

# EPITOME OF THE FAITH AND DOCTRINES

OF THE  
REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.

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We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28 : 19. 1 John 1 : 3. St. John 11 : 26.

We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression. Ecc. 12 : 14. Matt. 16 : 27. 1 Cor. 3 : 13. Rev. 20 : 12-15.

We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all men may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. 1 Cor. 15 : 3. 2 Tim. 1 : 10. Romans 8 : 1-6.

We believe that these ordinances are:

1st.—Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ. Heb. 11 : 6. 1 Peter 1 : 21. 1 Tim. 4 : 10. John 3 : 16, 18, 36.

2nd.—Repentance. Luke 13 : 3. Ezek. 18 : 30. Mark 1 : 5. Acts 2 : 38. Romans 2 : 4. 2 Cor. 7 : 10.

3rd.—Baptism by immersion, for the remission of sins. Matt. 3 : 13-15. John 3 : 5. Acts 2 : 38. Mark 1 : 4. Luke 3 : 3. Acts 22 : 16; 2 : 41; 8 : 12, 37, 38. Mark 16 : 16. Col. 2 : 12. Romans 6 : 4, 5. John 3 : 23. Acts 8 : 38, 39.

4th.—Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. John 20 : 21, 22. Acts 8 : 17; 19 : 6. 1 Tim. 4 : 14. Acts 9 : 17. 1 Cor. 12 : 3.

5th.—We believe in the Resurrection of the Body; that the dead in Christ will rise first, and the rest of the dead will not live again until the thousand years are expired. Job 19 : 25, 26. Dan. 12 : 2. 1 Cor. 15 : 42. 1 Thess. 4 : 16. Rev. 20 : 6. Acts 17 : 31. Phil. 3 : 21. John 11 : 24.

6th.—We believe in the doctrine of Eternal Judgment, which provides that men shall be judged, rewarded, or punished, according to the degree of good, or evil, they shall have done. Rev. 20 : 12. Ecc. 3 : 17. Matt. 16 : 27. 2 Cor. 5 : 10. 2 Pet. 2 : 4, 13, 17.

We believe that a man must be Called of

God, and ordained by the Laying on of Hands of those who are in authority, to entitle him to preach the Gospel, and Administer in the Ordinances thereof. Heb. 5 : 1, 5, 6, 8. Acts 1 : 24, 25; 14 : 23. Eph. 4 : 11. John 15 : 16.

We believe in the same kind of organization that existed in the primitive church, viz: Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, &c. 1 Cor. 12 : 28. Matt. 10 : 1. Acts 6 : 4. Eph. 4 : 11; 2 : 20. Titus 1 : 5.

We believe that in the Bible is contained the word of God, so far as it is translated correctly. We believe that the canon of scripture is not full, but that God, by His Spirit, will continue to reveal His word to man until the end of time. Job 32 : 8. Hebrews 13 : 8. Proverbs 29 : 18. Amos 3 : 7. Jeremiah 23 : 4; 31 : 31, 34; 33 : 6. Psalms 85 : 10, 11. Luke 17 : 26. Revelations 14 : 6, 7; 19 : 10.

We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting gospel, viz: the gift of faith, discerning of spirits, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, wisdom, charity, brotherly love, &c. 1 Cor. 12 : 1-11; 14 : 26. John 14 : 24. Acts 2 : 3. Mat. 28 : 19, 20. Mark 16 : 16.

We believe that Marriage is ordained of God; and that the law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock, for either man or woman,—except in cases where the contract of marriage is broken by death or transgression. Genesis 2 : 18, 21-24; 7 : 1, 7, 13. Proverbs 5 : 15-21. Malachi 2 : 14, 15. Matthew 19 : 4-6. 1 Cor. 7 : 2. Hebrews 13 : 4.

We believe that the doctrines of a plurality and a community of wives are heresies, and are opposed to the law of God. Gen. 4 : 19, 23, 24; 7 : 9; 22 : 2, in connection Gal. 4th and 5th c. Gen. 21 : 8-10. Mal. 2 : 14, 15. Matt. 19 : 3-9.

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