

The Spirit of Christ

Doctrine and Covenants 84:43-61



*Suggested Hymn:
#89 The Lord is
my Light*

For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that he may know good from evil; wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.

Moroni 7:16



*The
Voice
of the
Lord*

Challenges of Scripture Study



Not enough time



Can't Find Your Scriptures



Family Obligations



School Work



Too tired



Don't feel like it

The Word of the Lord

Truth

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17

Light

That which is of God is light; and he that receiveth light, and continueth in God, receiveth more light; and that light groweth brighter and brighter until the perfect day. D&C 50:24

Spirit

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:10

Spirit of Jesus
Christ

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Corinthians 5:4

Voice of the
Spirit

*And every one that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit cometh unto God, even the Father
D&C 84:47*



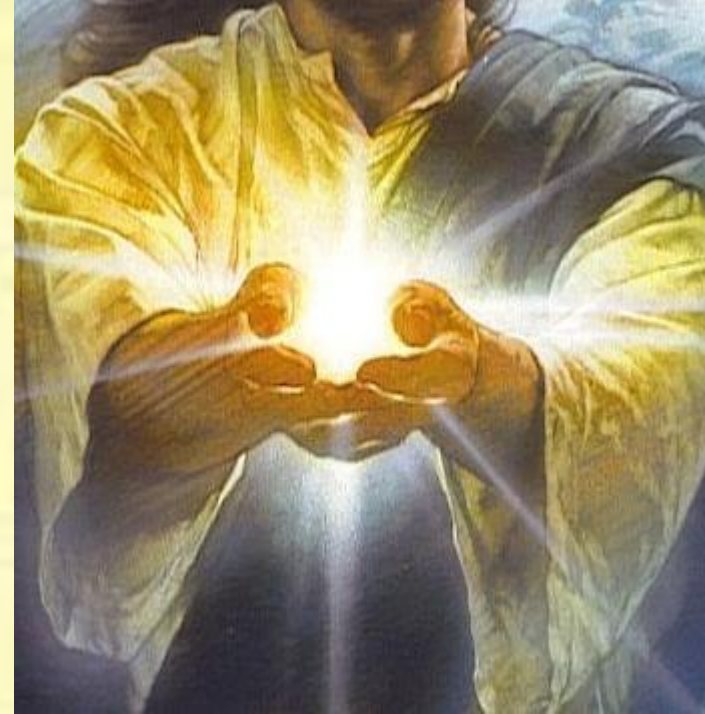
The Light of Christ

The Light of Christ is “an influence for good in the lives of all people. ... [However,] the Light of Christ should not be confused with the Holy Ghost.

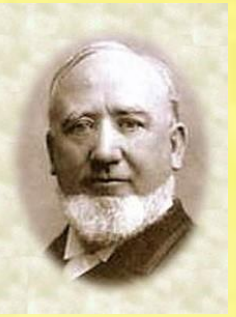
It is not a personage, as the Holy Ghost is” TF

The Light of Christ is within each person and provides a “knowledge of right and wrong, [or] moral sense, or conscience.” It “can direct us to moderate our actions— unless, that is, we subdue it or silence it.”

Boyd K. Packer



Our Conscience



“Satan has power in the earth, and in the exercise of his agency he tempts the children of men. ... At the same time we have the sweet influence of the Spirit of God pleading with us to do that which is right, pleading with every human being that does not drive it from him; for every human being has a portion of the Spirit of God given unto him.



“We sometimes call it conscience; we call it by one name and we call it by another; but it is the Spirit of God that every man and woman possesses that is born on the earth. God has given unto all his children this Spirit. Of course it is not the gift of the Holy Ghost in its fullness; for that is only received by obedience to the commandments of God.”

George Q. Cannon

The Spirit of God

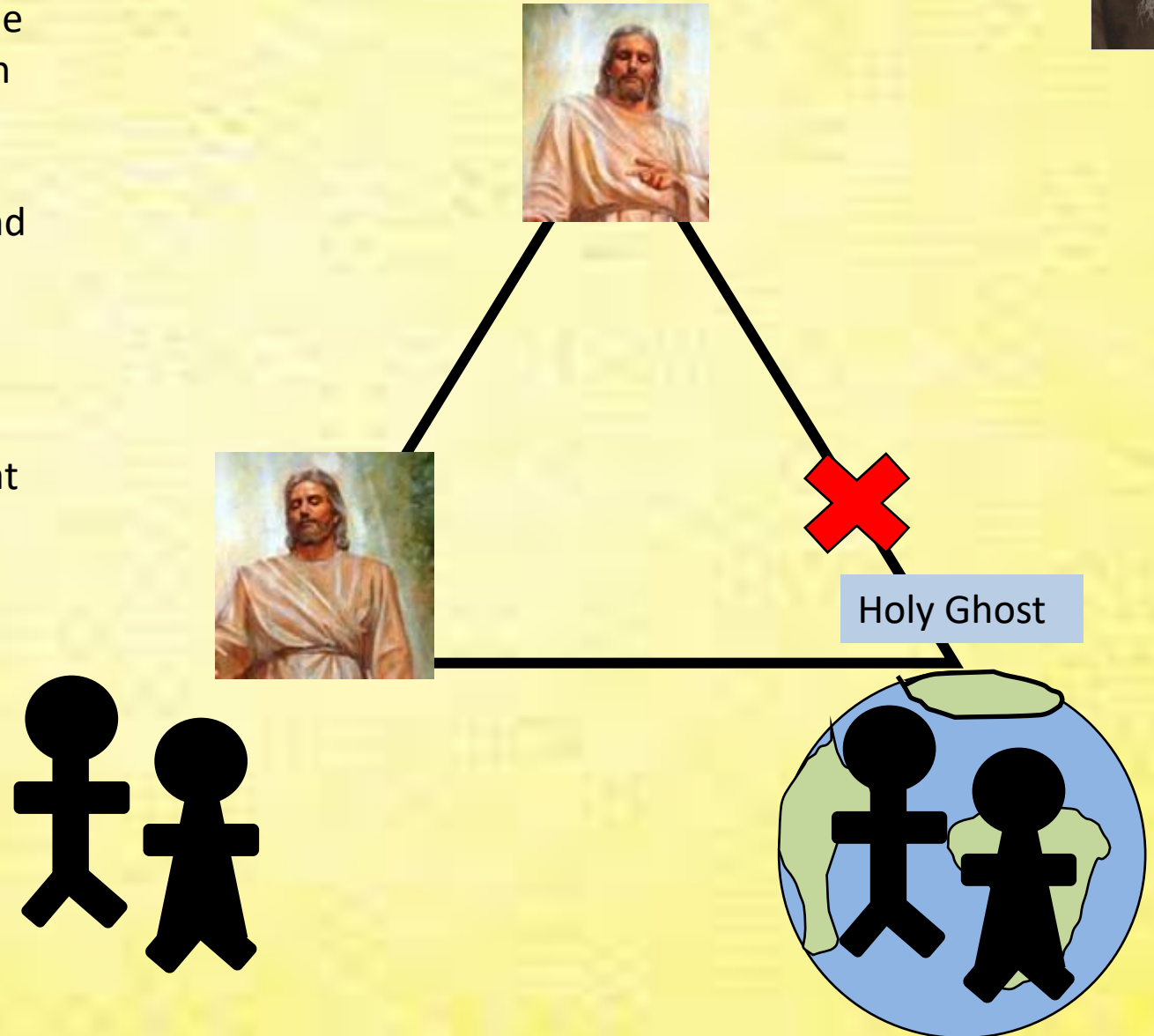


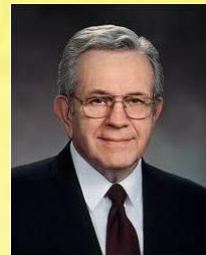
“We often say the Spirit of God when we mean the Holy Ghost; we, likewise, say the Holy Ghost when we mean the Spirit of God.

The Holy Ghost is a personage in the Godhead, and is not that which lighteth every man that comes into the world.

It is the Spirit of God which proceeds through Christ to the world, that enlightens every man that comes into the world, and that strives with the children of men, and will continue to strive with the, until it brings them in a knowledge of truth and the possession of the greater light and testimony of the Holy Ghost.”

Joseph F. Smith





“The Light of Christ is defined in the scriptures as ‘the Spirit [which] giveth light to every man that cometh into the world’; ‘the light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed’

And the Light of Christ is also described in the scriptures as ‘the Spirit of Jesus Christ’,

the Spirit of the Lord

the Spirit of truth

the light of truth

the Spirit of God

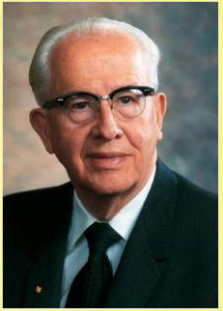
and ‘the Holy Spirit

Some of these terms are also used to refer to the Holy Ghost.

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Being in the Dark



The Lord was rebuking the elders of “Treating things lightly” —taking your testimony for granted

They had received the Book of Mormon but were not sincere in their desires to embrace the gospel

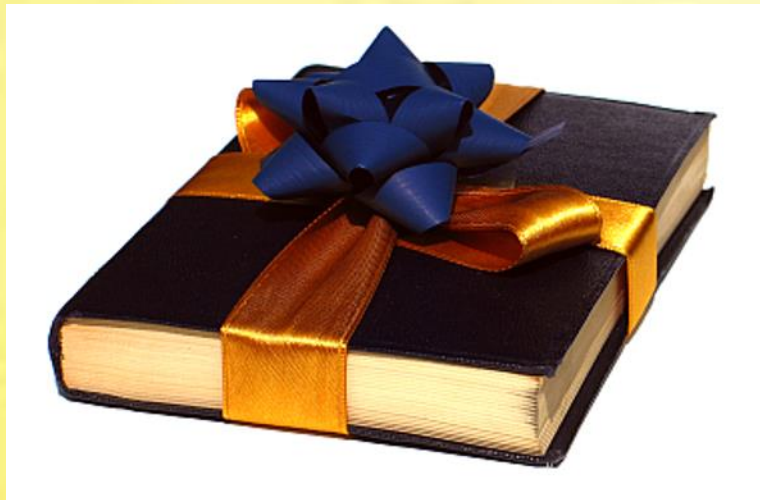


“Some of the early missionaries, on returning home, were reproved by the Lord in section 84 of the Doctrine and Covenants because they had treated lightly the Book of Mormon. As a result, their minds had been darkened. The Lord said that this kind of treatment of the Book of Mormon brought the whole Church under condemnation, even all of the children of Zion. And then the Lord said, ‘And they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon.’ Are we still under that condemnation? ...

President Ezra Taft Benson

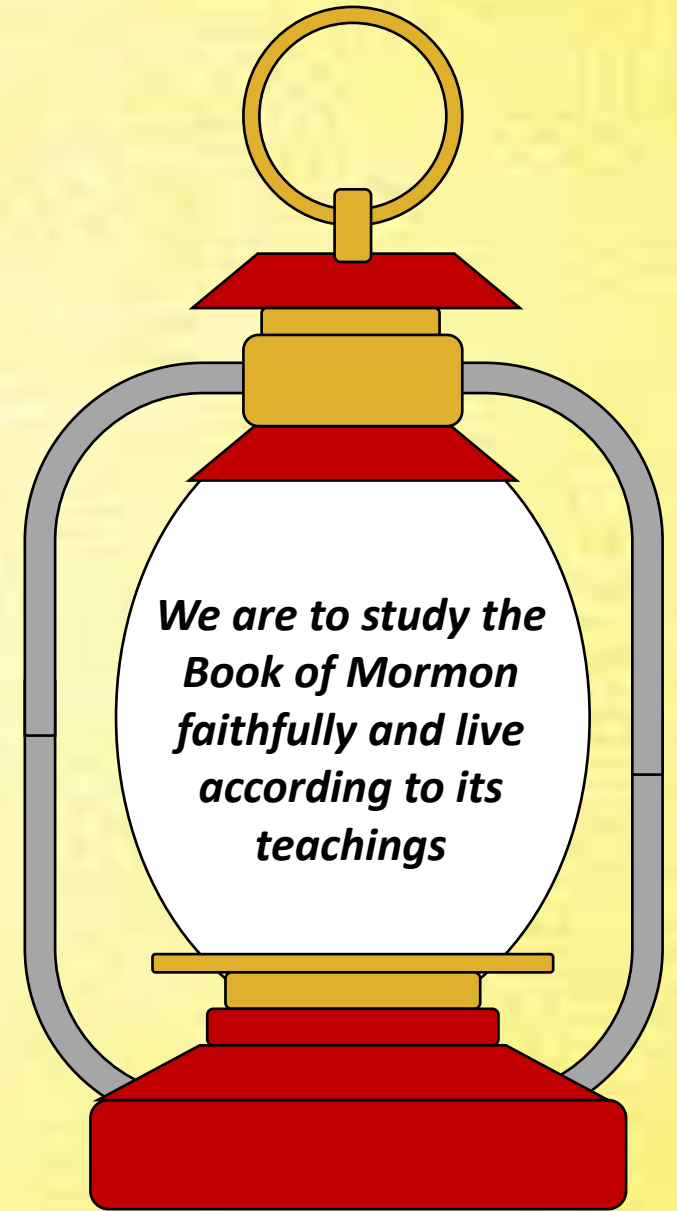
Getting Out of the Dark

“Every Latter-day Saint should make the study of this book a lifetime pursuit. Otherwise he is placing his soul in jeopardy and neglecting that which could give spiritual and intellectual unity to his whole life...



“Let us not remain under condemnation, with its scourge and judgment, by treating lightly this great and marvelous gift the Lord has given to us. Rather, let us win the promises associated with treasuring it up in our hearts”

President Ezra Taft Benson



Principles of the Gospel

1. Study the principles of the gospel in the Book of Mormon
2. Teach the principles of the gospel to others
3. Live the principles of the gospel



“ The Lord informed these priesthood holders that they were to be obedient to the above counsel that they might bring forth fruit pleasing unto the Lord. They were promised forgiveness inasmuch as they were faithful.”

Otten and Caldwell

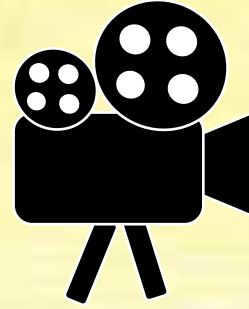
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