

Chapter 34

Know Who You Are and Why You Are Here

If you really know who you are! [“ye were also in the beginning with the Father; that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth”] and why you are here! [to manifest the truth of “love,” “virtue,” and “honesty, which is who you really are!]

you will know where you are going! [returning back to our Father in Heaven, becoming “one” with Christ and Father as recorded in John 17] And you will recognize your neighbor has the same potential. Check out my website www.MarriageAndPolygamy.com and read Chapter 16 "Why People Leave their Religion, Identity ⁱ or Marriage," I am a member of the LDS Church [have been all my life and will continue to fellowship with them in holiness of character. I don't identify with all the LDS beliefs but with the “truth” I have discovered that is in and through allⁱⁱ]. I am married to my sweetheart, [my one and only] now moving into our 50th blessed year. We don't agree in everything, if fact we have disagreements but we both know that we each have the divine, innate potential to become as Christ is and as Father is [Matt 5: 43-48 and John 17]. There are several beliefs or doctrines in the LDS Church I do not believe in, and they did not start with the Prophet Joseph Smith. I know the LDS Church has and still does a lot of good in my life and I have been blessed because of it and am fully aware to this day, that the LDS Church is under condemnationⁱⁱⁱ because it is still holding on to the false doctrine and belief of polygamy; when the Prophet Joseph taught and lived differently [D&C 42:22-26 and D&C 49: 15-17]. This is no reason for me to leave, because I know the Prophet Joseph would not leave but would proclaim the “truth” found “in” all people and “fight the good fight” [1Timothy 6:12] against the lies and hypocrisy that plagues the church and governments of this world.

It was because of Joseph's stand for "one man, one wife" and "cleave unto her and none else" in a marriage family relationship that he was murdered as were his brothers Hyrum and Samuel. He was a good, honest, moral example of righteousness as we should be. He followed Christ's teachings [Matt 5: 43-49]. He sought to get rid of the corruption that was all around him. How? He taught true principles [Lectures on Faith 1-7] which was called the "Doctrine of Jesus Christ," [Lecture 1:1] which lectures the LDS Church removed from our scriptures in 1921. We must return back to that true spiritual foundation individually as taught by the Prophet Joseph Smith. We must baptize [immerse] our minds and hearts into the "divine and holy" principles taught in Lectures of Faith and align ourselves inwardly with this "truth that will set us free,^{iv}" by living the 10 commandments, the Beatitudes, the Sermon on the Mount, and above all be impeccably honest and virtuous with ourselves and others! Individually we can repent of the lies we have been indoctrinated into, like believing [D&C 132] was a revelation from God when it was the furthest thing from God, and rejoice in the "truth that is in thee" [3 John 1: 3-4] that will "make you free!" [John 8:32]. The opposite of that "truth that is in thee," is to satisfy the appetites and passions of our carnal and fallen natures, as described in this scripture (New Testament | Romans 1:24 - 32).

ⁱ Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (New Testament | Romans 1:24 - 32)

ii “**For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee,** even as thou walkest in the truth.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”

[New Testament | 3 John 1:3 – 4]

iii Behold, I am Alpha and Omega, even Jesus Christ.

61 **Wherefore, let all men beware how they take my name in their lips—**

62 For behold, verily I say, that many there be who are under this condemnation, who use the name of the Lord, and use it in vain, **having not authority.**

63 **Wherefore, let the church repent of their sins,** and I, the Lord, will own them; otherwise they shall be cut off.

64 Remember that that which cometh from above is sacred, and must be spoken with care, and by constraint of the Spirit; and in this there is no condemnation, and ye receive the Spirit through prayer; wherefore, without this there remaineth condemnation. (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 63:60 - 64)

“For whoso cometh not unto me is under the bondage of sin.

52 And whoso receiveth not my voice is not acquainted with my voice, and is not of me.

53 **And by this you may know the righteous from the wicked,** and that the whole world groaneth under sin and darkness even now.

54 And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received—

55 **Which vanity and unbelief have brought the whole church under condemnation.**

56 **And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all.**

57 **And they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and [1] remember the new covenant, [2] even the Book of Mormon and [3] the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written—**

58 That they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom; otherwise there remaineth a scourge and judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion.

59 For shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily, I say unto you, Nay.”

(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 84:51 - 59)

^{iv} “It is scarcely necessary here to observe what we have previously noticed: ***That the glory which the Father and the Son have, is because they are just and holy beings; and that if they were lacking in one attribute or perfection which they have, the glory which they have, never could be enjoyed by them; for it requires them to be precisely what they are*** in order to enjoy it: and if the Savior gives this glory to any others, he must do it in the very way set forth in his prayer to his Father: by making them one with him, as he and the Father are one.—In so doing he would give them the glory which the Father has given him; and when his disciples are made one with the Father and the Son, as the Father and the Son are one, who cannot see the propriety of the Savior's saying, ***The works which I do, shall they do; and greater works than these shall they do, be cause I go to the Father?***

16 “These teachings of the Savior must clearly show unto us the nature of salvation; and what he proposed unto the human family when he proposed to save them—***That he proposed to make them like unto himself; and he was like the Father, the great prototype of all saved beings: And for any portion of the human family to be assimilated into their likeness is to be saved;*** and to be unlike them is to be destroyed: and on this hinge turns the door of salvation.

17 “Who cannot see, then, that salvation is the effect of faith? for as we have previously observed, ***all the heavenly beings work by this principle;*** and it is because they are able so to do that they are saved: ***for nothing but this could save them.*** [Lectures of Faith 7:15-17].

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