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\*He Is Savior, Acts 4:12

## HIS Ministries May 2018 Newsletter, covering April 2018

Happy May to you all. May is perhaps the loveliest time of the year. Everything in nature that was dead comes back alive and seeing it warms our hearts and renews our minds.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> we wish all mothers a Happy Mothers' Day.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate *Pentecost* (a Greek word meaning 50), an arrival of the Holy Spirit on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after *Easter /Passover* that brought forth the birth of the Church.

The Old Testament Pentecost, the Feast of the Weeks, occurred fifty days after Israel left Egypt and the Passover lamb was slain. The New Testament Pentecost occurred fifty days after the Lord Christ rose from the dead, the Lord being our Passover Lamb. The Old Testament Pentecost (Lev. 23:15-16) celebrated the birth of the nation Israel and giving of the Law. (Ex.19.) The New Testament Pentecost celebrated the birth of the Church (Acts 2:41-47). The Old Testament Pentecost witnessed the slaying of some three thousand souls. (Ex. 32:28.) The New Testament Pentecost witnessed the saving of some three thousand souls. (2:41) (Former typologically pointing to the latter.)

This celebration is the fourth of the annual *feasts of the Jews* (after Passover, Unleavened Bread and the First Fruits) and is known as the *Feast of Harvest* (Exodus 23:16) and *Feast of Weeks of the First Fruits* (Ex. 34:22; Numbers 28:26).

It is almost universally agreed that the church was born on the day of Pentecost, and as church's birthday, Pentecost marks the end of the dispensation of the law and beginning of the dispensation of grace we are still living in till the Rapture takes place and Christ returns for His own. The 3000 who believed at Pentecost were added to the first disciples, followers of Jesus. (Acts 2:41.) As a new Spirit-filled community, the church began the universal proclamation of the gospel, a message of God's grace and an entirely new way of approaching God. Instead of the law, people could now come to God through faith in the crucified, resurrected and ascended Christ. Paul wrote against the Colossians heresy (Col. 2:16-17) telling them not to be intimidated by those who were trying to impose dietary restrictions of the law or observance of Jewish holydays or Sabbaths on believers for these are, as Paul says, "*mere shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.*"

During the Feast of the Weeks/Pentecost (Lev. 23: 17-19) two loaves of bread were baked with yeast as a wave offering. They represented future union of Jews and Gentiles, contaminated with sin, and brought into one body (Eph. 2:14-16), and being made acceptable by Christ's death as an atonement for both Jews and Gentiles who accept and believe in Christ.

Because the ascension had occurred shortly before Pentecost, many people thought that Christ would return near the time of Pentecost. There is no evidence that the first century church actually celebrated Pentecost, but we see that Paul (Acts 20:16) still remained faithful to his Jewish heritage in practices not related to salvation and desired to come to Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. The church later began to commemorate Pentecost as the day when the Holy Spirit came to indwell all believers in Christ and the church was born.

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**From our mailbox:** An LDS man who has contacted us many time in the years past, and who has also visited us at our home, and has even attended our teaching seminars, wrote after Easter saying,

***"I thought it appropriate to carry the spirit of Easter a day or two longer with my non-LDS friends. Attached is a nice video to help us remember Jesus, and not to worry so much about whether or not who has the right one. His love for us is obviously much greater than our imperfect comprehension of his full nature. Here's a video that should touch our hearts in a positive way, regardless of any of our supposed differences. May the Lord inspire you to see the truth and beauty of the true gospel. Allen "***

[**Note:** This "nice video" he sent was a Mormon propaganda video about their version of the "true gospel", and of a "Jesus" Mormonism has invented, whom they say is their elder spirit brother and brother of Lucifer and all angels from the "preexistence". There is *nothing inspiring* in deception. As to their "true gospel", it commands "**obedience to the laws and ordinances of the (LDS) Gospel**". (3<sup>rd</sup> Article of Faith.) **There are no laws or ordinances in the Biblical Gospel. Salvation is the gift of God and is to be received by grace of God through faith in Jesus. (Eph. 2:8-9.) What is the true Gospel is declared in 1 Cor. 15:1-4.]**

**My reply:** You say that ***IT IS NOT IMPORTANT TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE A RIGHT Jesus!*** How foolish can you be!!

**I am amazed that after all these years when you have heard the truth, you still have not come to see that "Jesus of Mormonism" is a counterfeit Jesus who cannot save you or anyone!** The Biblical Jesus, the ***Right One***, said, (Matt. 7:15) "***Be aware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing... " A false prophet, Joseph Smith, came and presented a "Jesus" who is not God who became a man for our sake, but a man who, they say, became a god. This "Jesus" is not the right one, he is "another Jesus", different than Jesus of the Bible. (Matt. 1:23; John 1, 1, 14.) Joseph Smith also changed God the Father to be a former mortal man, "...when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God...but their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man..."*** (Rom. 1:20-25.)

[From a false god of Joseph Smith came a false Jesus.]

Jesus warned (Matt. 7: 21-23), "***Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day (judgment day), Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.***"

"***Lawlessness***" in this case is **deceptive doctrine about who God is.** Mormons may know stories about Jesus, just like you may know about many other people you have read about, but **you do not know HIM!** Thus He does not know you either! ***There can be no personal relationship with Him without knowledge of who He really is!*** False gods and "***another Jesus***" cannot lead people to salvation, only to damnation.

**It is important to know that we have the right one, and not "another Jesus" who was brought by false prophets and "false apostles, deceitful workers, [who are] transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works."** (See this is Paul's warning about ***another gospel, another Jesus and another spirit*** in 2 Cor. 11:3-4, **13-15.**) [Note also that the LDS Doctrine and Covenant's Introduction page (prior to the 1981 printing) verifies that **Moroni, who brought Joseph Smith the Mormon "gospel" is an "angel of light"** that Paul warned about!] **What Mormonism teaches about God, the gospel, Jesus and salvation it is not what Jesus taught nor what his apostles taught and it is not what is written for our learning in God's Word, the Bible.**

**The Jesus we know is God Almighty** (Rev. 1:8), **He is God with us** (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1, 14), not a brother of mankind and angels – **He is the Creator of Lucifer and all things** (Col. 1:16; John 1:1-3), and thus He could not be Lucifer's or mankind's spirit brother! **Jesus said that He is God, I AM. He is the only one who came from above/heaven.** (John 3:13, 31; 8:23-24; 58) There is no preexistence of mankind. Jesus Himself clarified that and said, **"You are from beneath; I AM from above. You are of this world; I AM not of this world."** (John 8:23) [Could He have said it any clearer than that!?] He continued, **"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I AM HE, you will die in your sins."** (John 8:24.) If you die **in your sins**, your destiny is hell, not heaven. **Only God can forgive sins.** (Mark 2:7b.)

Today's Mormons do not confess that **Jesus was and is God Almighty** (Rev. 1:8) **who became a man for our sake, who was born of a Virgin** (Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:27-35) **begotten by the Holy Ghost**. Instead of what the Bible says, Mormons profess to believe what Mormonism teaches about Jesus' birth – namely that **Jesus was born of natural and literal sexual relationship between your god who is a resurrected man and Mary.** (See LDS President Ezra Taft Benson's book, *Come Unto Christ*, p. 4.)

[Mormonism teaches that Jesus later became a god as all Mormon men can also become.]

When Joseph Smith wrote the Book of Mormon and started his church (in 1830) he did not teach, not until 14 years later, in 1844, that God was a former mortal man. He didn't teach at the beginning that there are many gods and men can become gods, that mankind preexisted, that Lucifer is Jesus' and mankind's spirit brother, etc. He invented his religion as he went on, step by step... He also taught, ***"you got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, same as all Gods have done before you."*** (Teachings, p. 346.)

Jesus warned about deception and ***"false prophets"***, as Joseph Smith was. (Matt. 24:3b-4-5, 23-24.)

Your obedience to ***"laws and ordinances"*** of Mormonism's ***"another gospel"*** will not save you, but only condemn you at the Great White Throne Judgment. (Hebr. 10:11; Rev. 20:11-15.)

I have presented you with the Truth about biblical Jesus and His Gospel many times before, and I am telling you that again. I am asking you to test Mormonism against the Word of God (1 John 1:4; 1 Tim. 4:1; 1 Thess. 5:21) and be freed from bondage to ***a god of this age who has blinded the minds of those who believe not, lest the light of the glory of Christ, who is the image of invisible God should shine on them.*** (2 Cor. 4:3-4.; Col. 1:15-16.) Sincerely, Rauni

[Mr. Allen continued sending 4-5 more emails, **insisting that it does not matter which Jesus is the right one**, as long as we know His name and stories about Him told in the Bible. He totally ignores biblical warnings about false Christs, false prophets, different gospels, etc. After now responding to him twice, I said that I will not continue writing to him unless he goes by the Word of God and Truth that God's Word is. (John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16.)]

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### **From our mailbox:**

***"Hello, My name is Madeline Deusner. I am 21 years old and from Elizabethtown Ky. The Lord has but a burden on my heart for the Mormon people. I was reading your story from **The Unexpected Journey** [by Dr. Thom S. Rainer] and was in awe of how amazing our God truly is. I was brought to tears because to see how you found Jesus! I have sat with some Mormons and to hear them and see how they are believing in something completely false. And to read how your eyes have been open to see who Jesus really is, is truly amazing! I would love to learn more and more about how you minister to the Mormon community! Thank you and God Bless, Madeline Deusner."***

***"He who speaks truth declares righteousness, but a false witness, deceit." (Prov. 12:17.)***

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Our new sister and brother in Christ in Australia (Zibby and Carl) are reporting that they are helping even more of their friends out of Mormonism and are having weekly Bible-studies with them. Every week they all are getting stronger and braver in the Lord. These other couples studying with them have also separated themselves from the Mormon Church – and even had "friendly discussions" with their now former bishop

who seems to agree with them in many biblical teachings that are not part of Mormonism. This is very encouraging to us. Dennis is in contact with Zibby at least weekly, and we are praising the Lord for them all. Please continue to pray with us for this new *small flock* that now belongs to our Lord Jesus who is working miracles among Mormons “*down under*”.

There are other Mormons here locally that we are conversing with and helping them to see the truth about God, Jesus and salvation. Please pray for them with us – the Lord knows who they are. We cannot use their names yet, not until they have notified their family and friends and are ready to ask that their names be removed from the records of the Mormon Church.

Please pray for the Lord’s direction and guidance for MaryAnn, Cheryl, Suzanne, Aira, Patty, Suzi, Bruce, Heber and Don. We also ask your prayers for all our unsaved Mormon friends and relatives that their minds be opened to receive God’s Truth. We pray daily, as we are sure you do too, for those dear to each one of us that they may be saved, even if some of them may not be there yet. The Lord knows.

Please remember in your prayers Max, Judy, Kathy, Merridy, Sandy, Al, Mary, Tom, David, Cynthia, Sharon and Dave for their healing and general wellbeing. Our dearest friend Max, in Vernal, is very ill and needs our special prayers. We are planning on going to see him in the next few days.

We want to thank all of you who pray for our ministry work and who desire to help us in it in ways that you can. We are asking the Lord to provide for us during these hard times we are currently facing. We do trust that He will hear our prayers and do just that. He has taken care of us in the past, and we trust that He will continue to do as His Word promises, *“My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”*. (Phil. 4:19.) He reminds all of us by these words, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* (Phil. 4:6-7.) We are counting on that and we are asking that you will count on His promises to you also in all your needs, be they for health, general wellbeing or finances. The Lord Jesus is watching over us, sees our concerns and responds accordingly. He is good, all the time!

May the Lord bless you and give you His grace and peace,

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**Thought for the month: “Behavior unchallenged is behavior condoned.” (Unknown)**

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**Statistical news clip: All is not well in Utah!**

Utah’s major population is LDS. Salt Lake City is where the Headquarters of the Mormon Church is located.

**3/31/18 TV News reported: “Child abuse in Utah is three time national average!”**

Utah also has 4 times national average of prescription drug abuse and higher than average suicide rate.

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