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"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseed you that ye walk worthy of the vocation where h ye are called.

With all lowiness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; an Jeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit he bould of peace.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as one Lord, one taits, one baptism,

the God and Father of all, who is above a set torough all, and in you all.

But unto every one of us is given grace accor Wherefore he saith, When be accorded up or

sh, he led captivity captive, and gave gift ato men.

Now that he ascended, what is it but that h so descended first into the lower parts of . #th 9

He that descended is the same also that a cen ted far above all heavens, that he might fill wit things.

And he gave some, apostles; and some rophets; and some, evangelists; and some HALLIN AD STREAMERS;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work the ministry, for the editying of the body of

This we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the 'mowledge of the Son of God, unto a perteet man, unto the measure of the stature of the Luiness of Christ;

That we hancesorth be no more children, tosse to a 11 fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cumning conflines, whereby they lie in wait to deceive:

These words are found in the 4th chapter of the epistic of Paul to the Ephesians.

Probably at no time in the history of the furch of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has there been more interest felt in relation to the doctrines in which we believe and the nature of the organization with which we are connected and the bonds by which we are united together than at the resent time. The completion of the rail and has brought us immediately in conact with the outside world, and it has also brought us prominently before the nations. not only our own nation, but other nations, and many people who have hereto-

fore felt little or no interest in regard to the people called Latter-day Saints are now. through travel, being brought in contact with them and are disposed to investigate and to inquire concerning their faith and

It is very agreeable to us to have our principles investigated, for the first elders of the Church have endeavored for nearly them among all people unto whom they

believed that the teachings contained in that pook were intended to be understood as they were written; and that when Goil made a declaration, or His authorized servants preached the gospel, or made certain plain and positive promises, the design was those promises and believe the principles of that Gospel with the most unwavering faith and expect their fulfilment to the very letter, if they would only comply with the

conditions connected therewith. This is the great difficulty to-day; this is

the cause of the diversity of beliefs in the Christian world. Instead of taking the word of the Lord as it is, they wish to place their own construction on that word so as to suit their own peculiar ideas and views; and having thus interpreted it, they frame their belief in accordance with that interpretation. But it is very plain, from words contained in the New Testament, that the Lord expected His children to believe the Gospel and to carry it out in their practice, as it was delivered anciently. For instances Paul, on one occasion, when writing to the Galatians, said

"Though we, or an angel from heaved, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accurated."

And, as if to make this so positive that i could not be misunderstood, he repeated the language. Here an anathema is pronounced upon the head of any individual who should attempt to preach any other gospel than that which the Apostle Paul and the other Apostles had declared; even if an angel from Heaven were to declare any. thing opposed to or differing from it he was to be accursed.

It is highly important that mankind should understand what was the nature of that gospel, and whether the creeds to which they have rendered obedience in these days agree with the principles preached by the Apostles; if they do not, they who preach them are exposed to the anathema pronounced by Paul, or his words are not to be relied upon. It is a very easymatter to find out what the Apostles did preach; there need be no difficulty about this if people will receive the teachings contained in the New Testament, for there we have a record of their labors and an epitome of the doctrines they taught and

If we refer to the first discourse that was preached after the ascension of Jesus into heaven we shall find what the Apostles taught on that occasion, when inspired by the Holy Ghost, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. The people were excited over the strange event that had taken place in their

contains an account of Philip preaching the gospel in Samaria and baptizing some believers. Phillip, it seems, had only the authority that John the Baptist had, hold-ing the same priestheod as he did. It is written of John that he said "I indeed bapmonived the New Testament Htarsily, and tize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he

that he laid his hands upon him, evidently proving that he held only the priest-hood of Aaron. When the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, through Phillip, they sent unto them Peter and two of the Apostles, who, John, they came unto them, prayed when or them that they might receive the Holy Ghost, and they laid their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost. It did not rest upon them previous to this ordinance being attended to; for the the fact that we have the same principles to teach to the people that were taught by the

had been baptized. This shows that, not only is it necessary for men to believe in Jeaus Christ, repent of their sins, and be elders, when abroad, "What necessity was Jesus Christ, repent of their sins, and be baptized for the remission of them, but that they must receive the laving on of hands of earth to bring, as you say he did, the those who have authority, or they could everlasting gospel when we have the neither claim nor enjoy the Holy Ghost; Bible and Ohristian organizations and but when they did have hands laid upon them, wonderful to relate in this age of unbelief, the Holy Ghost rested down upon them and they were filled therewith, and they were bound and united together and sity of any such thing if the churches at the they knew the things of God and enjoyed the gifts of the gospel of Jesus Christ. On one occasion Paul met with a number On one occasion Paul met with a number

of disciples at Ephesus and he enquired of them if they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed. They told him they had not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. He then enquired unto on the face of the earth, of whom we have what then were they baptized. They replied they were baptized unto John's bapism. Paul baptized them anew, and laid hands upon them, and, we are told, they received the Holy Ghost and spake with longues and prophecied. Paul had authority; he held the Melchezedec priesthood, in which was included the authority to lay on hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

This is the manner in which the Apostles preached the gospel; there is no record of their doing it in any other way. We do not read of their teaching the people the plan of salvation in any other way.

A great many, to prove that baptism and administered to the people. reason He has not revealed Himself for aying on hands are not necessary, have every hand when conversing on these subjewels in the crown of every monarch on centuries is because the people so cruelly cited the case of Cornelius, who, though he jects. They will declare that there is no the nature of their organization. the earth, or their entire treasures, because persecuted His anointed ones when He necessity for these gifts in this age, as if the was not baptized, received the Holy Ghost. they will fade away, but these will endure sent them into their midst. Their blood has cried for vengeance on the inhabitants of the earth, and He has closed the Heavens, The case of Cornelius is the only case of the Holy Ghost could be enjoyed by man and forever. And the man who obeys the goskind on record, and there were strong reathese gifts not manifested! Such a thing sons why it should be as it was with him. is impossible! There would have been no or enslaved, or deprived of the exercise of as it were, for centuries, our forefathers The gospel and its ordinances were adminnecessity for the restoration of the gospel to any of his faculties, as many suppose. He forty years to disseminate a knowledge of having been left, only, with such light as istered only to the Jews; Cornelius was a the earth by an angel if the keys and priesthaving been left, only, with such light as they could obtain without the priesthood. But has He not bestowed His Holy Spirit upon men? Yes, millions of people have they could obtain without the priesthood. Gentile, and between the two races strong hood by which the ancient Apostles officisould get access. They have traveled prejudices existed, the Jews looking upon ated had not been taken from the earth. It Catholic church claims midst; for men of various nations had gaththe Gentiles as far inferior to them. e have throughout the length and breadth of the religious truth alone; it is a wrong idea that received the Holy Spirit to a certain exnelius and his household were the first people who are religious must confine ered together to the Holy City and the rect succession from the Apostles: other nation, having visited every State and neartent, although not in its fulness. Luther Gentiles to whom the gospel was preached, churches claim the same; and all, claiming themselves to what are termed religious apostles stood up in the power and demonhad it, when he was inspired to war against ly every township in the Union. They they received it, and the Lord, to show to any authority whatever, endeavor to trace it truths only. The gospel of Jesus Christ embraces within its scope every truth the iniquities that existed in the Romish stration of the Holy Ghost and declared to back to them. They all base their the Apostles that the Gentiles were entitled have also traveled in Canada and have prochurch. He was raised up especially to to the ordinances of salvation as wellas the claims to authority on the fact that the the people there assembled, the startling known to man; every truth pertaining to laimed the gospel in Europe and Asia, prepare the way for the manifestation of the Jews, if they were willing to comply with A postles received it. The Catholic church, astronomy, geology and every other sciinteiligence that Jesus, whom they had so work of God in the last days. Calvin and and some have even gone to Africa and to the requirements of the gospel, conferred especially, claim uninterrupted descent ence belongs to and is incorporated in that Melancthon had a portion of the Helv recently crucified as an impostor, was infrom Peter and the last of the Apostles. But, the Holy Ghost upon Cornelius and his the islands of the sea. What we have done gospel. Spirit, and so had all the Reformers who while so doing, they ignore the fact that deed the Lord of life and glory and was the When Peter saw this family he family. I have spoken thus far and have not said we have endeavored to do openly, and followed them; and though they had not said "of a truth I percieve that God is no as long as there was a man on the earth the authority to build up the church of God in its ancient purity, they still had a veritable Son of God, the Messiah, of which single word about that much-mooted have striven to make plain the principles respecter of persons, but in every nation who laid claim to authority direct from doctrine-plurality of wives. I expect the prophets had spoken and for whose he that feareth Him and worketh righteous-God the inhabitants of the earth warred we have advocated. The greatest difficulty there are gentlemen and ladies here who work to do and they have come in their against him, antil they had succeeded in killing him, as they had all others. This would rather hear that spoken of than all that could be said besides; who would coming they had so long and anxiously ness, is accepted with Him." And when, we have had to contend with has been the lays and generations and have labored afterwards, he heard them speak with looked. This was unexpected intelligence zealously, indefatigably and fearlessly, readisposition of the people to listen. The tongues and magnify God, he said, "Can fact, though as familiar as any fact, to the rather hear an elder tell how many wives to them; but the arguments of the Apostles, ubs that has seemed to possess the minds gardless of death, inspired of God to do the any man forbid water that these should not student of history, is lost sight of by the and children he has got than all that could work which they performed in the various on this matter were so convincing, and the be baptized which have received the Holy Catholic church. So long as the Apostles I many was that they understood our be said about Jesus, His Apostles, the Holy Ghost or its gifts. There is a prurient lands in which they labored,-Germany, lived, and so long as any man lived who power of God so apparent, -each man hear-Ghost as well as we? And he commanded principles perfectly well, and that it was un-France, England, Scotland and various them to be baptized in the name of the had been associated with them in their laing the gospel in his own tongue, that they curiosity on the part of a great many peonecessary to say another word about them parts of Europe, and also in our own land-Lord," Peter did not say, Cornelius, you bors, there was an incessant persecution plo in relation to this subject, and were it America. John Wesley, also, was raised were pricked to the heart and were con-Probably there is no people in the world have received the Holy Ghost as well as carried on against them. And it is recorded not transcending the bounds of politeness, up and inspired of God to do a work, and vinced that Jesus was the Son of God we have, and there is no necessity for you that every one of them, except John, concerning whom so much has been said. about the first question they would ask he did it. and the Savior of the world, and they to obey my further ordinances, which, un- died a violent death. They tried to kill after being introduced to an elder would and there is probably no people on the Not only have these religious reformers der the circumstances, if he had considered | John: they immersed him in a cauldron of cried out "Men and brethren, what be "how many wives and children have cen inspired to do a work in preparing face of the earth who are so little underboiling oil and sent him to the Isle of Pat paptism or the laying on of hands nonyou got?" That is about the extent of for the advent of the kingdon of God upon shall we do?". It is very reasonable to supassential, he would have been very likely mos to work in the lead mines, and persestood and concerning whom there are so their desires. Here is agreat phenomenon pose that when the Apostles answered this cuted him in various ways; but, owing to he carth; but others have been raised for to do; but instead of that he commanded many misrepresentations in circulation. before their eyes in this Territory, of inthe same purpose. Columbus was inspired them to be baptized. Peter took this, as the promise of God, they could not kill question, made under such extraordinary tense interest and of immense importance, The prevalent idea concerning us in agreat penetrate the ocean and discover this the Lord intended it, as an evidence that him. Peter was crucified at Rome with yet their souls cannot rise high enough to circumstances, they would declare the Western continent, for the set time for its his head downwards, not considering himmany circles is that we have thrown aside the Gentiles as well as the House of Israel comprehend the first feature of it, and no discovery had come; and the consequences doctrines and requirements which would were entitled to the gospel. And he had self worthy to be crucified as his Lord had the Bible and have substituted in its stead higher than to ask about the number of a which God desired to follow its discovery been. Paul was beheaded in Rome; the them baptized, and without doubt laid his be binding on all the inhabitants of the man's wives! When I hear such inquiries a book of our own, the Book of Mormon, have taken place,-a free government has other Apostles were killed in various ways, hands upon them to confirm upon them pity the person who makes them. earth under similar circumstances. To been established on it. The men who esand other works, of modern origin, or the gift they had received. Had Cornelius, every one of them suffering an ignominious think if a person cannot allow his or her imagine anything else would be to suppose tablished that Government were inspired at that hour, stood upon his dignity and death because of their belief in Jesus; beworks which they consider of modern orithat which would be contrary to reason and mind to rise any higher than that be or said There is no necessity for me to be hap-tized for the remission of my sins, God of God, - George Washington, Thomas cause they believed God was a God of reveshe is in a most deplorable condition at a strange gin. It is only a few weeks since that a common sense. To think that they would Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklation, and because they laid claim to au-I am satisfied that there is an immense and tell something that was not necessary and gentleman from the Eastern States was lin, and all the fathers of the Republic were having given me the Holy Ghost without thority from Jesus to administer the oressential to salvation on such an important occasion, when so many were pricked to amount of misunderstanding among the inspired to do the work which they did. stvited to preach in the New Tabernacle. dinances of Hischurch. This was the course obeying that ordinance; and having already people of the world with respect to the We believe it was a preparatory work for received the Holy Ghost, I have no need to pursued by the inhabitants of the earth He did so, and preached a very elequent their hearts, is to suppose something that Latter-day Saints and their belief in this peculiar doctrine. It is generally believed the establishment of the kingdom of God. have hands laid upon me, there is not a until the Apostles and every man having liscourse. He was followed by President is not consistent with the character of the This church and kingdom could not have that we have embraced it for sensual purdoubt in my mind but what that precious authority had been killed, and the gifts and Apostles and the nature of their mission to Young, and after the latter had finished been established on the earth if their work blessings had entirely disappeared from and inestimable gift would have been poses, and that we are a sensor people the children of men. Peter said unto them. had not been performed, or a work of a the earth. After this men took to themwithdrawn from him, and he would not and the meeting was dismissed this clergy-man said he had not the least idea that we had so large a Christian element in our sion of your sins, and ye shall receive the and the meeting was dismissed this clergy-We see these ideas frequently advanced in similar character. The kingdom of God selves doctrines to accommodate thom, nave enjoyed it after. It could only be connewspapers, and it is stated by them that inned to him on condition of his obeying selves, the rites and many of the doctrines we gather the people from the nations beamid the despotisms there; or in Africa. the ordinances which God, had placed in of Paganism and portions of existing insticause of this doctrine. What a silly ideal Why, any man with a grain of common gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is amid the darkness there; it could not have with until he heard that discourse from His church and which He required all the tutions were incorporated into the Chrisunto you, and to your children, and to all been built up in Europe amid the monarchthat are afar off, even as many as the Lord inhabitants of the earth to submit to with- tian church, until almost every vestige of President Young. He had supposed that ense might know better if he would give ies which crowd every inch of its surface. out hesitation; and without doubt, Cornewe had set aside the Bible and had taken our God shall call." Thus, he set before the Book of Mormon and the doctrines and them in simplicity and in the greatest plainthe pure doctrines had disappeared, and a little reflection to the matter! How much It had to be built up on this land, hence this land had to be discovered. It was not lius wisely went forward and obeyed those nothing was left but mere forms. easier it would be, if we were licentious, to practice licentiousness according to the popular method! Why go to the trouble and expense and incur the odium of sus-Is it any wonder that the Latter-day ordinance the requirements with which they discovered too soon; if it had been it would revelations contained in that and in the This was the manner in which the Apos-Saints claim that it was necessary for an must comply in order to receive that which have been overrun by the nations of the book of Doctrine and Covenants as our rule they desired. angel to fly through the midst of heaven, les preached the gospel to the inhabitants earth and no place would have been found. having the everlasting gospel to preach to of the earth in those days. They did not aining wives and children merely to gratof faith. It was not necessary for him to say unto the nations of the earth? If authority to administer in the ordinances of the gospel had existed among men there would have even here, for the kingdom of God. It was say to the people "you must seek the Holy them Believe in the Lord Jenus Christ, for ty licentiousness, when we could do it to He was not singular in that idea; it is discovered at the right time and by the Ghost and probably the Lord will give it to you if you will only exercise faith enough;" he fullest extent, on the popular plan, withthey did already believe, having been consight man, inspired of God not to waver or shrink; but undanned by the difficulties the general belief in many circles, and out incurring odium or assuming responsive vinced through the testimony of the Aposamong people who, on other subjects, are thes. Peter, therefore, said unto them, well informed. They have an idea that we "repent,"—that being the next principle they had to obey,—"repent, and be bap-tized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the been no such necessity; but that authority but they told the people plainly, and posiility and care? Read the records of N. Yorl with which he was surrounded, and conhad been taken back to God who gave i tively, without the least hesitation, that if Vashington, Chicago, and the records of tending with a mutinous crew he perseverand it had to be restored by Him or could not be exercised on the earth again. they would comply with certain requireall the cities east and west on our continent ain pro ed, and continued his journey westward until he discovered this land, the exist-ence of which God had inspired him to demonstrate. ments they should receive the Holy Ghost, and then go to the old world, and you may me peculiarities have their origin in these The only condition was their sincerity and Where were apostles to be found? Why ssion of your sins, and ye shall receive and that men can gratify their lustful deremi faithfulness in obeying the requirements. What were the fruits of this preaching? they were unpopular; every man that had sire without incurring odium. They can even destroy females by the thousands ib has books. Of course, among people who have the Holy Ghost." He did not say unto demonstrate. It was necessary that George Washington should be raised up, that the battles of the Republic should be fought, that the Colo-nies should be emancipated from the fetters of the mother country, and declared free held the Apostleship had been killed, yet read the Book of Mormon and the Book of them "here is an 'anxious bench,' in the words which I have read in your in the gratification of their sensual appendent Wherever the Apostles went and the people 'come and throw yourselves at the foot of Doctrine and Covenants these ideas do not the cross, and seek with prayer before the hearing it is said: received their testimony the Spirit of God tites, but because the Latter-day rested upon them and their hearts were united, and they enjoyed the gifts of prochose to marry them, to make women and their children respected and honorable, all hell is moved against them. The devil does revail, because such persons are aware Lord until He remits your sins." He did not tell them to do any such thing, but he told them to repent of their sins, that is to "He gave to some spostles, some prophety that those books corroborate the Bible, and some evangelists, and phecy, healing, tongues, interpretation of ers. independent States. Why? Because are witness of the truth of the great princinotlike it. I will tell you a rule, brethren, sistongues, discerning of spirits, wisdom, forsake them, and to be baptized for the God had in view the restoration of the everples contained in the Old and New Testaknowledge and all the varied gifts of the And yet men tell us to-day that apostles ters and friends, that I have observed remission of them, promising them that they should receive the Holy Ghost, for, fasting gospel to the earth again, and in gospel necessary for their growth and deare not necessary! Is it surprising that the through my intercourse with men, in my ments, and teach precisely the same. addition to this the set time had come for velopment in the things of God. This was results which we see have followed such not the case at Jernsalem alone, but in far unbelief in apostles? It was very dantravels, and that is, that they who have said he, "the promise is unto you and to Him to build up. His kingdom and to ac-The peculiarities, if such they may be opposed this principle most bitterly, when your children and to all that are afar off, complish the fulfilment of His long defergerous to be called apostles! It sounded called, which distinguish us from other peooff Ephesus and in the various cities of Asia they understood it, have been the most corwen as many as the Lord our God shall red purposes. Jesus said, unto Jerusalem, "How often would I have gathered thy children togethrupt men, the very men who have practice, adultery and whoredom in secret; while atter to be called bishops or some other Minor where Paul preached: and throughpie, have their origin in our implicit faith in call." out the length and breadth of the earth title; it suited the popular ear better and the Scriptures. There is no principle nor dec-How many did the Lord call? Why He did not excite the persecution which the wherever the Apostles traveled these pecuopenly, to hear them speak of oursystem of has called all. He commanded the Aposer, leven as a hen gathereth her chickens rine of our faith that we are not willing to Paul, who had been separated from the name of apostle did. Yet in the words of patriarchial marriage, one might think them ties to go and preach the gospel to every creature, therefore every human being on under her wings, and ye would not!" But have tested by the revelations and teachings Paul we are told that apostles, prophets, immaculate; but I never found pure mindthe prophets teil us that in the last days the people of God shall be gathered together from the different parts of the earth and be placed in the Church, for the perfect rest of the Apostles for a number of years, were ontained in King James's translation of the the face of the earth was called by the Lord; people of the first parts of the earth and be united together in one people. It was ne-cessary therefore, therefore that a land should be prepared and a form of govern-ment be established, so free and liberal in the saints in this Territory induced by preach and practice it, let them believe what they might on other points, they would acknowledge that there was some-thing god like in that doctrine if we carried it out as we believed it. That has been my found, when he came to Jerusalem and God, and to their partners if they had them, and the promise was unto the multitude Bible; and our elders have gone forth takwas united with them, that he had precise-ly the same knowledge concerning the gos-pel of Christ that they had; the Holy Ghest had taught it to him the same as it had to Peter, James, John, Andrew and the rest ing that as their text-book, preaching from it the principles which those now called Latter-day Saints have embraced and which a data on this promise on complying with the conditions prescribed, -namely, faith in Jesus Christ, repentance Latter-day Sainta have sembraced and which caused them to gather together from the nations of the earth, to the State of Ohio, then to Missouri, then to Illinois and then to Missouri, then to Illinois and then to these valleys. This was the second of the Holy Ghost. This was the gospel which Poter proched in the test of many. I have heard people expressions on siderable surprise upon hearing it. I recolliset in my early experience as a fider meeting and having considerable to act meeting of the test of the test of the following on when preaching to the people and were baptized on that when the people and the work alled "The Volce of Warning," and when itale upon him again after a lapse of a few days, he expressed ba surprise at there being any diversity between the Latter-day Saints and the orthodax sects, "for," said as a remarked to him that it was because we of the Apostles. And had they been per-mitted to continue their labors the inhabi-tants of the earth, if they had received the gospel, would have been united together as one in the things of God. character that this kingdom could be es-tablished within its borders without con-flicting with it. Therefore, religious liberty and toleration have been proclaimed throughout the length and breadth of this land. Men fought, bled and died in vindiexperience We are solving the problem that is before the world to-day, over which they are precontinue there Does anybody wonder that there is di-vision now in Christendom? Does anytending to rack their brains. I mean the . cation of these principles, and they were incorporated into the Constitution; and we, "Social Problem." We close the door on the to one side, and say that whoredoms, seduc-tions and adulteries must not be committed 'Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a per-fect man, unto the measure of the statufe of the body wonder that, instead of there being "one lord, one faith and one baptism," as recorded is, the words I have read in your hearing, there are, it may be said, many lords, many faiths and many baptisms? Does anybody wonder at this? I can not when I see how men have strayed from the to-day; are reaping the blessed results of their labors. Shall they not have glory in the sight of God for those labors? Yes, amongst us, and we say to those who dreit if the determined to carry on such things we will a m That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cumping graftiness, whereby they thein wall to deceive." ry and honor and blessings and imortal-will rest upon men who have been inkill you; at the same time we open the door in the other direction and ity will rest upon men who have been in-struments in the hands of God in bringing to pass fills great and mary ellous purposes. We have the greates charity for them; we know that God will save and bless them; we know, firther, that their sins were sins of groorance. Where there is no law, it is said, there is no transgression. They had the ideas that we entertain, and that I would the ideas that we entertain, and that I would the ideas that we entertain, and that I would the ideas that we entertain, and that I would the ideas that we entertain, and that I would path that Jesus marked out; when I hear men say that baptism is non-essential. What a wide difference between such per-Is there room for wonder that then are carried about by every wind of doctrine, and that they are deceived by the cunning craft of men when they no longer believe in apostles and prophets, and have taken in-their stead self-constituted ministers, men Is there room for w what a wide difference between such per-sons and the Lord Jesus Christ! You will remember that when John came baptizing in the wilderness Jesus applied to him for baptism, and, in answer to the remon-strance of John, who seemed to think that he had more need to be baptized by the Savier than for the Savier to be baptized to by him for the Savier to be baptized to in apostles and prophets, and have taken in their stead self-constituted ministers, men who never received authority to administer in the things of Godf Commy be surprised that Christendom is split up as it is to-day, and that men are so confused in relation to the ideas that we entertain, in the internation to like to convey to my hearers, in relation to celestial marriage. That God may bles and sustain you in the practice of trath, i my prover, is the mane of Jeans variants who never received at by him, Jesus said:

cometh us to fulfit all rightcousness." The wonder is that there is a remnant of faith in Jesus left in the world when we see how widely men have diverged from the paths in which the Apostles walked, and from the doctrines which they taught.

.We must always bear in mind that which Paul said,-"though we, or an angel from shall baptize you with the hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost; he had not the authority. He was a priest after the order of Aaron; he held the Aaronic priesthood, to which priesthood belongs not the anthority to lay on hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. To do for the reception of the Holy Ghost. To do this it requires a priest after the Order of this it requires a priest after the Order of this it requires a priest after the Order of this it requires a priest after the Order of this it requires a point of the Holy Ghost. To do the doctrines and principles taught by the Apostles they place themselves in a position to receive the condemnation which Paul inheaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you,

I have endeavored in these remarks to bring your minds to the faith the Saints once enjoyed, and to the teachings which the Apostles, in their day, laid before the people, and called upon them, in all ear-nestness, to obey. I have done this in order that you may be prepared for that which we teach, for we teach precisely the same principles that they did. Men wonder and say, "How is it that you Latter-day Saints can live together as you do? How is it that you are so united?" The secret lies in

yet fallen upon any of them, although they | ancient Apostles, and the same results folthere for an angel to come from Heaven to Christian churches all through the land?" This is a very important question, and one

> had enjoyed the same gifts and blessings that they did in theirs. But if there was such a church at that time history has failed to record the fact. There was no man heard, who declared to the people that if they would believe in Jesus and repent of their sins and be baptized for the remission of them, they should receive the Holy Ghost. On the contrary, the bestowal of the Holy Ghost, as anciently, with its gifts and powers, was denied by the whole Christian world. They declared that these

> gifts were not for this generation, but were bestowed upon the primitive church for the whole and sole purpose of establishing the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that when that was accomplished there was no longer any need for them. That was the belief in Christendom then, and that is the belief there now; you may hear it expressed on

infidelity rears its head so defiantly in the midst of Christendom? No, it cannot be wondered at, when men have so widely departed from, and so flagrantly disobeyed the plain teachings of scripture as we find them re corded in the New Testament. The condition of Christendom alone is, of itself, sufficient to prove to every reasoning mind that if there is a God in heaven, as we know

there is; that if there is such a principle as divine revelation, which we declare to be true; if there are such beings surrounding the throne of God as angels, of which we bear testimony, there never was a greater necessity for angels to be sent to earth, or for revelation to be given to man, than in the day in which we live. Some, may say that we have the Bible and its divine teachings to peruse at our leisure; but it has frequently been remarked by those who scoff

at it that it is like a fiddle, every kind of a tune can be played upon it. It requires something more than the Bible to guide man to eternal life. It requires divine in-spiration, it requires the Holy Ghost, it re-quires the priesthood, as it existed in an cient days, to be restored; and I thank God with all my heart, this morning, that I do know it has been restored. I thank God from the bottom of my heart that I have this knowledge.

Before me, in this Territory, I see the fruits of this restoration, - precisely the same fruits that followed the priesthood anciently. I see, here, people gathered from various nations, of various creeds, speaking various languages, and having been reared and educated in svery dissimilar manner, from limited monarchies. from despotic monarchies and from republics, and vet they dwell together in unity, worship God alike, live lives of good order, truth and holiness, and love one another, which is an evidence, as the Apostle says, that they have passed from death unto life. This unity is one of the greatest evidences that can be given that we are the disciples of Christ, for He has said,

"If ye are not one, ye are not mine."

one. He said:

"Neither pray I for these alone; but for them also which shall believe on me through their word

"Inat they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

As a reople the unity of the Latter-day Saints is proverbial, and furnishes a powerful testimony that we have walked with Christ, and have received the blessings foilowing the bestowal of the Holy Ghost.

These are some of the doctrines that the Latter-day Saints believe in; time would fail to tell all. We believe that God is the same yesterday, to-day and forever; that He is a God of revelation, and that the

which you hear. You live in a day and age when the purposes of God are transpiring before your eyes, and when you see the mighty going forth of His great work. Men. generally, however, will not look at it, and ret they are ready to declare that if they knew the work of God was progressing, they would be willing to help it forward. They are the same as the Jews were with the Lord Jesus Christ. When He was with them He was despised and put to death; now men think they honor Him, but if He lived upon the earth to-day do you think He would be henored? He would be treated to-day as He was then. God sent His only Son, the Prince of life and glory; He came to the earth in humble mien, in the garb of poverty, speaking ungramatically, yet He was Heaven's Prince, the Lord of all things. He was born in a stable and cradled in a manger. But God's noble sons are not always born to thrones; some of the noblest men who have lived on earth have not been found in the courts of kings. Where shall we look for them? Frequently among the humble and lowly. I thank God it is so. I have found among the humble and lowly, men with minds which were like rich jewels: men who loved the truth, and who have been willing to die for principle. I have also found many of the rich and noble who have.

"Crooked the pregnant hinges of the knee, That thrift might follow fawning.

And who have been willing to do anything to curry favor, who worshipped pop-alarity, and were ready to bow at its shrine in humble, abject reverence. While among the poor, the meek, and the lowly, I have known men, and we all doubtless have, who would die rather than step aside from principle. Among such God has placed his nobles in this generation in order to be pioneers in this work and lay its foundations. They could sacrifice, and endure poverty for the sake of truth, and they have done so, and have risked all, braving the world fearlessly, establishing principle af ter principle, and declaring truth, in all its simplicity and purity, to the nations of the earth. Thus far God has vindicated their And it is also one of the strongest evi- earth. Thus far God has vindicated their dences that can be given that Jesus is the course and upheld them and has borne Christ, for, on one occasion, when praying them off triumphantly, and He will con-to the Father that His disciples might be tinue to do so until the victory is achieved and the desired consummation of His purposes is reached.

This work will stand and spread abroad, because it is the work of God. After awhile it will gather within its fold men who, at the present time, consider it beneath their notice. It will accomplish the destiny that has been assigned to it. It will gather every honest man and woman on the face of the earth; all who will acknowledge truth will receive and rejoice in this work. thank God that it is restored to the earth.

It is more precious than the good will of men to know God. To have the spirit of truth, and the union and fellowship which exist among the Latter-day Saints is worth more than the riches of California, more than all the mines of the earth or all the