

October 21–27
3 Nephi 27–4 Nephi
“There Could Not Be a Happier People”



Gospel of Christ

3 Nephi 27:1-8

Why is it important that Christ's church be named in His name?

Russell M. Nelson

“The Lord has impressed upon my mind the importance of the name He has revealed for His Church, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We have work before us to bring ourselves in harmony with His will. In recent weeks, various Church leaders and departments have initiated the necessary steps to do so. Additional information about this important matter will be made available in the coming months” (“The Name of the Church” [official statement, Aug. 16, 2018], mormonnewsroom.org)

Russell M. Nelson

"Let me explain why we care so deeply about this issue....

"It is the command of the Lord. Joseph Smith did not name the Church restored through him; neither did Mormon. It was the Savior Himself who said, 'For thus shall my church be called in the last days, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.' (D&C 115:4)

"Even earlier, in AD 34, our resurrected Lord gave similar instruction to members of His Church when He visited them in the Americas....

"Thus, the name of the Church is not negotiable. When the Savior clearly states what the name of His Church should be and even precedes His declaration with, 'Thus shall my church be called,' He is serious. And if we allow nicknames to be used or adopt or even sponsor those nicknames ourselves, He is offended." (CR, Oct. 2018)

Gospel of Christ

3 Nephi 27:9-11

What does Christ promise His church if it is built upon His gospel?

If an organization is not built on the gospel, what must its foundation be built upon?

What is the inevitable outcome of any organization that is “built upon the works of men”?

Neal A. Maxwell

“The temporal causes which we champion may fail - after all we can do. But God's work of which we are part will finally triumph!...

“In the worthy work of the world, mortals will have 'joy in [their] works for a season' (3Ne 27:11). But everlasting and full joy comes only with God's gift of eternal life.”
(Men and Women of Christ, pg. 130)

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3 Nephi 27:13-15

In these verses, what principles does Christ say make up His gospel?

Marion G. Romney

“In this short statement (3Ne 27:13-15) the Master named four eternal verities upon which all else in his gospel is founded: First, the relationship between himself and his father; second the fact of his atonement; third the universal resurrection; and fourth, the judgment... All men who believe in Jesus and want to be his followers will have to accept those four verities.” (CR, April 1955)

Gospel of Christ

3 Nephi 27:16-20

What do we need to do to apply the blessings of the gospel in our lives?

Gospel of Christ

3 Nephi 27:33

Spencer W. Kimball

“Hard to do? Of course. The Lord never promised an easy road, nor a simple gospel nor low standards, nor a low norm. The price is high, but the goods attained are worth all they cost. The Lord himself turned the other cheek; he suffered himself to be buffeted and beaten without remonstrance; he suffered every indignity and yet spoke no word of condemnation. And his question to all of us is: 'Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be' And his answer to us is: 'Even as I am.'” (CR, Oct. 1977)

Zion Society

4 Nephi 1:1-4

What are some of the characteristics of a Zion society that we see in these verses?

Marion G. Romney

“Becoming a people which is collectively pure in heart is not an impossible dream or an idealistic goal....

When we reach the state of having the 'pure love of Christ,' our desire to serve one another will have grown to the point where we will be living fully the law of consecration. Living the law of consecration exalts the poor and humbles the rich.... The rich, by consecration and the imparting of their surplus for the benefit of the poor, not by constraint, but willingly as an act of free will, evidence that charity for their fellowmen characterized by Mormon as 'the pure love of Christ.'”

(CR, Oct. 1981)

Zion Society

4 Nephi 1:15-18

What are the blessings that are promised to those who are righteous enough to live in a Zion society?

Dallin H. Oaks

“In those brilliant generations that followed the appearance of the resurrected Christ in the New World, 'there were no contentions and disputations among [the people], and every man did deal justly one with another'. Fourth Nephi records: 'Surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God'. We should be striving to regain that condition. As modern revelation declares: 'Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness' (D&C 82:14). One of the ways prescribed to achieve that increase is 'every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God' (D&C 82:19).” (CR, Oct. 1986)

Pride Cycle

3 Nephi 27:32

What does Jesus state will be the downfall of His people?

Pride Cycle

4 Nephi 1:23-24

What caused the Nephites to begin to lose the unity and peace that they had enjoyed for 200 years?

Ezra Taft Benson

“It was essentially the sin of pride that kept us from establishing Zion in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith. It was the same sin of pride that brought consecration to an end among the Nephites.” (CR, April 1989)

Pride Cycle

4 Nephi 1:25-29

As pride begins to take hold, what characteristics of a Zion society are rejected by the people?

Pride Cycle

4 Nephi 1:35-38

What was unique about this instance of the rejection of the gospel that we didn't see in earlier instances in the Book of Mormon?

Service

3 Nephi 28:1-3

Service

3 Nephi 28:4-9

Why did the Three want to stay on the earth until Christ's second coming?

D. Todd Christofferson

The Three Nephites were promised a fulness of joy because they desired to bring souls unto Christ 'while the world shall stand.'" (CR, Oct. 2019)

Service

3 Nephi 28:25-29

John W. Taylor

“My testimony is that these men are going abroad in the nations of the earth before the face of your sons, and they are preparing the hearts of the children of men to receive the Gospel. They are administering to those who are heirs of salvation, and preparing their hearts to receive the truth, just as the farmer prepares the soil to receive the seed. The Lord has promised that He would send his angels before the face of His servants, and He does so.” (CR, Oct. 1902)

Service

4 Nephi 1:30-33

Next Week:

October 28–November 3

Mormon 1–6

“I Would That I Could Persuade All... to Repent”

