

December 2–8

Moroni 1–6

“To Keep Them in the Right Way”



# Gospel Ordinances

## Moroni 1:1-4

What reason does Moroni give for writing “a few more things” in the record?

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Moroni 2:1-3

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Moroni 3:1-4

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Moroni 4:1-3

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Moroni 5:1-2

## Peter F. Meurs

"The prayers explain that we partake of the bread in remembrance of the body of the Son, which He gave as a ransom to qualify all for resurrection, and we drink of the water in remembrance of the blood of the Son, which He freely shed so that we might be redeemed on condition of repentance.

"The prayers introduce the covenants with the phrase 'that they are willing.' This phrase has so much potential power for us. Are we willing to serve and participate? Are we willing to change? Are we willing to address our weaknesses? Are we willing to reach out and bless others? Are we willing to trust the Savior?

"As the promises are stated and as we partake, we confirm in our hearts that we are willing to:

Take upon ourselves the name of Jesus Christ.

Strive to keep all of His commandments.

Always remember Him.

"The prayer concludes with a sublime invitation and promise: 'That they may always have his Spirit to be with them.'" (CR, Oct. 2016)

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## Moroni 6:1-3

What requirements must someone meet before they are worthy to be baptized?

## D&C 20:37

And again by the way of commandment to the church concerning the manner of baptism--All those who humble themselves before God, and desire to be baptized, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the church that they have truly repented of all their sins, and are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ, having a determination to serve him to the end, and truly manifest by their works that they have received of the Spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins, shall be received by baptism into his church.

## Bruce R. McConkie

“No price is too great to pay for the privilege of receiving this holy ordinance. We must prepare ourselves for baptism; we must be worthy to make a covenant with the Holy One; we must have a fixed and unalterable determination to conform to his will.

Otherwise baptism profiteth nothing. No ordinance is binding on earth and in heaven unless it is ratified and sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, and this Spirit is given only to those who are just and true. Just as those who partake unworthily of the sacrament eat and drink damnation to their souls, so those who are baptized unworthily receive cursings instead of blessings.” (A New Witness for the Articles of Faith, pg. 248)

# Responsibility of Church Members

## Moroni 6:4

As outlined in this verse, what blessing take place after baptism?

Why are our names recorded as members of the church of Christ?

Who has the responsibility to see that both longtime and new members are remembered and nourished by the good word of God?

## Gordon B. Hinckley

“Any convert whose faith grows cold is a tragedy. Any member who falls into inactivity is a matter for serious concern. The Lord left the ninety and nine to find the lost sheep. His concern for the dropout was so serious that He made it the theme of one of His great lessons. We must constantly keep Church officers and the membership aware of the tremendous obligation to fellowship in a very real and warm and wonderful way those who come into the Church as converts, and to reach out with love to those who for one reason or another step into the shadows of inactivity.” (Church News, 8 April 1989)

Gordon B. Hinckley

“With the ever increasing number of converts, we must make an increasingly substantial effort to assist them as they find their way. Every one of them needs three things: a friend, a responsibility, and nurturing with the good word of God.” (CR, April 1997)

## Gordon B. Hinckley

"In these days as in those days, converts are 'numbered among the people of the church.. [to] be remembered and nourished by the good word of God, to keep them in the right way, to keep them continually watchful unto prayer.' Brethren, let us help them as they take their first steps as members.

"This is a work for everyone. It is a work for home teachers and visiting teachers. It is a work for the bishopric, for the priesthood quorums, for the Relief Society, the young men and young women, even the Primary." (CR, April 1997)

# Responsibility of Church Members

Moroni 6:5-6

Why are church members commanded to “meet together oft”?

## Spencer W. Kimball

“We attend sacrament meetings to worship the Lord. If the meeting is conducted or if we attend with any other thought, we have missed the spirit of the occasion. Those who attend meeting only when the speaker is eloquent, the lecturer is noted, or the music is excellent, are far ahead of the high purpose and loftiness of this meeting in the house of prayer... we do not go to Sabbath meetings to be entertained or even solely to be instructed. We go to worship the Lord. It is an individual responsibility, and regardless of what is said from the pulpit, if one wishes to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, he may do so by attending his meetings, partaking of the sacrament, and contemplating the beauties of the gospel. If the service is a failure to you, you have failed. No one can worship for you; you must do your own waiting upon the Lord.” (The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, pg. 514-15)

# Responsibility of Church Members

Moroni 6:9

What did Moroni teach about how Church meetings were conducted?

## David B. Haight

"Moroni include in his closing record the instructions by his father, Mormon, on the ordinations, the sacrament, and practices of the Church. Noteworthy is this testimony about their meetings: 'Their meetings were conducted by the church after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost' (Moroni 6:9).

"That is the spirit that can and should characterize our worship and our sacrament meetings.

"A sister remarked to me after one such spiritual meeting, 'I don't recall all that was said—but I remember how we felt as we sang the closing hymn and bowed our heads in prayer.'

"May God bless us all to remember the Savior and His atoning sacrifice and to unite in making our sacrament meetings a time of reverence, remembrance, and worship." ("Remembering the Savior's Atonement", Ensign, April 1988)

Next Week:

December 9–15

Moroni 7–9

“May Christ Lift Thee Up”

