

THE CHRIST IN YOU

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True Christians throughout the world,
both within the Latter Day Saint Church and beyond,
are acquiring the spiritual skills necessary to survive
the approaching Apocalypse.

As the parable of the wheat and tares is fulfilled,
those who yearn to become Zion eagerly anticipate a
New Jerusalem and the triumphant return of the
Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the intention of this text to speak to the humble elect,
that in coming to "Know God," we might remember
and access:

THE CHRIST WITHIN.

No Greater Love: The Sergeant Wint Story

"Love is the final conqueror of all battles"

Carleen Taylor, *Call Me Dad*

I was twenty-one and newly married when the United States Army drafted me into the war. I was assigned a tour of duty in Vietnam and would be shipping out in a few days. My precious wife and I savored every moment as I prepared to leave. Little did we understand the horror I would experience in the days to come.

One afternoon as I was leaving the military base, an intense dread came over me concerning the future and the unknown mystery of what lay ahead. A darkness washed through me like ice and in desperation I finally began to pray. Immediately my fear was swallowed up in the warmth of an assuring spirit. A gentle whisper came directly into my soul and confirmed to me that I would not be alone. This would be the same power I would again call upon in a few short days as I lay on the battlefield bleeding...

Easter morning, April 6, 1969, dawned quietly as my motley crew of forty-eight men gathered together. Their strength and courage lay unseen beneath their battle torn attire. In sacred brotherhood we stood solemnly as the army chaplain offered a simple prayer to God. As he prayed the nearby helicopters sat ominously silent, waiting to transport us into hostile territory.

The countryside was deceptively peaceful as we landed, but as the helicopters flew out of sight the Viet Cong opened fire. Deadly bullets sliced through the air as we scrambled for protection in the open rice patty. Suddenly searing pain shot through my face as bullets entered several areas of my body. Death seemed moments away as I slipped between agony and the blessed state of unconsciousness. Lying wounded and helpless in the open field I needed assistance. Several of my men had already been wounded trying to save me from the barrage of continuous gunfire. Lying in a pool of my own blood I heard the sound of yet another soldier pushing his way through the marshy soil towards me. My battlefield savior was on a self-appointed mission and he did not give up. As he strained to reach me, a final shot ripped through the air and then all was still, all was silent. I listened as he offered the ultimate sacrifice and released his last breath.

Many years have passed since that sacred moment. The physical wounds have scarred, healed, and faded, but I have not forgotten. And sometimes on a cool Easter morning, I recall the man who died for me that I might live again. It is in these moments I am reminded of the mercy of our Savior, and how I too can now walk, the Way of The Christ.

Zion and a Latter Day Remnant

*...I gather mine elect from the four quarters of the earth,
even as many as will believe in me, and hearken unto my voice.*

D&C 33:6

IN CONSIDERING the existence of a Latter Day Remnant, we must remember God is not a “*respector of persons*” (Acts 10:34) and He loves all of his children fully. When we use relative terms such as “*remnant*,” “*wheat and tare*,” “*wicked*,” and “*righteous*,” it should be done in the spirit of observation, and not a judgment of eternal worth. Each soul is eternally precious in their current, *but temporary* stage of progression. Like our mortal children every eternal spirit is an irreplaceable aspect of God’s glorious soul. Paradoxically being the “*elect of God*” (D&C 84:34) requires sincere humility and the absence of pride towards our brothers and sisters.

“The antidote for pride is humility, meekness, submissiveness...God will have a humble people. Either we can choose to be humble or we can be compelled to be humble...Let us choose to be humble. We can choose to humble ourselves by conquering enmity toward our brothers and sisters, esteeming them as ourselves, and lifting them as high or higher than we are”

Ezra Taft Benson, *Conference Report*,ⁱ

The preparing remnant is proud to be a member of the only true and living Church.
The Remnant of God is humbled to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Mosiah 2:21.).

The idea of a “*remnant people*” existing in the Church today is a foreign concept to most members. However, those Saints familiar with the prophecies of early church leaders who apply the Book of Mormon directly to our culture today, are introduced to the reality, and necessity of the LDS remnant.

*“God will preserve **a portion of this people**, of the meek and humble, to bear off the kingdom to the inhabitants of the earth, and will defend His Priesthood; for it is the last time, the last gathering time.”*

Brigham Young, *Contributor*,ⁱⁱ

*“And if we, as a people, do not hold ourselves on the altar ready to be used, with our means and all that God has bestowed upon us, according to the Master’s bidding, for the upbuilding of his kingdom upon the earth, he will pass on and get somebody else; because **he will get a people that will do it**. I do not mean to say, that he will pass on and leave this people; no, **there will come up from the midst of this people that people** which has been talked so much about.”*

Daniel H. Wells, *Journal of Discourses*,ⁱⁱⁱ

In Truth the word “Church,” in the original Greek means, “*that which is called out.*”^{iv} On the earth this process of separating the Wheat from the masses began with Adam, who received “messengers from Father” and moved beyond the chains of a lone and dreary world. Enoch, and those who were righteous within his city, were taken up into heaven (Moses 7:23). Noah’s family was spared just before the earth received her baptism of water. Later the brother of Jared and his family were “carried forth” that they might survive the confusion at the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:6), only to be followed by Moses who led God’s remnant out of Egypt. Lehi and his family escaped their religious culture that the Lord might establish a land of promise.

The remnant pattern continued with the ministry of Jesus Christ. The Savior invited his followers to grow beyond the stagnation of Jewish tradition into a living-breathing gospel of love. After the ensuing apostasy Joseph Smith was utilized to invite the world to “come out” from the darkness, and “come back” to the only true Church upon “*the face of the whole earth*” (D&C 1:30).

<p><i>The preparing remnant</i> knows the “church is true” and believes in Jesus Christ. <i>The Remnant of God</i> knows the Lord Jesus Christ and believes in His church.</p>
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In Truth, this same “remnant pattern,” now continues to play out within the restored Church itself. Perhaps early church leaders understood that the Mormon people as a whole would remain under condemnation, and only a small portion of Saints would actually become Zion at heart. (see appendix A.)

“There will be a people raised up, if we will not be that people—there will yet be a people raised up whose lives will embody in perfection the revelations contained in this book...and such a people will have to be raised up before Zion can be fully redeemed, and before the work of our God can be fully established in the earth. In this book, as I have said, is the pattern of the Zion of God. Here are embodied the doctrines, precepts, laws, ordinances, everything in fact that is necessary in order to make us a perfect people before the Lord.”

George Q. Cannon, *Journal of Discourses*,^v

Today’s LDS Remnant is not an apostate group or movement, but they also do not pretend “*all is well in Zion.*” These true disciples love, serve, and warn those who will listen, while anxiously awaiting the opportunity, in the days to come, to fulfill their unique “*errand from the Lord*” (Jacob 1:17.).

“...the kingdom will not be taken from this people and given to another, but a people will come forth from among us who will be zealous of good works, willing to do the bidding of the Lord, who will be taught in his ways, and who will walk in his paths. We, if we are willing, may be humble instruments in the hands of God, in bringing to pass his great and glorious kingdom.”

Daniel Wells, *Journal of Discourses*,^{vi}

It is the elect of God who Love the Savior and refuse to betray the Truth. Even when faced with the prospect of death these valiant souls will not implicitly or explicitly, by commission or omission, verbally or behaviorally, “*deny the Christ.*”

Walking Alone

Now I, Moroni, after having made an end of abridging the account of the people of Jared, I had supposed not to have written more, but I have not as yet perished; and I make not myself known to the Lamanites lest they should destroy me. For behold, their wars are exceedingly fierce among themselves; and because of their hatred they put to death every Nephite that will not deny the Christ. And I, Moroni, will not deny The Christ; wherefore, I wander whithersoever I can for the safety of mine own life.

Moroni 1:1-3

This primary matter of “THE CHRIST,” is the fundamental benchmark concerning the Remnant. Like Moroni, *those willing to sacrifice All they have, for All He is*, forsake the pleasures of Babylon, and forfeit the social comforts of “fitting in.” Even as the Messiah, Jesus was a “*man of sorrows and acquainted with grief*” (Isaiah 53:3.). Considered a “religious maverick,” and of the devil by the Pharisees, He too endured a type of spiritual loneliness before Transcending All Things in Love.

“So, the great test of life is to see whether we will hearken to and obey God’s commands in the midst of the storms of life. It is not to endure storms, but to choose the right while they rage.”

Elder Henry B. Eyring, *Spiritual Preparedness: Start Early and Be Steady*,^{vii}

In Truth the Lord needs full-time warriors: Men and women of God who access His priesthood, manifest the gifts of the spirit, demonstrate faith during times of failure, choose love amongst the violence, and above all, do the will of God in All things great and small. (see appendix A.)

As the Signs of the upcoming Apocalypse intensify mediocre faith and social conversion will not suffice. The Wheat from every ward and branch will be slowly gathered, leaving empty hulls of religious tares.

Due the natural reciprocity of sin, obscene immorality, arrogance, and the greed of a darkened elite, America will experience political, economic, and military collapse. Natural disasters will accumulate as the rule of law falters in each major city. (Helaman 13:31.). Secret plans enacted upon law-abiding citizens will result in the loss of Constitutional freedom, and almost every community will be afflicted with mass chaos and violent gangs (Helaman 13:25.). As a “*desolating sickness*” covers the land (D&C 45:31.) devastating earthquakes and volcanoes will destroy numerous cities, and Saints will be forced to defend their family and property. (Helaman 14:2.).

Gratefully the Lord has promised to fight our battles (D&C 98:37). If we wish to receive His loving protection it is necessary to carry within us the Spirit of discernment, to be in the *right place at the right time!*

But my disciples shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God and die. And there shall be earthquakes also in divers places, and many desolations; yet men will harden their hearts against me, and they will take up the sword, one against another, and they will kill one another. And now, when I the Lord had spoken these words unto my disciples, they were troubled. And I said unto them: Be not troubled, for, when all these things shall come to pass, ye may know that the promises which have been made unto you shall be fulfilled.

D&C 45:32-35

In the last days the Lord will **declare both by word and by flight that desolation shall come upon the wicked.** (D&C 63: 37). Many have dreamed dreams and seen visions of “tent cities” organized in the western United States. Many of those who survive will initially be directed by the Holy Spirit to flee to the Rocky Mountains.

John Taylor

*Before the Lord destroyed the old world, he directed Noah to prepare an ark; before the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, he told Lot to “**flee to the mountains**”; before Jerusalem was destroyed, Jesus gave his disciples warning, and told them to “**flee out of it**,” and before the destruction of the world a message is sent; after this, the nations will be judged, for God is now preparing his own kingdom for his own reign, and will not be thwarted by any conflicting influence, or opposing power...The whole world is in confusion, morally, politically, and religiously; but a voice was to be heard, “**Come out of her, my people, that you partake not of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**”*

John Taylor, *The Government of God*,^{viii}

Throughout history the use of tents in the wilderness has represented a symbolic, and sometimes literal, escape from Babylon (Lehi leaving Jerusalem, Children of Israel, the sermon of King Benjamin).

*I promise you tonight in the name of the Lord whose servant I am that God will always protect and care for his people. We will have our difficulties the way every generation and people have had difficulties...But with the gospel of Jesus Christ you have every hope and promise and reassurance. The Lord has power over his Saints and will always prepare places of peace, defense, and safety for his people. When we have faith in God we can hope for a better world —
for us personally and for all mankind.*

Howard W. Hunter, *The Teachings of Howard W. Hunter*,^{ix}

As persecution against the Saints intensifies only a pure and passionate love for Jesus will suffice. The hearts of the Remnant will reverberate “Only for Christ...Only for Christ” ...as they choose love and sacrifice among a bitter and raging world.

The Prophet Joseph Smith

"In all your trials troubles, temptations, afflictions, bonds, imprisonment, and death, See to it that you do not betray heaven, that you do not betray Jesus Christ, that you do not betray your Brethren, and that you do not betray the revelations of God whether in the bible, Book of Mormon, or Doctrine and Covenants or any of the word of God. Yea in all your kicking and floundering see to it that you do not this thing lest innocent blood be found in you skirts and you go down to hell...but whatever you do do not betray your friend...remember brethren that if you are imprisoned Brother Joseph has been imprisoned before you. If you are placed where you can only see your Brethren though the gates of a window while in Irons because of the gospel of Jesus Christ remember Brother Joseph has been in like circumstances also..."

Joseph Smith, The Words of Joseph Smith,^x

As war, disease, violence and destruction cover the earth, a portion of noble Saints will die at their appointed time as martyrs to the cause (D&C 42: 48). A few others will survive the Apocalypse (D&C 105:14), and be blessed to personally contribute to the fulfillment of Latter Day Prophecy.

"the way ahead is dark and dreary and dreadful. There will yet be martyrs; the doors in Carthage shall again enclose the innocent. We have not been promised that the trials and evils of the world will entirely pass by. If we, as a people, keep the commandments of God; if we take the side of the Church on all issues, both religious and political; if we take the Holy Spirit for our guide; if we give heed to the words of the apostles and prophets who minister among us-then, from the eternal standpoint, all things will work together for our good."

Bruce R. Mckonkie,^{xi}

"Some of us may in the not-too-distant future be required to die for the truth. But the best preparation for eternal life is to be prepared at all times to die-fully prepared by a valiant fight for right."

Ezra Taft Benson, *Improvement Era*,^{xii}

When the storm rages, famines torture, crime escalates, and anarchy threatens to destroy the entire earth, the peace of God will be found within the internal and external temples of the Saints.

In Truth the world is darkening, but the Remnant of God is refusing to fall with it. As the prophecies of destruction come upon America and the entire world, Jesus Christ and His Zion will remain the one sure place of safety. For in His love, we receive His promise.

*And the Lord said unto Enoch: As I live, even so **will I come in the last days**, in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfill the oath which I have made unto you concerning the children of Noah; And the day shall come that the earth shall rest, but before that day the heavens shall be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth; and the heavens shall shake, and also the earth; and great tribulations shall be among the children of men, **but my people will I preserve**; And righteousness will I send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of mine Only Begotten; his resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men; **and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare, an Holy City, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming**; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem. And the Lord said unto Enoch: Then shalt thou and all thy city meet them there, and we will receive them into our bosom, and they shall see us; and we will fall upon their necks, and they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other; **And there shall be mine abode, and it shall be Zion, which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a thousand years the earth shall rest.***

Moses 7: 60-64

Regardless of our specific life path, whether the literal building of Zion, or the Zion of a pure heart, each of us must be willing to sacrifice All to the cause of Christ. In His peace we can accept that God, as He so desires, will either spare our loved ones, or bring them home. Those who are chosen to escape the Beast will be honored to enter into Zion singing songs of everlasting Joy. (D&C 84:2.).

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands...

Isaiah 49:13-16

A portion of the Remnant will survive to meet the Ten Tribes, greet the City of Enoch, and welcome the Savior at His global return. Included in this righteous branch are those who personally know the Lord and have had, or are actively seeking, their *calling and election* be made sure (2 Peter 1:10). Those who accomplish this level of purity while still in mortal life, or at the time of death, are welcomed Home to the God who gave us life.

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