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* [H I S.] He Is Savior, Acts 4:12

HIS MINISTRIES MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER, COVERING APRIL 2019

In April this year we celebrated and memorialized Jesus' death, burial and resurrection for us. **That is the Gospel, the Good News!** (1 Cor. 15:1-4.) In our April newsletter we talked about **Palm Sunday**, His prophetic **Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem** on a donkey (Zech. 9:9) to be presented as **our Passover Lamb** to be **inspected for four days** as were all lambs that were to be killed on Passover. (Exodus 12:1-6.)

Jesus indeed is our Passover Lamb, "who takes away the sins of the world". (John 1:29.) He was crucified between two thieves on Golgotha on the very same day that all Passover lambs, over two hundred and fifty thousand of them, were slaughtered on the Jerusalem temple grounds as sin offerings for the nation and people of Israel. Because the next day was a **High Sabbath** (i.e. not their regular weekly *Sabbath*) they could not leave bodies on the cross, and for that reason certain Jews had asked Pilate to hasten the death of the crucified by having their legs broken. They then broke the legs of the two men crucified on each side of Jesus, but when they came to Him, they saw that He was already dead, and they did not break His legs, but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and **"out came blood and water"**. (John 19:31-34.)

Halley's Bible Handbook, p. 549, explains, *"Some medical authorities have said that in the case of heart rupture, and in that case only, the blood collects in the pericardium, the lining around the wall of the heart, and divides into a sort of bloody clot and a watery serum. If this is a fact, then the actual immediate cause of Jesus' death was heart rupture. Under intense pain, and the pressure of His wildly raging blood, His heart burst open. It may be that Jesus, literally, died of a heart broken over the sin of the world. It may be that suffering for human sin is more than the human constitution can stand. Possibly there may be a mystic parallel to Genesis 2:21-22. As God took a rib from Adam's side, in sleep, that from which He made a bride for Adam, so He took from Jesus' side, in sleep on the cross, that from which He made the Church, the Bride of Jesus."* (Underline added.)

We need to re-read John 13:31 on through chapter 17, which is His prayer for all His own then living and afterwards. **We will see that all of us, His born again believers, are His Bride for whom He died.**

Jesus started to prepare His disciples for His coming departure (John 13:31-36). From John 16:6-7, 13 we read how His disciples became sorrowful when He told them that He is going away. He explained to them **that if He is not going to go away, the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) will not come unto them, but when the Comforter comes, He will guide them into all truth.** (John 16:7-15; 15:1-17; 2 Tim. 3:16.) Jesus told them (John 14:1-3) more about **His Father's house** (heaven) and that **He is going there to prepare a place for His own. He promised that He will come again and get His Bride, His Church, to be with Him in His Father's dwelling place.**

I would like to take you back to the time when He, just a day before His death, celebrated Passover meal with His disciples. There He taught them by His example that the highest and most important position is to be a servant. He knelt down and washed their feet. The meaning was spiritual – an object lesson of what they should do to one *another spiritually*. We should always remember that we are not greater than our Master. He humbled Himself to wash feet

even those who were unworthy and unthankful. He said, *“one of you will betray Me”*. He quoted Psalm 41:9. *He was troubled in His spirit because His knowledge of coming betrayal*. His disciples looked at each other wondering who that betrayer might be, but none of them suspected Judas. It seems that the Lord might have given the betrayer one more chance to change his mind by quoting this scripture (see John 13:18-19). But Judas had already made a deal with the devil to betray the Lord. When Judas left, *it was night* (v.30). *It is always night* when men turn against the Lord! Judas left during the Passover supper before the Lord’s supper (communion) was instituted.

All details declared in the scriptures had to be fulfilled, as was this one Jesus just quoted from Psalms.

As soon as Judas left, Jesus began to speak more intimately with the others, saying *“now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him...A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples...”* (John 13:31-35.)

Fifty days after **His Resurrection Sunday** we will celebrate *the Birth of the Church on the Day of Pentecost*. That is the day when the Father sent the Holy Spirit to indwell all born again believers who have come to faith in Jesus, their Savior and Lord. In our next Newsletter we will talk about that in more details.

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An event to celebrate Kathy Freestone Stewart’s wonderful life was held at the First Baptist Church in Vernal, Utah on Saturday, April 13th, 2019. [This picture below was taken of Kathy with her grandson Mattix and granddaughter Grace, just about 2 months before her passing and before she had received her diagnosis of a brain tumor that shortly after that *“took her”* to heaven.]



Kathy Freestone Stewart was born May 7th, 1953 and graduated to heaven on March 23rd, 2019.
“Kathy is clothed in strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future”, was a theme of this celebration, and Psalm 31:25, ***“Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come.”***

The Chapel was full to overflowing with friends and family. Pastor Phil Daggett of *Vernal Calvary Chapel* (Kathy’s home church), was conducting the service. Kathy’s friend Kris Christiansen gave the eulogy and Kathy’s sister, Nikki Sorensen, told Kathy’s life story that only a loving sister could tell. There were tears and laughter throughout this celebration that all who knew Kathy could warmly relate to. Pastor Daggett spoke about Kathy’s great witness of the Lord Jesus and her joyful spirit and influence she had in the entire community.

After the service, we all went to the *Vernal Memorial Park Cemetery* and pastor Daggett dedicated her grave that is next to her little granddaughter Cici’s and Preston’s mother, Pat’s, graves. *“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”,* which they are. (Ps.

116:15.) We wait for the Lord to come and resurrect them at His coming, taking those of *us who are still alive* with them in the Rapture to be forever with our Lord. (1 Thess. 4:13-18.) Dennis and I have known Kathy and the *entire Stewart-clan* (as we call them) for some 40 years, and we have laughed and rejoiced with her and with them all ever since we found the Lord or actually ***were found by Him***. We have rejoiced with Kathy and Preston here in this earth even ***ahead of our eternal life to come***. They are not only our friends, but they have also been our Ministry’s Board members and prayer-partners through all these years. We are forever grateful for all they have done for us.

[Let us all continue to pray for Preston for he is lonely and misses Kathy greatly.]

Question sent by an out-of-state person: Is it true that the Mormons are not to be called Mormons or even Latter-day Saints (LDS) anymore? Can you explain why is that?

[This question has been presented to us by many people who either know Mormons or have been trying to reason with members of the Mormon Church about **Mormonism vs. biblical Christianity** and explain also to others what Mormons really believe. They have been called Mormons for about 190 years! This new instruction creates a big question: What are we then to call them?]

Our reply: Current LDS President, “*prophet, seer and revelator*”, Russell Nelson, has instructed and demanded that a word **Mormon** or **LDS** (Latter-day Saint) are not to be used when referring to “*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*” or its members. We are constantly asked “*why would they do that?*” **We assume that this is the reason:**

The name **Mormon** or **LDS** clearly refers to **Mormonism**, and if a person does not know what that religion actually is and what it teaches, they can actually “*google*” the word “**Mormon**” or “**Mormonism**” rather than asking a Mormon to explain their beliefs. **If non-Mormons seek answers by using a word “Mormon” from the Internet, they can fairly easily find out that Mormonism is not biblical Christianity, but a counterfeit “Christian” religion** and that Jesus they present is “**Jesus OF Latter-day Saints**” and **not the Jesus of the Bible who is God with us, taught exclusively in the Bible.** They learn that **Jesus of Mormonism is not God who became a man to save mankind from their sins as the Bible teaches, but a man, a brother of all men and angels (Lucifer too) who came to show them how to become gods themselves by obedience to the church they promote, the Church of Jesus Christ OF Latter-day Saints. That is not Christian teaching nor biblical!**

The leaders of the Church figured out, we presume, that if they do not use the word Mormon or Latter-day Saint in their communication with non-Mormons, but instead call them “**members of the Church of Jesus Christ**” (without adding “**of Latter-day Saints**”) then people may not be questioning *their Christianity* and thus may not find out **how far from truth the Mormon church** actually is, and thus they can assume that “*Mormons must be Christians too*”.

However, Mormonism is as deceptive now as it was during the time of their founding prophet, Joseph Smith.

I’ll give you an example I learned some years ago when I was visiting Finland. At that time (in early 1980’s) Russia was not accepting any *foreign missionaries* into their country, so Mormon missionaries were going first to Finland and from there they traveled to Russia as *tourists*, saying that *they were just visiting*, but when there, they were **volunteering to teach English** to those who desired to learn the language.

They would teach English alright, but their topic was/is Mormonism – in a veiled form.

The famous late Mormon lecturer and author, Stephen Covey, in his book “*The Divine Center*” (p.240) said, “**I have found in speaking to various non-LDS groups in different cultures that we can testify of many (Mormon) gospel principles if we are careful in selecting words which carry OUR meaning but come from their experience and frame of mind.**” (Emphasis added.)

Just a couple of months ago two of these **Mormon “volunteers”** (i.e. missionaries) were arrested in Russia – and the Mormon Church was working hard to get them freed and send them back home. [In the local Utah news they were called “*missionaries*”, for that they are, *not volunteers!*!] The fact is that they must have gotten their visas to Russia under a false pretense – i.e. in their applications they don’t say that they are going there to proselytize but instead just volunteering to teach Russians English and help them wherever they need help. **Is that not deception or what - and perhaps even criminal?** [They may have succeeded getting them freed from Russia for even US Ambassador to Russia, Jon Huntsman, is a Mormon. And indeed these missionaries were just recently released from prison in Russia and sent home to Utah. We do not know if it was because of Huntsman’s help or just by other political maneuverings.]

We are often also asked *how is it that the Mormon missionaries are so willing to agree to be deceptive, as in these visa-applications to Russia? Isn’t it wrong to deceive and lie, and isn’t that against the 10-Commandments?* All we can say is that it is against the Commandments, but perhaps those who agree to this kind of deception (i.e. lie to get a visa, etc.) are *not real believers in God at all*, but are just seeking a benefit for themselves via their missions. After all, the God of Mormonism is not transcendent God who sees and knows everything, but a former mortal man who has progressed into a god as they themselves are planning on becoming by repeating that same process and become as he is. **(In Utah there is a real advantage to those who in their later resumes can say that they served an LDS Mission! That is big “plus” in Utah, especially among Mormon employers.)** Just something for you to think about!

Let us know if you have further questions of comments on this or any other matter relating to Mormonism.

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We are very thankful for the Lord for even when things do not look as bright as we'd like to see them, we still know that **the Lord is in charge of our lives and our beings for we belong to Him – our body, soul and spirit.** At those times we ask the Lord: *What are we doing wrong for things are not as they should be; our health is not good, our finances are not good, our relationships with our loved ones are not as good as we'd like them to be - so please help us to regain them back for Your name's sake for we want to represent You in all things!*

And, *lo and behold*, when we line up our lives closer according to His Word, it is amazing how we begin to see everything differently! We have learned that if we start our day, every morning, with a *connection to our Lord*, and **we call on His name and say to Him that we are reporting into service** and we never hang-up or sign off but *we keep our phone-line open to Him all day on* – then He can give us His instructions and assignments without us even having us to *dial Him* up again. We can just say, **Speak Lord, Your servant hears**, just as Samuel said to the Lord when the Lord called on him.(1 Sam. 3:9.)

God's Word is perfect for us in all situations. He instructs all who are His own, and *"leads us in all that we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."* (2 Peter 1: 2-3.)

We want to thank you, our friends and ministry partners, for all that you do to encourage us. Because of your help we are able to stay in the ministry and share God's Word and plan with the lost till He comes or calls us home. We are often asked when are we going to retire. We are not. There is no retirement age for a ministry given in His Word as far as we know. Moses didn't even start till he was about 80. Dennis just turned 75! In addition to our ministry work, he is working in his carpentry work to provide for our personal needs. We know that God called us (over 35 years ago) to this ministry work and He is the One who provides, though *He uses His own* to help us and those who genuinely serve the Lord with all their hearts. We pray for you every day and ask that the Lord will fulfill your needs, whatever they are, and bless you abundantly.

We are asking that you'd pray also for those who have asked the Lord's help for various reasons; some have asked that we pray for their health and well-being, some for help in trials that they are facing, some ask for help in finances, some for comfort in sorrows they are going through, some ask for restored family relationships, some for salvation of their loved ones. We present their names to the Lord for He knows their needs and He responds according to His will and plan for their best: **Please pray with us for Max, Preston, Tom, Dave, Mary, Aira, Al, Sandy, Cynthia, Scott, Sharon, Dale, Merridy, Butch, Karen, Heber, Don, Dwayne, Judy, Dan and Kristine. We know that God hears our prayers in their behalf.**

We also ask your prayers for our new friends and new believers, Tracey and Britney and their children, and also for Amy, Lisa and their families. We have good news about MaryAnn who got her name removed from the records of the Mormon Church just this month and we pray that her family will likewise soon be freed from bondage and comes to know Jesus Christ of the Bible.

We received fantastic news from Australia – Zibby, her husband Carl and their daughter were also baptized *into Christ Jesus* according to Romans 6:3-4, just this last Sunday. These wonderful people we have written about almost every month for over a year, are sharing the Gospel with other Mormons and their group is growing. God has been with them and blessed them with joy in Him which we share.

God bless you all,
Rauni & Dennis Higley

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Thought for the month: "Our future is as bright as promises of God." (William Carey – 1834.)

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