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Chapter

An epistle of my father Mormon written to me Moroni & it was written unto me soon after my calling to the ministry & on this wise did he write unto me saying

~~my~~(My) beloved son Moroni I rejoice exceedingly that your Lord Je--sus Christ hath been mindful of you & hath called you to his ministry & to his holy wo--rk

I am mindful of you always in my prayers continually praying unto God the Father in the name of his holy child Jesus that he through his infinite goodness & grace will keep you through the endurance of faith on his name to the end

& now my son I speak unto you concerning that which grieveth me exceedingly for it grieveth me that there should dis--putations rise among you

for if I have learned the truth there has been disputations among you concerning the baptizing of your little children

& now my son I desire that ye should labor exceedingly that this gross error should be removed from among you for for this intent I have written this epistle

for immediately after I had learned these things of you I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter & the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost saying

Listen to the words of Christ your Redeemer your Lord & your God Behold I came into the world not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance the whole need no physician but they that are sick wherefore little children are whole for they are not capable of committing sin wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me that it hath no power over them & the law of circumcision is done away in me

& after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me where-fore my beloved son I know that it is solemn mockery before God that ye should baptize little children

CHAPTER 8 [X]

The baptism of little children is an evil abomination—Little children are alive in Christ because of the Atonement—Faith, repentance, meekness and lowliness of heart, receiving the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end lead to salvation. About A.D. 401–21.

¹An epistle of my father Mormon, written to me, Moroni; **and** it was written unto me soon after my calling to the ministry. **And** on this wise did he write unto me, saying:

²[X]My beloved son, Moroni, I rejoice exceedingly that your Lord Je[-][-]sus Christ hath been mindful of you, **and** hath called you to his ministry, **and** to his holy wo[-][-]rk.

³I am mindful of you always in my prayers, continually praying unto God the Father in the name of his **Holy Child**, Jesus, that he, through his infinite goodness **and** grace, will keep you through the endurance of faith on his name to the end.

⁴**And** now, my son, I speak unto you concerning that which grieveth me exceedingly; for it grieveth me that there should dis[-][-]putations rise among you.

⁵**For**, if I have learned the truth, there **have** been disputations among you concerning the baptism[] of your little children.

⁶**And** now, my son, I desire that ye should labor **diligently**, that this gross error should be removed from among you; **for**, for this intent I have written this epistle.

⁷**For** immediately after I had learned these things of you I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter. **And** the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost, saying:

⁸Listen to the words of Christ, your Redeemer, your Lord **and** your God. Behold, I came into the world not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance; the whole need no physician, but they that are sick; wherefore, little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin; wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me, that it hath no power over them; **and** the law of circumcision is done away in me.

⁹**And** after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me; where[-]fore, my beloved son, I know that it is solemn mockery before God, that ye should baptize little children.

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behold I say unto you that this thing shall ye teach repentance ~~459~~ & baptism unto they which are accountable & capable of committing sin yea teach parents that they must repent & be baptized & humble themselves as their little children & they shall all be saved with their little children

& their little children ~~no~~(need)~~†~~ no repentance neither baptism behold baptism is unto repentance to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remmis--sion of sins

but little children are alive in christ even from the foundation of the world if not so God is a partial God & also a changeable ~~b~~(God & ~~eing~~ a respecer to persons for how many little children have died without baptism

wherefore if little children could not be saved without baptism these must have gone to an endless hell

behold I say unto you that he that supposeth that little children needeth baptism is in the gall of bitterness & in the bonds of iniquity for he hath neither faith hope nor charity where--fore should he be cut off while in the thought he must go down to hell

for awful is the wickedness to suppose that God saveth one child because of baptism & the other ~~m~~(must)~~us~~ perish because he hath (no) ~~no†~~ baptism

wo be unto him that shall pervert the way of the Lord after this manner for they shall perish except they repent behold I speak with boldness hav--ing authority from God ~~for~~(&) I fear not what man can do for perfect love casteth out all fear

& I am filled with charity which is everlasting love wherefore all children are alike unto me wherefore I love little children with a perfect love & they are all alike & partakers of salva--tion

for I know that God is not a partial God neither a changeable being but he is unchan--geable from all eternity to all eternity

little children cannot repent wherefore it is awful wickedness to deny the pure mercies of God unto them for they are all alive in him because of his mercy

¹⁰Behold I say unto you that this thing shall ye teach—repentance **and** baptism unto those who are accountable **and** capable of committing sin; yea, teach parents that they must repent **and** be baptized, **and** humble themselves as their little children, **and** they shall all be saved with their little children.

¹¹**And** their little children [_]need[_] no repentance, neither baptism. Behold, baptism is unto repentance to the fulfilling the commandments unto the rem[_]is[-][-]sion of sins.

¹²But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; if not so, God is a partial God, **and** also a changeable [_]God, **and**[_ _ _] a respecer to persons; for how many little children have died without baptism!

¹³Wherefore, if little children could not be saved without baptism, these must have gone to an endless hell.

¹⁴Behold I say unto you, that he that supposeth that little children need[_ _] baptism is in the gall of bitterness **and** in the bonds of iniquity; for he hath neither faith, hope, nor charity; where[-][-]fore, should he be cut off while in the thought, he must go down to hell.

¹⁵For awful is the wickedness to suppose that God saveth one child because of baptism, **and** the other [_]must[_] perish because he hath **no** [X] baptism.

¹⁶Wo be unto them that shall pervert the ways of the Lord after this manner, for they shall perish except they repent. Behold, I speak with boldness, hav[-][-]ing authority from God; [X]**and** I fear not what man can do; for perfect love casteth out all fear.

¹⁷**And** I am filled with charity, which is everlasting love; wherefore, all children are alike unto me; wherefore, I love little children with a perfect love; **and** they are all alike **and** partakers of salva[-][-]tion.

¹⁸For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchan[-][-]geable from all eternity to all eternity.

¹⁹Little children cannot repent; wherefore, it is awful wickedness to deny the pure mercies of God unto them, for they are all alive in him because of his mercy.

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& the power of his redem--ption

wo unto such for they are in danger of death hell
& an endless torment I speak it boldly God hath
commanded me listen unto them & give heed or
they stand against you at the judgement seat of
Christ

for behold that all little children are alive in Christ
& also all they that are without the law for the
power of redemption cometh on all they that have
no law wherefore he that is not condemned or he
that is under no condemnation cannot repent &
unto such baptism availeth nothing

but is is mo--ckery before God denying the
mercies of Christ & the power of his Holy spirit
& putting trust in dead works

behold my son this thing had not ought to be
for repentance is unto them that are under
condemnation & under the curse of a broken law

& the first fruits of repentance is baptism &
Baptism cometh by faith unto the fulfilling the
commandments & the fulfil--ling the
commandments bringeth remission of sins

& the remission of sins bringeth meek--ness
& lowliness of heart & because of meekness
& lowliness of heart cometh the visita--tion of
the Holy Ghost which comforter filleth with hope
& perfect love which (love) endureth by
diligence unto prayer until the end shall come when
all the saints shall dwell with God

behold my son I will write unto you again if I go
not out soon against the Lamanites behold the pride
of this nation or the pride of the Nephites **460** hath
proved their destruction except they should repent

pray for them my son that repentance may come
unto them but behold I fear lest the spirit hath
ceased striving with them & in this part of the
land they are also seeking to put down all power &
authority which cometh from God & they are
denying the Holy Ghost

& after rejecting so great a knowledge my son
they must perish soon unto the fulfilling of the
prophecies which was spoken by the prophets as
well as the words of our Savior himself

²⁰**And** he that saith that little children need[_ _ _]
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²³**B**ut it is mo[-][-]ckery before God, denying the
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²⁶**And** the remission of sins bringeth meek[-][-]ness,
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and lowliness of heart cometh the visita[-][-]tion of
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~~my S~~(farewell) ~~on~~ my son until I shall write
unto you or shall meet you again Amen

³⁰[X_]Farewell[_ _], my son, until I shall write
unto you, or shall meet you again. Amen.