands no tampering, it is perfect and complete, it can take no man-handling. But that is what men have done with the Gospel of Christ since the beginning, they said, “Let us cut a little here, a little off there, we will shape it our way.” Give us one example you say?

“No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.” Hebrews 5:4. How was Aaron called? **“And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abibu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron’s sons.” Exodus 28:1.**

The Lord here spoke and called Aaron and his four sons to minister unto the Lord in the priest’s office. These men waited on the Lord until the Spirit of God rested on an authorized servant – Moses – and called each one by name. How many wait until they are called that way? “And how shall they preach, except they be sent.” Romans 10:15.

Men recognize the need for authority in the worldly matters. You cannot even park your car without authority, if you do you run into trouble. How is it they cannot see the need for authority, direct from God in matters pertaining to His Gospel and Kingdom? If they could see this, how they would welcome the Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, who comes with full power and authority to restore the Gospel in its fullness and purity; to cleanse and make ready, that there might be a Holy Priesthood, clean, upright and just; to set the Church in order, for he is the Elias to restore all things (Matthew 17:11) – the Kingdom and the Church of Christ, the pearl of great price.

Written by Maurice Turland

(This is an article from a previous edition of the Paper.)

Missionary Update from Malawi East Africa

Praise God for His Blessings

Brother Fred From Malawi:

Here in Malawi we are going on well. So far we have visited seven churches, five of them are new and we have baptized 81 members and established two new locals. We thank God.

Apostle Fred Mikangi



The Message of Christ Today

Message 83

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in my home, 1500 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, 64052 February 14, 1966, 2:10 a.m. and left at 3:35 a.m. He spoke firmly and slowly. I wrote the message as he gave it.

1 “Arise and write the message I will give to you at this time.

2 I have been sent of the Lord. I come to do his bidding. I speak his words and will. My message is true and faithfully given—it must be obeyed.

3 I have come and will yet come, as the prophets of old have foretold. My mission is one of love.

4 Teach the reign of peace. Teach faith in God and his plan and decrees. Proclaim the word commanding all mankind everywhere to repent and obey for the time has come when the way of truth alone shall stand. All else will come to naught.

5 The ways of man will not save you. I give the instructions and the authority in its assured way. Those that speak lightly of my words, deny me and the trust and authority—it is taken from them for they lose by their sin. In time they will amount to nothing. Fear them not. They have no right nor authority from my words.

6 Defend the words I bring. To the faithful: continue and hold high the standard and the words and work I bring. As you prepare for it, greater peace and power will come to all.

7 Let the apostles and bishops counsel together and stand firm to defend the Church of Christ, with the words I bring.

8 I brought the authority and trust, to re-establish the work to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and

again anew in 1929 to Otto Fetting. I continue to come bringing words of instructions and directions, revealing God’s will, unveiling the mysteries of the Kingdom of God on earth. For my coming is that mankind may endure and prepare for the coming of the Christ to earth again. I bring a way of deliverance from sin to life and way to the Lord.

9 I am the forerunner of Christ, the proclaimer of the warning, the announcer of his soon coming.

10 I am the Messenger of the Covenant, the servant of the Lord, the Elias which was for to come. I bring the Elijah Message.

11 Those that have obeyed and are obeying my injunctions and directions, retaining and preserving the authority I bring, are the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, established anew in 1929. Let it go to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

12 The Lord has reserved and preserved many to help in this work in the far reaching and soon to come. Many are desirous to hear the message of life, the gospel, the glad tidings, the good news with the authority of the Lord—the fulfilling of the word.

13 The gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world. Yea, it shall be published in all lands. Deliverance will come to all that will hear and obey. Come all the way.

14 All that come to the Church of Christ must be baptized of the water and of the Spirit. The hands must be laid on all, that they may receive the gift of the Spirit of God; truly be born again.

15 Teach the decrees of the Lord that all shall be converted to salvation and the gospel. The way of life

in the Kingdom of God to eternity shall be their reward.

16 Yea, to those that are almost persuaded to come in this way of the Lord, to life eternal with God your Redeemer, the Christ, the giver of life, your Witnesser and Commander, the Savior of mankind—hear him today.

17 This is the midnight cry. Come, join ye to the rest and peace the Lord can give. Go ye to meet the Lord—in service to the people. Your reward shall be sure.

18 Many will come into this way. Bring them to the Lord.

19 The Lord accepts the house built unto him. His peace shall be there.

20 The Lord will bless all that help to bring about his Zion in righteousness. Not by might, nor by evil powers, but by the Spirit and faithful service to the Lord, love that surpasseth the understanding of man.

21 Those that are covenant breakers, turn away from—and those that count my words and this work as evil. Let them alone. Thus saith the Lord, ‘They know not my gospel, for I am the Lord and Savior, I only am the Eternal God. Those that believe not my words, they doubt and count them as from the evil. It is they that listen to the whisperings of Satan and he has taken hold of them and as with a silver thread about their necks, he leadeth slowly down to that awful hell, saith your Lord.’

22 Fear not those that have gone from this work, they become as empty vessels of dishonor, turning against the words I bring. I am sent of the Lord. I come from his presence.

23 They reject me. They have a

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veil over their minds, their understanding is covered. They obey not the Lord's command. They have not, because they do not the pleasing things of the Lord in defending all the words, directions and instructions I bring, and my coming. They are traitors to the work I bring of the Lord. Will they repent and return to the Lord?

24 Save your strength. Be up and doing for the Lord and this cause.

25 I will give you more for the apostles, and as vacancies occur let them take their calling that the work will go on: Charles O. Martin, Edward Lee Stone, Roy Woodward, R. David Temple. I will give others as the need shall be.

26 Let these prepare for the bishopric

when the need occurs: Vincent W. Yates, Newell J. Mead and Dohn E. Weaver.

27 To evangelist: Thomas Evanson, A. H. Morse, Deonarine Ojar and Dolton. If they will be humble, the Lord will bless.

28 To the elders: Phillip M. Dixon, Glen Chittenden, and Donald E. Thompson.

29 The Lord will give peace to the faithful—keep the peace. Command peace and justice will follow you wherever you go.

30 Proclaim my coming and words everywhere. Let none take part until they come in by the door.

31 Proclaim the gospel everywhere

and in every way possible. Let the decrees be taught and published for all to hear and obey.

32 Pay your tithes and oblations that the work may continue on.

33 Let Stone and Pritchard be in the field as much as possible and the way will open for others soon.

34 Let Clay England know the Lord accepts his efforts. Send help to the Indies soon as it can be arranged. Bring souls into this way. Baptize and set those apart that are truly humble and converted to this way—teaching the way of life and deliverance in the Christ.

35 I will come again. I will direct in all things. I leave peace with you. Amen.”

Thy Living Word

There's a still small voice,
Always there to aid my choice.
Wisdom's whispers soft but strong,
Teaching me right from wrong...
'Tis the Living Word.

There is a sweet treat,
Honey from the comb so free to eat.
The pure and pristine whole,
That daily delights my soul...
'Tis the Living Word.

There is a guiding light,
A shining lamp on dreary nights.
The path is clear in its glow,
When I'm not sure which way to go...
'Tis the Living Word.

There is a flaming sword
Keeping my mortal mind secured.
My stand to fight and take apart,
Evil wiles against my heart...
'Tis the Living Word.

There is an oasis,
Wellspring of hope and peace.
A fountain that never runs dry,
Healing and lifting my spirit high...
'Tis the Living Word.

Helpless in so many ways,
In Thee I find sufficient grace;
So help me live, dear Lord, I pray,
In thoughts and deeds and all I say...
Thy Living Word.

Words of Encouragement

Apostle Edward Coffey

“This is the midnight cry. Come, join ye to the rest and peace the Lord can give. Go ye to meet the Lord—in service to the people. Your reward shall be sure.” — Mess. 83:17;

We are told in the parable of the ten virgins that there was a cry at midnight. The cry was to awaken all of the virgins and to announce the coming of the bridegroom to the wedding feast. At midnight, All ten of the virgins had fallen asleep. They were all inactive and at rest. They were not moving forward to meet the Bridegroom. They had all been told that the Bridegroom was coming and they all were supposed to be moving forward to meet Him, but they were not.

We can also notice that both the wise and the foolish were all behaving in the same way. There was no difference between their actions — all were fast sleep.

How very well does that describe the Christian world of today. They all profess Christ and they all expect Him to return, but they are not all moving forward to meet Him by serving the people the true doctrine of Christ. The Bible teaches us that in the last days there was to be a falling away from the true doctrine of Christ that was preached by Christ and his first Apostles. This falling away caused His doctrine to no longer be heard anywhere on the earth.

“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 of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from 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. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.” — Amos 8:11-13;

Because the true doctrine of Christ was no longer preached it caused all of the Christian world to hunger and thirst for it, but not find it. And then suddenly at the Midnight Hour (last days before Christ’s return) a messenger was sent from the realms of heaven to proclaim the bridegroom’s soon coming.

“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.” — Matt. 25:5-7;

This messenger would awaken the virgins from their slumber and bring them news of what they needed to do in order to prepare to meet Christ.

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” — Revelation 14:6-7;

“And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.” — Revelation 22:6;

Truly the Lord has sent His messenger in these last days to proclaim to the world that His coming is near. And He has sent him with instructions to all those that desire to be His people at His appearing.

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nant, the servant of the Lord, the Elias which was for to come. I bring the Elijah Message. Those that have obeyed and are obeying my injunctions and directions, retaining and preserving the authority I bring, are the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, established anew in 1929. Let it go to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the gospel of Christ.” — Mess. 83:9-11;

In order for us to go forward to meet the Bridegroom, we must serve the people with the true Doctrine of Christ. His messenger has come to restore the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Son of God and to point us to Christ and His true Doctrine. And we must build our lives on the only solid foundation, which is Christ and His word, for all else will fail.

“Teach the reign of peace. Teach faith in God and his plan and decrees. Proclaim the word commanding all mankind everywhere to repent and obey for the time has come when the way of truth alone shall stand. All else will come to naught.” — Mess. 83:4;

“The Lord has reserved and preserved many to help in this work in the far reaching and soon to come. Many are desirous to hear the message of life, the gospel, the glad tidings, the good news with the authority of the Lord—the fulfilling of the word. The gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world. Yea, it shall be published in all lands. Deliverance will come to all that will hear and obey. Come all the way.” — Mess. 43:12-13;

Grace Unto you and Peace be multiplied.

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We Are The Hands Of Christ

We are the hands of Christ, embracing the ones in need.
We are the hands of Christ, caring for those who plead.
We are the hands of Christ, sharing our bread to feed.
We are the hands of Christ, serving the ones who need.

We are the hands of compassion, hands that serve, hands that lift up.
We are the hands that feed the poor, hands that comfort, hands that heal.
We are the hands of Christ.

We are the hands that touch the sick, hands that bless, hands that teach.
We are the hands that welcome the lost, hands that support, reach out in peace.
We are the hands of Christ.

We are the hands that offer strength, hands that guide, hands that pray.
We are the hands that wipe the tears, love and protect, prepare the meals.
We are the hands of Christ.

We are the hands that till the Earth, knead the bread, mend the clothes.
We are the hands that plant the seeds, harvest the crops, build the homes.
We are the hands of Christ.

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