

Chapter

And now I Nephi make an end of my prophesying unto you my beloved Brethren & I cannot write but a few things which I know must surely come to pass neither can I write but a few of the words of my Brother Jacob

wherefore the things which I ha-ve written sufficeth me save it be a few words which I must speak concerning th-e doctrine of Christ wherefore I shall speak unto you plainly according to the plai-nness of my prophesying

for my Soul delighteth in plainness for after this man-ner doth the Lord God work among the children of men for the Lord God giveth light un--to the understanding for he speaketh unto men according to their language unto their understanding

wherefore I would that ye should remember that I have spoken un--to you concerning that Prophet which the Lord shewed unto me that should Baptise the Lamb of God which should take away the Sin of the world

& now if the Lamb of God he being holy should have need to be Baptised by water to fulfil all righteousness O then how much more need have we being unholy to be Baptised yea even by water

& no-w I would ask of you my beloved Brethren wherein the Lamb of God did fulfil all right-eousness in being Baptised by water

know ye not that he was holy but not wit(h)standing he being holy he showeth unto the children of men that according to the flesh he humbleth himself before the Father & witnesseth unto the Father that he would be obedient unto ~~the~~(him)-~~Father~~ in keeping his commandments

wherefore after that he was Baptis-ed with water the Holy Ghost decended upon him in the form of a dove

CHAPTER 31 [X]

Nephi tells why Christ was baptized—Men must follow Christ, be baptized, receive the Holy Ghost, and endure to the end to be saved—Repentance and baptism are the gate to the strait and narrow path—Eternal life comes to those who keep the commandments after baptism. About 559–545 B.C.

¹And now I, Nephi, make an end of my prophesying unto you, my beloved **brethren**. **And** I cannot write but a few things, which I know must surely come to pass; neither can I write but a few of the words of my **brother** Jacob.

²Wherefore, the things which I ha[-]ve written sufficeth me, save it be a few words which I must speak concerning th[-]e doctrine of Christ; wherefore, I shall speak unto you plainly, according to the plai[-]nness of my prophesying.

³For my **soul** delighteth in plainness; for after this man[-]ner doth the Lord God work among the children of men. **F**or the Lord God giveth light un[-]-to the understanding; for he speaketh unto men according to their language, unto their understanding.

⁴Wherefore, I would that ye should remember that I have spoken un[-]-to you concerning that **prophet** which the Lord **showed** unto me, that should **baptize** the Lamb of God, which should take away the **sins** of the world.

⁵**And** now, if the Lamb **[X]** of God, he being holy, should have need to be **baptized** by water, to fulfil all righteousness, O then, how much more need have we, being unholy, to be **baptized**, yea, even by water!

⁶**And** no[-]w, I would ask of you, my beloved **brethren**, wherein the Lamb of God did fulfil all right[-]eousness in being **baptized** by water?

⁷**Know** ye not that he was holy? **But** not[-]withstanding he being holy, he showeth unto the children of men that, according to the flesh he humbleth himself before the Father, **and** witnesseth unto the Father that he would be obedient unto **[X]him[-X]** in keeping his commandments.

⁸Wherefore, after **[X]** he was **baptiz[-]ed** with water the Holy Ghost **descended** upon him in the form of a dove.

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& again it shew-eth unto the children of men the straitness of the path & the narrowness of the gate by w(h)ich they should enter ~~he~~ (he) haveing set the example before them

& he sayeth unto the ch-ildren of men follow thou me wherefore mybeloved Brethren can we follow Jesus sa-ve we shall be willing to keep the commandments of the Father

& the Father sayeth repen-t ye repent ye & be Baptised in the name of my beloved Son

& also the voice of the Son came ~~to~~ (unto) me saying he that is Baptised in my name to him will the Father give the Holy Ghost like unto me wherefore follow me & do the things which ye have seen *me* do

wherefo-re my beloved Brethren I know that if ye shall follow the Son with full purpose of he-art acting no hypocrisy & no deception before God but with real intent repenting of your Sins witnessing unto the Father that ye are willing to take upon you the name of Chri-st by Baptism yea by follo~~w~~e(wing)~~in~~ your Lord & Saviour down into the water according to his word behold then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost (yea then cometh the Baptism of fire & of the holy Ghost) & then can ye speak with the tongue of Angels & shout praises unto the holyone of Israel

but behold my beloved Brethren thus came the voice of the Son unto me saying after that ye have repented of your ⁹³ sins & witnessed unto the Father that ye are willing to keep my commandments by the Bap-tism of water & have received the Baptism of fire & of the Holy Ghost & can speak with a new tonge yea even with the tongue of Angels & after this should deny me it would have been bet(ter for you that ye had not known me

& I heard a voice from the Father saying yea the words of my beloved are true & faithful he that endureth to the end the same shall be sav-ed

& now my beloved Brethren I know by this that unless a man shall endure to the end in following the example of the Son of the living God he cannot be saved

⁹**And** again, it show[-]eth unto the children of men the straitness of the path, **and** the narrowness of the gate, by w(h)ich they should enter, **[X] he** hav[]ing set the example before them.

¹⁰**And** he **said** unto the ch[-]ildren of men: **F**ollow thou me. **W**herefore, my[]beloved **brethren**, can we follow Jesus sa[-]ve we shall be willing to keep the commandments of the Father?

¹¹**And** the Father **said**: **R**epen[-]t ye, repent ye, **and** be **baptized** in the name of my **B**eloved Son.

¹²**And** also, the **v**oice of the Son came **[X] unto** me, saying: **H**e that is **baptized** in my name, to him will the Father give the Holy Ghost, like unto me; wherefore, follow me, **and** do the things which ye have seen me do.

¹³**W**herefo[-]re, my beloved **brethren**, I know that if ye shall follow the Son, with full purpose of he[-]art, acting no hypocrisy **and** no deception before God, but with real intent, repenting of your **sins**, witnessing unto the Father that ye are willing to take upon you the name of Chri[-]st, by **baptism—**yea, by follo[]wing[] your Lord **and your** Savio[]r down into the water, according to his word, behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost; **yea, then cometh the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost; and** then can ye speak with the tongue of **angels, and** shout praises unto the **Holy[]**One of Israel.

¹⁴**B**ut, behold, my beloved **brethren**, thus came the **v**oice of the Son unto me, saying: **A**fter **[X]** ye have repented of your sins, **and** witnessed unto the Father that ye are willing to keep my commandments, by the **bap[-]tism** of water, **and** have received the **baptism** of fire **and** of the Holy Ghost, **and** can speak with a new tong**ue**, yea, even with the tongue of **angels, and** after this should deny me, it would have been bet(ter for you that ye had not known me.

¹⁵**And** I heard a voice from the Father, saying: **Y**ea, the words of my **B**eloved are true **and** faithful. **H**e that endureth to the end, the same shall be sav[-]ed.

¹⁶**And** now, my beloved **brethren**, I know by this that unless a man shall endure to the end, in following the example of the Son of the liv[]ing God, he cannot be saved.

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wherefore do the things which I have told you that I have seen that your Lord & your Redeemer should do for for this cause have they been shewn unto me that ye might know the gate by which ye should enter for the gate by which ye should enter is repentance & Baptism by wa-ter & then cometh a remission of your sins by fire & by the holy Ghost

& then are ye in th-is strait & narrow path which leads to Eternal life yea ye have entered in by the gate ye ha-ve done according to the commandments of the Father & the Son & ye have received the holy Ghost which witness of the Father & the Son unto the fulfilling of the promise which he hath made that if ye entered in by the way ye should receive

& now my beloved Brethren after that ye have got into this strait & narrow path I would ask if all is done behold I say unto you nay for ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him relying wholly upon the merrits of him who is able mighty to save

wherefore ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ haveing a perfect brightness of hope & a love of God & of all men wherefore if ye shall press forward feasting upon the word of Christ & en-dure to the end behold thus saith the Father ye shall have eternal life

& now behold my beloved Brethren this is the way & there is none other way nor name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the Kingdom of God & now behold this is the doctrine of Christ & the only & true doctrine of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Ghost which is ~~o~~(one) ~~ne~~ God without end Amen

¹⁷Wherefore, do the things which I have told you [X] I have seen that your Lord **and** your Redeemer should do; for, for this cause have they been shown unto me, that ye might know the gate by which ye should enter. For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance **and** baptism by wa[-]ter; **and** then cometh a remission of your sins by fire **and** by the Holy Ghost.

¹⁸**And** then are ye in th[-]is strait **and** narrow path which leads to **e**ternal life; yea, ye have entered in by the gate; ye ha[-]ve done according to the commandments of the Father **and** the Son; **and** ye have received the Holy Ghost, which witness**e**s of the Father **and** the Son, unto the fulfill**i**ng of the promise which he hath made, that if ye entered in by the way ye should receive.

¹⁹**And** now, my beloved **b**rethren, after [X] ye have got**e**n into this strait **and** narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying whol[]ly upon the mer[]its of him who is [X] mighty to save.

²⁰Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, hav[]ing a perfect brightness of hope, **and** a love of God **and** of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, **and** en[-]dure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: **Ye** shall have eternal life.

²¹**And** now, behold, my beloved **b**rethren, this is the way; **and** there is none other way nor name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the **k**ingdom of God. **And** now, behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, **and** the only **and** true [X] doctrine of the Father, **and** of the Son, **and** of the Holy Ghost, which is []one[] God, without end. Amen.