

# The Gospel.

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What is the GOSPEL? "It is the power of God unto salvation."—Rom. i. 16. Its first principles are faith, repentance, baptism for the remission of sins, the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, by those having authority. Reader, have you become obedient to the Gospel? If so, it is well, if not, do not delay, for the Lord Jesus, with His mighty angels will shortly come "in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."—2 Thess. i. 8. Jesus says: "Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.—John iii. 5. Accept then of salvation on God's terms, namely, the scriptural plan.

FIRST, believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and in the Holy Ghost; and remember that works must accompany that faith. James says: "Faith, if it hath not works is dead.

\* \* \* Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? \* \* \* Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. \* \* \* For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead."—James ii. 17–20, 24, 26. Believe also the doctrine of Christ; as follows: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."—2 John 9v.

SECOND, repent, confess your sins before God, and turn away from them.

THIRD, be baptized in water for the remission of sins, and retain a remission of them by ceasing to do evil. See Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; Mark, xvi. 15, 16; Acts ii. 37, 38; x. 48; xxii. 16. The true mode of baptism is by immersion, or being buried in water. See Mat. iii. 16; Acts viii. 38, 39; Romans vi-

3-6; Col. ii. 11, 12; John iii. 23. But who are proper subjects for baptism? Adults, or persons capable of hearing, believing, and repenting. See Acts ii. 38-41; viii. 5-12, 36-39; xviii. 8.—There is no command, precept, injunction or example, either from the Lord, His apostles, disciples, or any of the first christians, to baptize infants; infant sprinkling is therefore unnecessary and unscriptural.

FOURTH, receive the laying on of hands, in the name of Jesus Christ, by those having authority, for the gift of the Holy Ghost, in the ordinance of confirmation. See Acts viii. 14-19; xix. 1-7.

These are the first conditions of the gospel; all who comply with them receive remission of sins, and are made partakers of the Holy Ghost. Through these conditions they become the adopted sons and daughters of God. Through this process they are born again,—first of water, and then of the Spirit,—and become children of the kingdom, heirs of God, and saints of the Most High. But mark, these ordinances are to be administered by those having authority to act in the kingdom of God, otherwise they are void and illegal. See 1 Sam. xiii. 10-14; Mark iii. 14; Romans x. 14, 15; Heb. v. 4.

The holy priesthood has been lost. It is now restored to the church of

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The angel has flown through the heavens, bent his way to earth, brought the everlasting gospel, commissioned men once more to preach it in all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come. See Rev. xiv 6; Mat. xxiv. 14.

It is the privilege of the saints to receive the gifts and blessings which flow from the Holy Spirit, through the proper administration of the above ordinances,—such for instance as the gifts of revelations, prophecy, visions, the ministering of angels, healing the sick by the laying on of hands in the name of Jesus, speaking in new tongues and interpreting them, the working of miracles, and in short all the gifts as mentioned in scripture, or as enjoyed by the ancient saints. For proof, see Mark xvi. 17-20; John xiv. 12; xvi. 13; Acts ii. 17, 18; 1 Cor., xii., xiii., xiv.; James v. 14, 15.

Reader, those people that turn the world upside down are come among you; attend the preaching of that sect everywhere spoken against; cast aside all prejudice; search the scriptures and see whether these things be so; pray to God for wisdom, and come forth and embrace the fulness of the gospel; for the day of vengeance and burning is at hand, therefore, **REMEMBER, O** reader, and perish not.

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