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“LAY DOWN THE FENCES AND FIND COMMON GROUND”



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is the son of Arthur Smith, the grandson of Alexander Smith, and the great-grandson of Joseph Smith, Jr. He comes in Christ's name to invite all those who believe in the Book of Mormon and the restored gospel to prepare for Zion's redemption.



Our Mission:

To invite, assist and support believers in the Restoration to come together and work in harmony for the kingdom of God.

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“If they pollute their inheritances, they shall be thrown down” (D&C 100:3b-c).

CAUGHT IN THE GENTILE JUDGMENT

Most people familiar with *Infallible Proofs* readily recall Alfred White's vision, *The Redemption of Zion*. It reveals that the saints could no longer redeem Zion.

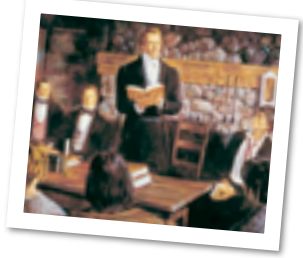
The first saints to return came in 1867. They bought the Temple Lot. Others came within a year or two. The first RLDS branch in Independence was organized on May 25, 1873. Brother White received his vision in 1885 stating that it was too late for the saints to redeem Zion, then.

In 1941, Joseph White, Alfred's grandson, shared the following at the Stone Church:

“You could have escaped this hour, but ye would not . . . My judgments are upon the Gentiles and all the ungodly. My Zion waits for a later day, and thou art caught in the judgments of the Gentiles. Yet, I will spare thee.”



Because Zion was not redeemed, either in 1833 or by those who returned, we are now caught in the judgments that will destroy the Gentile nations. Zion is dependent on God's saving grace. Perhaps the best preparation is to learn to work together. Do we not believe the same gospel? Then, why not bear its fruits by working together for Zion's sake?



The Work of God (Part 3)

In parts 1 and 2 (May and June 2013) I explained that the kingdom, which God had given to the Jews, was taken away from them and given to the Gentiles. I next examined how lost Israel was sown among the Gentiles and brought to America. Although the United States was built up by the power of God and His church restored among them, it brought forth wild grapes.

God established His people in America and prepared its land for a purpose. He also restored His Church in America for a purpose, but it did not fulfill all of it then. I want to examine why it failed and what the Lord purposed.

Daniel *“saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed”* (Dan 7:13-14). This revelation promises that the Son of man, who is Jesus Christ, will receive a kingdom. Jesus is given a kingdom so that all people, nations, and languages—people everywhere around the globe—should come to know Him and serve Him. If, then, all people, nations, and languages are to serve the Son of Man, then Jesus must bring that Kingdom to perfection. He must make it presentable to the world, an example of His righteousness, and attract people who long to build up a realm where peace, truth and justice prevail. By bringing His kingdom to perfection on earth, Jesus will show forth His glory as He completes His Father’s work.

Apostle Paul makes an interesting statement about Christ’s kingdom. He says, *“Afterward cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.”* (1 Cor 15:24-25). Paul is teaching
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The Work of God (Part 3)

that just before the end, Christ will offer back to the Father the kingdom that God the Father gave Him. This kingdom will have to be brought to perfection. Jesus will not present His Father with a kingdom that is not perfect.

As Jesus and His disciples were traveling along the coast of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked them who the people said He was. They answered that some said “*John the Baptist; some Elias; and others Jeremias; or one of the prophets*” (Matt 16:15). Jesus asked who they thought He was and Peter said. “*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God*” (Mat 16:17). Notice the response of the Lord: “*That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*” (Matt 16:19). Jesus said that He would build His Church, and the scriptures tells us that He did.

The reason that Jesus built His church is because the church will bring forth the kingdom. John revealed, “*The church of God . . . brought forth the kingdom of our God and his Christ*” (Rev 12:7). Jesus gave His church officers and blessings so that it could bring His kingdom to perfection. Paul told the Ephesians why He placed certain officers in the church. He wrote, “*He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers*” (Eh 4:11). What work did He assign to these officers? What purpose did He give them? Paul answered. “*For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*” (Eh 4:12). The work of these officers is to help bring the saints to perfection. The Saints comprise the citizens of Christ’s kingdom—the same kingdom that He plans to offer up to God the Father. Now, notice how long these officers are to labor in His church: “*Till we, in the unity of the faith, all come to the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ*” (Eh 4:13).

When the church that Jesus established in Jerusalem disappeared into the darkness of apostasy, the work of bringing the kingdom to perfection had to wait. The Lord worked hard to build up His church, for “*he hath purchased with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28). How sad it is that the church unraveled after Jesus’ crucifixion—that great effort that brought it into being. He had wept over Jerusalem because He knew what was to come of His effort. They rejected His word and turned away from the light that He had brought to them. He had told them, “*Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them*” (John 12:35-36). People did not come to the light and those who did refused to remain in it. The church disappeared into the darkness.

People have not changed during the many centuries that have passed. This same advice applies to us. We have received much light—the latter-day light restored by angels—yet we sometimes walk in darkness. Sometimes, we refuse to fully believe in the light we have been given. Sometimes, we try to modify the light to suit our ideas, or our rationalizations, or our cravings. The results are the same as those that befell the apostolic church.

Consider the light that broke forth from the Book of Mormon. Was it not packed with eternal truths written in plain words and easy to understand? It revealed the gospel in simple terms that a child could understand. It explained the plan of redemption and the purpose of this great land. Some who once embraced the Book of Mormon now consider it an inspired fantasy. Some are too embarrassed to read it from the pulpit. These are just signs that almost 200 years after the light shined forth, people who once basked in its glory have chosen to walk in darkness. Our condition today only illustrates what happened to the church that Jesus built in Jerusalem.

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