

“The Good News”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

3 Nephi 27

The Good News		
2014		
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints		
<p>“Mormonism”</p> <p>“Mormonism”, so called, embraces every principle pertaining to life and salvation, for time and eternity. No matter who has it, if the infidel has got truth it belongs to “Mormonism: The truth and sound doctrine possessed by the sectarian world, and they have a great deal, all belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. “Mormonism” includes all truth. There is not truth but what belongs to the gospel. It is life, eternal life...</p>		<p>Revelation</p> <p>The revelations the prophet received fill many hundreds of pages and touch upon many subjects in addition to theology. At the present time, about a century and a half later, many of these revelations make more sense than they did in Joseph Smith's lifetime. And nothing he presented formally as revelation has been demonstrated to be false.</p>
<p>The Doctrine of Christ</p> <p>Our claim that we accept all truth, whether it comes from science, philosophy, or other religions. This should be especially meaningful when we stop to think about the fact that our religious views are based almost entirely on the great mass of new revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith between 1820 and 1844.</p> <p><i> Brigham Young Journal Discourses 11:375</i></p>		

Lesson 133

Suggested Song:
The Church of Jesus
Christ #77 Children's
Songbook

Jesus Returns a Third Time

The Twelve were seeking answers from the Lord on what to call themselves

There had been disputations (verbal controversy) among themselves

They were deeply troubled and spiritually turned to their Lord for direction

Spiritually—Fasting and Praying

This is a process for receiving revelation



Jesus' response:

“Have they not read the scriptures, which ye must take upon you the name of Christ, which is my name?...”

What Team Logo Best Represents Its Name?



Arizona Cardinals



New Zealand All
Black Rugby



Cricket Ireland



German National
Football Team



New York Yankees

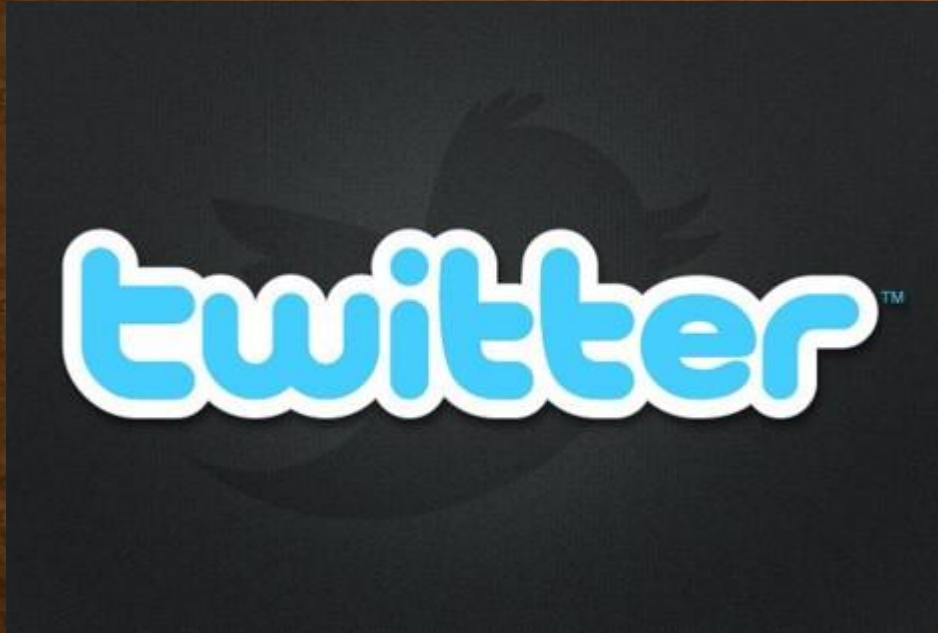


Ramona Bulldogs



BYU University

Let Fate Decide?



The name Twitter was picked out of a hat. A small group of employees from Odeo, the San Francisco podcasting startup where Twitter initially began, had a brainstorming session.

They were trying to come up with names that fit with the theme of a mobile phone buzzing an update in your pocket.

After narrowing down the options (which included Jitter and Twitter), they wrote them down, put them in a hat, and let fate decide.

Fate decided on Twitter (because clearly asking someone if they saw your latest "jeep" is just weird).

What is in a Name?

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

**The true Church of Jesus
Christ must be called by His
name and be built upon His
gospel**

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(D&C 115:3-4)

The Church Should Be Called In His Name



“Therefore, whatsoever ye shall do, ye shall do it in my name; therefore ye shall call the church in my name; and ye shall call upon the Father in my name that he will bless the church for my sake.”



“The Matter of the name his Church should bear was of great importance to the Savior. Not only was this name reveled to Joseph Smith..., but also in reporting the visit of Jesus to the Nephites in America, following his ascension, when he had organized his Church among them, the Book of Mormon records their inquiry and the Lord’s rely as to what the name of his Church should be...”

Thus the name of the Church was not obtained through study or research, but by revelation direct from the Lord...

“...does it not seem incredible that of all the churches in the world, there was not one that bore his name when the Lord restored his Church in this dispensation?”

LeGrand Richards

Mormon Nickname

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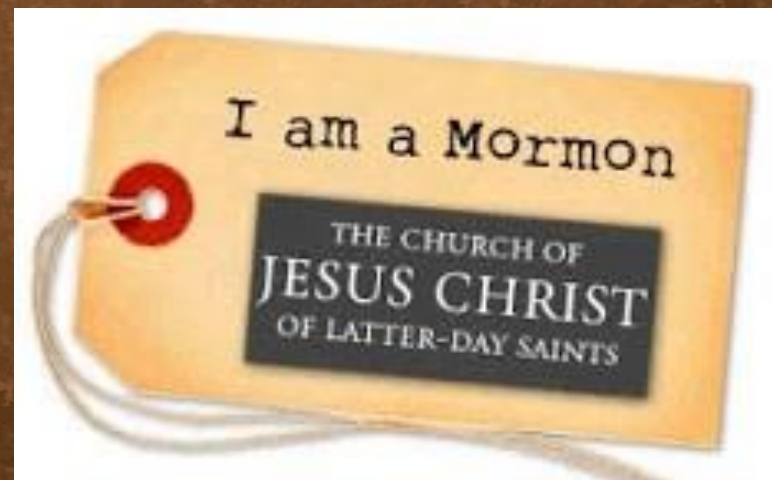
“While there can be no disgrace nor condemnation in being called ‘Mormons,’ and the Church, the ‘Mormon Church,’ the fact remains, and this we should all emphasize, that we belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the name the Lord has given by which we are to be known and called.”

Joseph Fielding Smith



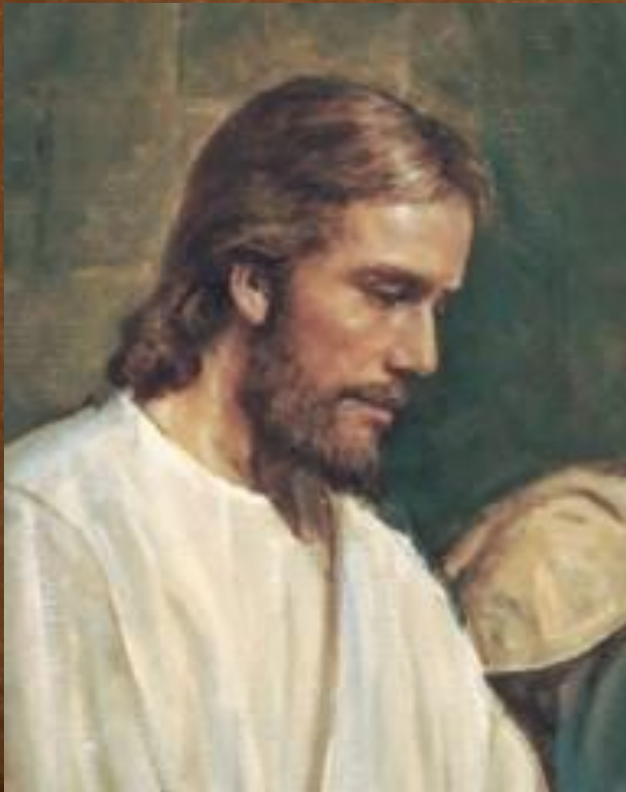
“... in obedience to revelation, we call ourselves The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints rather than the Mormon Church”

Boyd K. Packer



Built Upon His Gospel

Gospel = “good news” about Christ, his kingdom, and salvation through Him



“Both in and out of the church people quite commonly refer to “the gospel” when describing or alluding to all of a church’s religious teachings.

This probably is the most common use of the word. The reason we use the word this way is that there really isn’t another suitable single word that will say what we are trying to say.”

Student Manual



What is His Gospel?

“The gospel is truly the life, mission, teaching, atoning sacrifice, death, and resurrection of Christ...the “good news” and “glad tidings” of the gospel are found in Christ—in his atonement—not just in his teachings.”

JFM and RLM



Detail from *Living Water*, by Simon Dewey

“And this is the gospel, the glad tidings, which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us—

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;

That through him all might be saved whom the Father had put into his power and made by him;”

D&C 76:40-42



Principles of the Gospel

“the principles of the gospel –those things which allow us to partake of the powers of the atoning sacrifice

Faith

Repentance

Baptism

Reception of the Holy Ghost

Enduring to the end

Resurrection

Eternal judgments”

“Eternal life is not imposed on us against our will but is held out to us as a spiritual enticement and blessing.

We accept the Atonement and obtain the blessing of eternal life only through our own agency.

We are drawn unto Christ , not dragged”



The Foundation

What did Heavenly Father send Jesus Christ into the world to do?



Draw men unto Him
Lifted up —on the cross—and the
Atonement symbolism...

An unconditional and universal
redemption from the Fall (good or
evil) and brought before the Father
to be judge of their works

What is the foundation of the gospel?

The foundation of the gospel is that
Jesus Christ did the will of His Father in
accomplishing the Atonement.



**Because the Savior fulfilled
the will of His Father, what
will happen for all mankind?**

We will be lifted up before Him to be
judged of our works

To Stand Before God

If we repent, are baptized,
and endure to the end, we
will be guiltless when we
stand before God to be
judged

What good news is there for us as
we think about standing before the
Lord to be judged?



“The ‘good news’ [is] that death and hell [can] be escaped, that mistakes and sins [can] be overcome, that there [is] hope, that there [is] help, that the insoluble [is] solved, that the enemy [has] been conquered. The good news [is] that *everyone’s* tomb [will] one day be empty, that *everyone’s* soul [can] again be pure, that *every* child of God [can] again return to the Father who gave them life”

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland



The Savior's Invitation

Repent and be baptized—sanctified—cleansed
from the effects of sin—spiritually renewed



Receive the Holy Ghost---the constant
companion



Stand spotless before me at the last day—
Prepare to enter into the presence of God



Know of these things—be one of faith and
righteousness

Come to church and learn of Him—partake of
the sacrament

Be an example to all those around you as He is an example
for us—thinking His thoughts, speaking His words



Read D&C 76:40-42



Judgment of the Twelve

“The Nephite twelve along with Jesus' original Twelve, probably coupled with all who have held keys of the priesthood, will be involved in judging the righteous of the house of Israel.

How these Nephite Twelve and all the others will be involved in judging of the righteous has not been fully revealed”

JFM and RLM

“And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Matthew 19:28

“And again, verily, verily, I say unto you, and it hath gone forth in a firm decree, by the will of the Father, that mine apostles, the Twelve which were with me in my ministry at Jerusalem, shall stand at my right hand at the day of my coming in a pillar of fire, being clothed with robes of righteousness, with crowns upon their heads, in glory even as I am, to judge the whole house of Israel, even as many as have loved me and kept my commandments, and none else.”

D&C 29:12



Doctrinal Mastery

3 Nephi 27:20



Now this is the commandment: Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day.

Even As He Is

The Savior gave instructions to His twelve Nephite disciples and taught them about their responsibilities.

He gave the disciples to help them fulfill their role as judges of the people.



**The Lord expects His
disciples to do His
works and become as
He is**

“That man is greatest and most blessed and joyful whose life most closely fits the pattern of the Christ. This has nothing to do with earthly wealth, power, or prestige. The only true test of greatness, blessedness, joyfulness is how close a life can come to being like the Master, Jesus Christ. He is the right way, the full truth, and the abundant life”

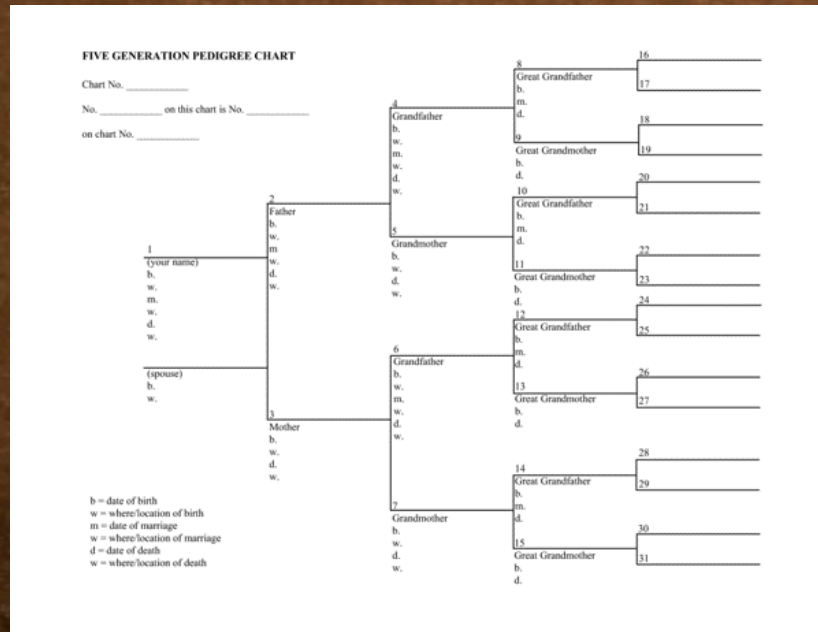
President Ezra Taft Benson



A Generation



“But behold, it sorroweth me because of the fourth generation from this generation, for they are led away captive by him even as was the son of perdition; for they will sell me for silver and for gold, and for that which moth doth corrupt and which thieves can break through and steal. And in that day will I visit them, even in turning their works upon their own heads.”



Generation—a length of time that it takes for a people to reproduce itself...somewhere around fourth years.

“since of measuring time by the lives of men, a generation, since the Abrahamic day, has been about 100 years.

From a generation from the time of Adam to the flood would have been nearly 1000 years.

A generation may be measured in terms of the life of the oldest persons who live in a particular period

Bruce R. McConkie



200 Years After the Savior's Visit

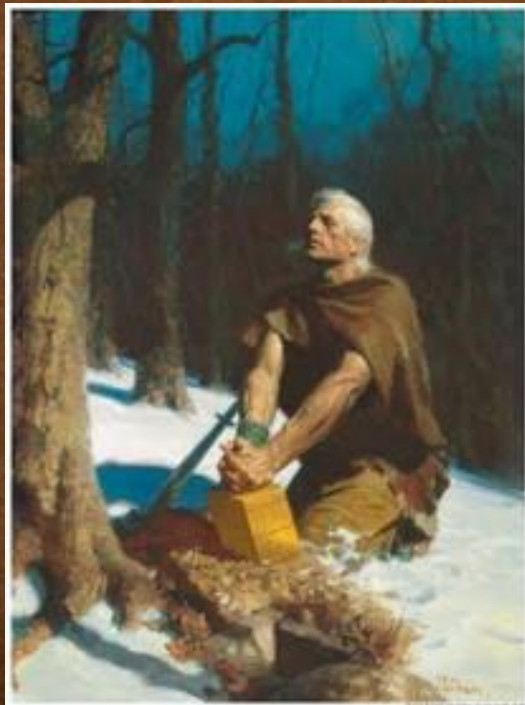
"...Mormon speaks ...in reference to the people who turned away with their eyes open, who turned against the truth some 200 years following the coming of Christ. The people rebelled; Mormon speaks about them and their condition beyond the power of redemption because of their wickedness and the hardness of their hearts, which the spirit of the Lord could no penetrate."

Joseph Fielding Smith



"Behold, four hundred years have passed away since the coming of our Lord and Savior."

Moroni 8:6



At the end of the Book of Mormon, Moroni figuratively looks out over the last remnant of his people. He knew their extinction could have been avoided if they had not forgotten God's holy word and lost the Spirit of the Lord. Is it any wonder that Moroni writes personally to us, to you and to me, pleading for us to claim the blessings of the scriptures.

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While the term "Mormon Church" has long been publicly applied to the Church as a nickname, it is not an authorized title, and the Church discourages its use.

When writing about the Church, please follow these guidelines:

In the first reference, the full name of the Church is preferred: "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

Please avoid the use of "Mormon Church," "LDS Church" or the "Church of the Latter-day Saints."

When a shortened reference is needed, the terms "the Church" or "the Church of Jesus Christ" are encouraged.

When referring to Church members, the term "Latter-day Saints" is preferred, though "Mormons" is acceptable.

"Mormon" is correctly used in proper names such as the Book of Mormon, Mormon Tabernacle Choir or Mormon Trail, or when used as an adjective in such expressions as "Mormon pioneers."

The term "Mormonism" is acceptable in describing the combination of doctrine, culture and lifestyle unique to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When referring to people or organizations that practice polygamy, the terms "Mormons," "Mormon fundamentalist," "Mormon dissidents," etc. are incorrect. The Associated Press Stylebook notes: "The term *Mormon* is not properly applied to the other ... churches that resulted from the split after [Joseph] Smith's death."

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Churches established in 1830's:

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Brothers of Our Lady of Lourdes

Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Burlington, Vermont)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Burlington, Vermont)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Syracuse, New York)

Church of Christ (Latter Day Saints) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Churches of God General Conference (Winebrenner)

Community of Christ

First Unitarian Church (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Kolel Chibas Yerushalayim

Netherlands Reformed Congregations

Remonstrant Synod of Ulster

St. Andrew's Church (Toronto)

St. John the Evangelist's Church (Manhattan)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (Olean, New York)

United Methodist Church of the Highlands

Zion Episcopal Church (Douglaston, New York)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Not mentioned because they were established earlier

Catholic Methodist

Presbyterian

Baptist and many others

Under the Category: Christian organizations based in the United States from

Wikipedia...The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not on their list...

Why is that?

3 Nephi 27:4-5

"I say that we need to teach our people to find their answers in the scriptures. If only each of us would be wise enough to say that we aren't able to answer any question unless we can find a doctrinal answer in the scriptures! And if we hear someone teaching something that is contrary to what is in the scriptures, each of us may know whether the things spoken are false—it is as simple as that. But the unfortunate thing is that so many of us are not reading the scriptures. We do not know what is in them, and therefore we speculate about the things that we ought to have found in the scriptures themselves. I think that therein is one of our biggest dangers of today."

Harold B. Lee *Find the Answers in the Scripture* Ensign December 1972

"The *fulness of the gospel* consists in those laws, doctrines, ordinances, powers, and authorities needed to enable men to gain the fulness of salvation. Those who have the gospel fulness do not necessarily enjoy the fulness of gospel knowledge or understand all of the doctrines of the plan of salvation. But they do have the fulness of the priesthood and sealing power by which men can be sealed up unto eternal life. *The fulness of the gospel grows out of the fulness of the sealing power and not out of the fulness of gospel knowledge.* (*Mormon Doctrine*, pp. 332-33.)

**THERE IS A BASIC
DOCTRINE ONE MUST
UNDERSTAND AND OBEY
IN ORDER TO BE SAVED**

Perhaps no two people, without a previous discussion, would come up with identical lists of doctrines from the text of 3 Nephi 27:13-22. But their lists would comprehend or cover the same ideas if carefully and thoroughly done. It may be that in place of a short list of doctrines, they would come up with a longer list of ordinances and precepts. These could be collected into or placed under eight main headings commonly called doctrines. The following diagram lists these eight principles and illustrates their interrelationships.

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THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

(pays for the sins
of the truly penitent
and brings about)

THE RESURRECTION

(of all men)

A UNIVERSAL JUDGMENT

(in the flesh)

by which the blessings
of eternal life are

accorded to those who
exercise **FAITH IN CHRIST**

sufficiently that they

REPENT of all their sins

and fully consummate their repentance

in that they

enter the covenant of **BAPTISM**

and thereafter

receive the **GIFT OF THE**

HOLY GHOST

and subsequently maintain

this spiritual capacity

in that they

ENDURE in faithfulness **TO THE END**