

May 2021 Restoration Women's Council Class # 4

Becoming the Bride of Christ

The Bride of Christ

- *She eagerly awaits the appearance of the Groom!*
(Revelation 22:17)
- *She keeps herself ready.*
"Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" -- 2 Peter 3:14



Isaiah 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; The Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Patriarch's Statement (in the pamphlet): "The purpose of our Spiritual Preparation is not to organize the divine structure of the church, **But to assist in changing lives of the body of Christ by teaching them LOVE** (message of Light & Truth) instead of FEAR (Message of Doubt and Deception)."

They continue and say: "The church being the body of Christ, is within us. It is not an institution, nor a building, and is not confined by walls of legislative action, or even time. The true and everlasting church of the Firstborn is Eternal, and functions both in heaven and on the earth, **as the waiting Bride of Christ.**"

Apostle Clifford Cole, in his book "The Revelation of Christ" says = The church makes it possible to come together in the organism of the living body of Christ . . . the end value, however, is to create in us those qualities of life which we are able to endure His presence.

The Church is the Bride of Christ and Must Be Ready for the Bridegroom

Revelation 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and **his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.** 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Becoming the “Prepared” Bride of Christ



#1. You Must Wake Up: Come to Bright Alertness.

Proverbs 19:15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep.

Alma 3:11 Behold, he changed their hearts; yea, he awaked them out of a deep sleep, and they awoke unto God.

Matthew 25:4 While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept.

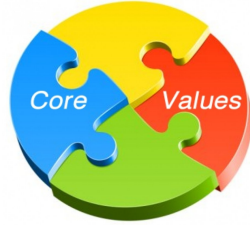
D&C 108:3c-d Let the cry go forth among all people: Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.

Ephesians 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Isaiah 52:1-3 Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. **2** Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. **3** For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

D&C 108:3c Go ye forth unto the land of Zion, that the borders of my people may be enlarged, and that her stakes may be strengthened, and that Zion may go forth unto the regions round about; yea, let the cry go forth among all people: Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.

2 Nephi 1:27 O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, and shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains which bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery and wo!



Core Values Given By the Patriarchs to Lay the Foundation of Zion

WAKE UP NOW BY: Doing These 4 Things listed by the Patriarch's = Just as physical movement helps to awaken our senses, so does spiritual movement awaken our spirit.

4 Core Values Listed

(If we do these things = We will be Obedient to the Commandments of God)

- 1. Humility**
- 2. Feasting on the Words of Christ**
- 3. Continuing in Prayer and Fasting**
- 4. Working Tirelessly on the Behalf of Others**

Wakeup Exercises From Paul & Alma = Awake and Walk = Action

Ephesians Chapter 4 = Walk . . . with lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love. Put on the New Man, Speak the Truth in Love, Speak that which will edify others, Put away all bitterness, wrath, anger; be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as Christ forgave you.

Ephesians Chapter 5 = Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us . . . Have no sin among you, Walk as children of the light. Awake thou that sleepeth . . . and arise from the dead, and Christ will give thee light, Walk Circumspectly. Redeem your time, give thanks always, submit yourselves, Husbands love your wives, wives reverence your husbands.

Alma 5:38-42 And now my beloved brethren, I have said these things unto you, **that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God, that ye may walk blameless before him; that ye may walk after the holy order of God,** after which ye have been received. 39 And now I would that ye should be humble, and be submissive, and gentle; easy to be entreated; full of patience and long suffering; being temperate in all things; being diligent in keeping the commandments of God at all times; 40 Asking for whatsoever things ye stand in need, both spiritual and temporal; always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things ye do receive, 41 And see that ye have faith, hope, and charity, and then ye will always abound in good works; 42 And may the Lord bless you, and keep your garments spotless, that ye may at last be brought to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the holy prophets who have been ever since the world began, having your garments spotless, even as their garments are spotless in the kingdom of heaven, to go no more out.

#2. Choose Christ and Commit Yourself Fully to Him and the Establishment of His Kingdom.



God told Enoch to say:

Genesis 6:35 Say unto this people, choose ye this day to serve the Lord God who made you.

D&C 102:10c There has been a day of calling, **but the time has come for a day of choosing;** and let those be chosen that are worthy; and it shall be manifest unto my servant, by the voice of the Spirit, those that are chosen, and they shall be sanctified.

D&C 37:2b Behold, here is wisdom, and let every man choose for himself until I come. Even so. Amen.

D&C 132:3a-4 I admonish the church, and particularly those of the priesthood, that the hastening time being upon us there is great necessity for confidence in the men of the church chosen for positions of great responsibility, **3b and all should consecrate of their talents, abilities, and substance for the prosecution of the great work intrusted to us.** **4 Everywhere the demand for great activity exists,** and for the accomplishment of our work the great essential is fraternal cooperation in service to man and devoted consecration to God and his work. Your servant, Frederick M. Smith. Independence, Missouri, April 5, 1916.

#3. Become a Mighty Witness for God

Live your life in such a way that you are a living witness for Jesus Christ.

D&C 65:1d Make known His mighty works among the people.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; **and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

A Great Missionary Force to Be Sent Out

Times and Seasons, Volume 5, Pages 595-596, Joseph Smith Referring to Revelation 7:4:

What are we to understand by sealing the one hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel, twelve thousand out of every tribe? We are to understand that those who are sealed are high priests, ordained unto the holy order of God, to administer the everlasting gospel; for they are they who are ordained out of every nation, kindred, tongue and people, by the angels to whom is given power over the nations of the earth, to bring as many as will come, to the church of the firstborn.

#4. PRAY FOR HIS KINGDOM TO COME **D&C 65 A Revelation on Prayer to the Church**

Read D&C Chapter 65

1d Pray unto the Lord; call upon his holy name; make known his wonderful works among the people, **call upon the Lord, that his kingdom may go forth upon the earth;**

1e that the inhabitants thereof may receive it, and be prepared for the days to come, **in the which the Son of man shall come down in heaven, clothed in the brightness of his glory, to meet the kingdom of God which is set up on the earth;**

1f wherefore, may the kingdom of God go forth, that the kingdom of heaven may come, that thou, O God, may be glorified in heaven, so on earth, that thy enemies may be subdued; for thine is the honor, power, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#5. Live Out the Great Command

D&C 59:2a-2b Wherefore I give unto them a commandment, saying thus: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy might, mind, and strength; and in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve him. 2b Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

D&C 38:6 I say unto you, Be one; and if ye are not one, ye are not mine.

D&C 11:4b And no one can assist in this work, except he shall be humble and full of love, having faith, hope, and charity, being temperate in all things whatsoever shall be intrusted to his care.



The Keys of the Kingdom Are Committed Unto Man!
The ultimate purpose of all keys is to prepare the way for the
Glorious Return of Jesus on the Earth.

D&C 65:1b The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth.



The Keys = The word Key indicates that God has selected special prophet-seer-revelator leaders and given them divine authority to open or prepare the way for divine purposes. The keys are given in connection with dispensations.

The 10 Keys Given in This Dispensation Are:

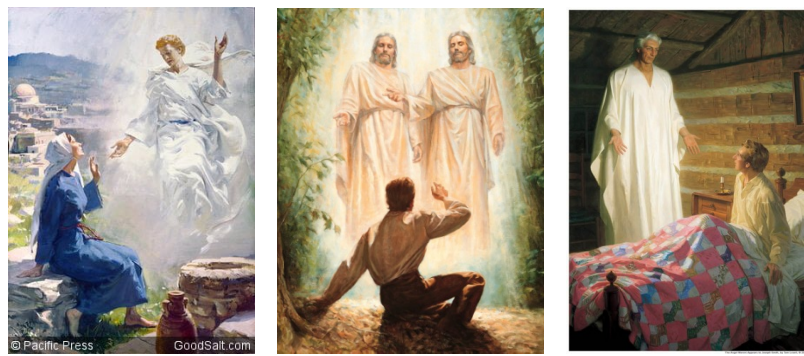
- 1. Keys to the Stick of Ephraim = D&C 26:2**
- 2. Keys to the Ministering of Angels = D&C 104 & Times & Seasons Vol. 3 P. 865**
- 3. Keys to Bringing to Pass the Restoration = D&C 26**
- 4. Keys of Turning the Hearts of the Fathers to the Children & the Hearts of the Children to the Fathers = D&C 26**
- 5. Keys of the Kingdom and the Dispensation of the Gospel = D&C 26**
- 6. Keys of the Mysteries and the Revelations = D&C 27:2d**
- 7. Key of the First Presidency = D&C 80:1c**
- 8. Key of the Knowledge of God = D&C 83:3 a-c**
- 9. Key of the School of the Prophets = D&C 87:3b-d**
- 10. Key of the Gathering of Israel = Church History Vol. 2 P. 46-47**

D&C 105:12a-c For unto you (the Twelve), and those (the First Presidency), who are appointed with you, to be your counselors and your leaders, is the power of this priesthood given, for the last days and for the last time, in the which is the dispensation of the fullness of times, **12b which power you hold in connection with all those who have received a dispensation at any time from the beginning of the creation; 12c for verily I say unto you, The keys of the dispensation which ye have received, have come down from the fathers; and last of all, being sent do.**

Matthew 16:19-20 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 20 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven.

Great Events Will Be Taking Place!

The Lord will use both human and angelic servants to assist Him.



Parley P. Pratt Church History Vol. 2, P. 561-562

I walked onward, weighed down as it were unto death. When I could endure it no longer, I cried out aloud, saying: O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ I pray thee, show me what these things mean, and what I shall say to thy people! On a sudden the Spirit of God came upon me, and filled my heart with joy and gladness indescribable; and while the Spirit of revelation glowed in my bosom with as visible a warmth and gladness as if it were fire, the Spirit said unto me:

"Lift up your head and rejoice;

for, behold, it is well with my servants Joseph and Hyrum!

**My servant Joseph still holds the keys of my kingdom in this dispensation,
and he shall stand in due time on the earth, in the flesh,
and fulfill that to which he is appointed.**



Isaiah 2:2-3 And it shall come to pass in the last days when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it; 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Zion Will Be

D&C 54:8a-b I say unto you that Zion shall flourish, and the glory of the Lord shall be upon her, and she shall be an ensign unto the people, and there shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven. 8b And the day shall come, when the nations of the earth shall tremble because of her, and shall fear because of her terrible ones. The Lord hath spoken it. Amen.

D&C 45:14 And it shall come to pass that **the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion singing, with songs of everlasting joy.**

D&C 98:4f-g Therefore, let your hearts be comforted concerning Zion, for all flesh is in mine hands: be still, and know that I am God. 4g **Zion shall not be moved out of her place,** notwithstanding her children are scattered, they that remain and are pure in heart shall return and come to their inheritances; they and their children, with songs of everlasting joy; to build up the waste places of Zion. And all these things, that the prophets might be fulfilled.

Zion A Place of Refuge and Safety

D&C 45:4f, 13a-b And there shall be earthquakes, also, in divers places and many desolations; yet men will harden their hearts against me, and they will take up the sword one against another, and they will kill one another . . . **13a** And it shall come to pass, among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety. **13b** And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; **and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another.**



As The Bride of Christ **We Have Been Warned to Be Ready**

D&C 32:3e Wherefore, be faithful, praying always, having your lamps trimmed and burning, and oil with you, that you may be ready at the coming of the Bridegroom; for, behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that I come quickly; even so. Amen.

D&C 65:1c Yea, a voice crying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, **prepare ye the supper of the Lamb, make ready for the Bridegroom.**

D&C 85:25d Prepare ye, prepare ye, O inhabitants of the earth, for the judgment of our God is come: **behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.**

D&C 108:3c Go ye forth unto the land of Zion, that the borders of my people may be enlarged, and that her stakes may be strengthened, and that Zion may go forth unto the regions round about; yea, **let the cry go forth among all people: Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.**

D&C 108:3d Behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord.

D&C 108:5d, g Wherefore, prepare ye for the coming of the Bridegroom; go ye, go ye out to meet him, for, behold, he shall stand upon the Mount of Olivet, and upon the mighty ocean, even the great deep, and upon the islands of the sea, and upon the land of Zion . . .
5g And the Lord even the Savior shall stand in the midst of his people, and shall reign over all flesh.