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of
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OF THE
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We Believe:

1. That God, who created the heavens and the earth, and who made man in his own image, is by nature our "FATHER"; and therefore men are by nature "BROTHERS"; that God exercises his fatherly disposition to teach his children the way of life; and that it is the duty of man to learn to live together and endeavor to rise together to the heights of conduct to which God calls them.

2. That the gift of God, of and through his Son Jesus Christ, was the supreme expression of the love of God for mankind, and that those who are "born" of the "Spirit" are disposed in like manner to the service of their fellow man.

3. That "The Church of Jesus Christ" with its laws, institutions, and customs (which includes its sacraments and ordinances) is of divine appointment; that through it God deals with men; and in it each individual may find opportunity for the kinds of expression that give rise to and are the marks of Christian manhood.

4. That the "church" was restored in latter days through prophetic leadership, and that its supreme task is the evangelization of the world and the consequent building of "Zion," the perfection of beauty in social organization, which "is in very deed the kingdom of our God and his Christ."

5. That the call of the church is to "repentance," and the invitation of the church is to those "who have received the Spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins," and who "are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ," and who have "a determination to serve him to the end"; and that only such are "fit for the kingdom of God."

6. That a man saves his own soul only by voluntarily regulating the affairs of his own life and grounding his conduct in the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

7. That the nature of man and the decrees of God determine that the joys and sorrows, the satisfactions and the disappointments, the rewards and the punishments that come to us are the effects of the attitudes toward God and man.

8. That EVERY man must account to God for the uses to which he puts his powers of body and mind, the opportunities that life affords, and the goods that come into his possession.

9. That Christ shall come again, and he will "recompense to every man according to his work, and measure to every man according to the measure which he has measured his fellow man."

10. We believe in GOD, his Son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost. We believe in ourselves and in our fellow men. We believe "today" is our day of opportunity. "Tomorrow" is the day of our salvation.

"The Call to All"

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."—Christ.



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