

sanctified and crowned heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ dwell in the presence of the Father and the Son, and, at the head of their own posterity, "inherit all things" and reign as kings and priests unto God in everlasting glory, majesty and dominion.

The Prophet Joseph Smith, when asked for an epitome of the faith of the Latter-day Saints, gave it in the following form:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression.

3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4. We believe that these ordinances are: First, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, viz: Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.

7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healings, interpretation of tongues, etc.

8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of heaven.

10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes. That Zion will be built upon this continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.

12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."—Joseph Smith.

As to the personality of God the Father, the Latter-day Saints refer to the following:

"And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them." (Gen. 1; 26, 27.)

"For man indeed ought not to cover his head forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God." (1 Cor. 11; 7.)

"Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the Elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel, and there was under His feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in His clearness." (Exodus xxiv; 9, 10.)

Jesus the Son of God is declared to be "The brightness of His glory and the express image or His person." (Heb. 1; 3.)

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature." (Col. 1; 15.)

The omnipresence of God by His Spirit universally diffused, is thus declared:

"This is the light of Christ, as also He is in the sun and the light of the sun and the power by which it was made; also He is in the moon, and is the light of the moon and the power thereof by which it was made; as also the light of the stars and the power thereof by which they were made; and the earth also and

the power thereof, even the earth upon which ye stand; and the light which now shineth, which giveth you light, is through Him which enlighteneth your eyes, which is the same that quickeneth your understandings, which light proceedeth forth from the presence of God, to fill the immensity of space. The light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed, even the power of God who sitteth upon His throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things. (Revelation to Joseph Smith, December 27, 1832.)

"And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." (Gen. 1; 2.)

"By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens." (Job xxvi; 13.)

"Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created; and Thou renewest the face of the earth." (Psalm civ; 30.)

"And shall put my Spirit in you and you shall live." (Ezek. xxxvii; 14.)

"There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." (Job xxxii; 8.)

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." (Joel ii; 28.)

"It is the spirit that quickeneth." (John vi; 63.)

"But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God." (1 Cor. ii; 10.)

That the spirit of men are the offspring of God, is shown in the following:

"And now verily I say unto you, I was in the beginning with the Father and am the first-born; and all those who are begotten through me are partakers of the glory of the same and are the Church of the first-born. Ye were also in the beginning with the Father." (From Revelation to Joseph Smith, May 6, 1833.)

"Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits and live?" (Heb. xii; 9.)

"I ascend unto my Father and unto your Father; and to my God and to your God." (John xx; 17.)

"And again when He bringeth in the first begotten into the world," etc. (Heb. 1; 6.)

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same. . . . Wherefore in all things He behooveth Him to be made like unto His brethren," etc. (Heb. ii; 14-17.)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be. But we know that when He shall appear Him as He is." (1 John iii; 2.)

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? . . . When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." (Job xxxvii; 4-7.)

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it." (Eccles. xii; 7.)

The resurrection of the body, extending to the resuscitation of all who have lived and died on earth, to be judged in the resurrected body for the deeds done in the natural body, is a Scriptural doctrine, as may be seen from these texts:

"There is a space between death and the resurrection of the body and a state of the soul in happiness or in misery, until the time which is appointed of God that the dead shall come forth, and be reunited both soul and body and be brought to stand before God and be judged according to their works. The soul shall be restored to the body and the body to the soul; yea, and every limb and joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a hair of the head shall not be lost, but all things shall be restored to their proper and perfect frame." (Book of Mormon, page 364.)

"Now this restoration shall come to all both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, both the wicked and the righteous." (Ibid., page 267.)

"Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they

that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." (John v; 28, 29.)

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." (Rev. xx; 12.)

"There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars. For one star differeth from another star in glory; so also is the resurrection of the dead." (1 Cor. xv; 41.)

That baptism of water and of the Holy Ghost is essential, the following show:

"Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature, acting in the authority which I have given you, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. And he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned. . . . As I said to mine Apostles, I say unto you again, that every soul that believeth on your words and is baptized by water for the remission of sins, shall receive the Holy Ghost, and signs shall follow them that believe.

"Verily, verily I say unto you, they that believe not on your words and are not baptized in water in my name for the remission of their sins, that they may receive the Holy Ghost, shall be damned and shall not come into my Father's kingdom." (Revelation to Joseph Smith, November, 1831.)

"Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John iii; 5.)

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark xvi; 15, 16.)

"Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts ii; 37, 38.)

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

"Then laid they their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost." (Acts viii; 12-18.)

That this Gospel will be preached to all people, both living and dead, see the following:

"For Christ also hath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh; but quickened by the spirit, by which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison, which sometime were disobedient when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls, were saved by water." (1 Peter iii; 18-20.)

"For, for this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." (Ibid. iv; 6.)

The living Saints may perform ordinances for the repentant dead:

"Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?" (1 Cor. xv; 29.)

"And saviors shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the Mount of Esau and the kingdom shall be the Lord's." (Isaiah li; 21.)

"God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." (Heb. xi; 40.)

That the true Gospel is to be preached to prepare the way for Christ's coming and the end of the world, see the following:

"Then shall this Gospel of the kingdom be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." (Matt. xxiv; 14.)

"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." (Rev. xiv; 6, 7.)

That Satan will be bound, the earth be cleansed from corruption, the kingdoms of this world become the king-