

EPITOME OF THE FAITH AND DOCTRINES

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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. Rom. 8: 1-6.

We believe that these ordinances are:—

(1st). Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ. Heb. 11: 6. 1 Pet 1: 21. 1 Tim. 4: 10. John 3: 16, 18, 36. Mark 11: 22. John 14: 1.

(2d). Repentance. Matt. 3: 2, 8, 11. Luke 13: 3; 24: 47. Ezek. 18: 30. Mark 1: 5, 15. Acts 2: 38. Rom. 2: 4. 2 Cor. 7: 10.

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

(4th). Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Deut. 34: 9. John 20: 21, 22. Acts 8: 17; 19: 6. 1 Tim 4: 14. Acts 9: 17. 1 Cor. 12: 3. Acts 19: 1-6.

(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 Thes. 4: 16. Rev. 20: 6. Acts 17: 31. Phil. 3: 21. John 11: 24. Isa. 26: 19. Ps. 17: 15.

(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, Evangelist, &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. Heb. 13: 8. Prov. 29: 18. Amos 3: 7. Jer. 23: 4; 31: 31, 34; 33: 6. Ps. 85: 10, 11. Luke 17: 26. Rev. 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, healing, visions, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, wisdom, charity, brotherly love, &c. 1 Cor. 12: 1-11; 14: 26. John 14: 24. Acts 2: 3. Matt. 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. Gen. 2: 18, 21-24; 7: 1, 7, 13. Prov. 5: 15-21. Mal. 2: 14, 15. Matt. 19: 4-6. 1 Cor. 7: 2. Heb. 13: 4. D. & C. 42: 7; 49: 3.

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. The BOOK OF MORMON says:—"Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be ONE WIFE, and concubines he shall have none, for I, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women. And whoredoms are an abomination before me, saith the Lord of hosts."—Jacob 2: 6-9.

We believe that in all matters of controversy upon the duty of man toward God, and in reference to preparation and fitness for the world to come, the word of God should be decisive and the end of dispute; and that when God directs, man should obey.

We believe that the religion of Jesus Christ, as taught in the New Testament Scriptures, will, if its precepts are accepted and obeyed, make men and women better in the domestic circle, and better citizens of town, county and state, and consequently better fitted for the change which cometh at death.

We believe that men should worship God in "Spirit and in truth;" and that such worship does not require a violation of the constitutional law of the land. John 4: 21-24. Doctrine and Covenants, sec. 58, par. 5.

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

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