



CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

LESSON TITLE

The Elect of God

UNIT 2 – Love, Kinship, Worship

GRADES Adult

HOLY BIBLE

Colossians 3:12-14, “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”

THE BOOK OF MORMON

Mosiah 18:8,9, “...as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called his people, and are willing to bear one another’s burdens, that they may be light; 9.Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in, even until death, that ye may be redeemed of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, that ye may have eternal life—”

OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Analyze relational responsibilities of the elect toward God, and Compare to marriage.
- Evaluate the reciprocity of the relationship between loving God and loving others.
- Analyze attributes of the elect and Identify scriptural examples. Relate personally.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Who are the elect of God? How would you describe them? How is being elect of God similar to marriage?
- What relationship exists between loving others and loving God?
- What motives should the elect have and/or not have in love? How would you describe pure love? What does being elect of God mean to you?

MATERIALS

Holy Bible and Book of Mormon

Google Slides: [The Elect of God](#)

Assignment: Print Page 6, 1 per student.

Illustrations: Print and/or display Garments of the Elect, Pages 7 & 8.

TEACHER NOTES

45-minute lessons. Divide into multiple sessions.

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in **TEACHER’S SUPPLEMENT**.

Q = Teacher asks question

Note: The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church

Definition:

Covenant Relationship – a chosen relationship in which two parties make binding promises to each other.

A sacred agreement or mutual promise between God and a person or group of people.

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (3 minutes)

Engage participants in a discussion on weddings (e.g. emotions felt, traditional attire, symbolism of wedding apparel) and relate spiritually. (See Teacher's Supplement for guidance.)

Goals:

- **Part 1: Analyze** relational responsibilities of the elect toward God and **Compare** to marriage.
- **Part 2: Evaluate** the reciprocity of the relationship between loving God and loving others.
- **Part 3: Analyze** attributes of the elect, and **Identify** scriptural examples. **Relate** personally.

Lesson Development (35-40 minutes per session)

NOTE: Scriptural Texts, pages 9-13. See Teacher's Supplement for guidance. Use 'Elect of God' slides as desired, link page 1.

1. **Part 1:** Engage participants in a discussion (a) to define and describe the elect of God and (b) to analyze relational responsibilities of the elect with God, comparing to marriage. **See Scripture Texts pages 9-11.**
2. **Part 2:** Engage participants in a discussion to evaluate the reciprocity of the relationship between loving God and loving others. **See Scripture Texts pages 12 & 13.**
3. **Part 3:** Engage participants in a discussion (a) to analyze attributes of the elect and (b) Identify scriptural examples (e.g. circumstances, acts of love/faithfulness). **See Teacher's Key, page 5.** Consider other scriptural examples and divide into multiple sessions, as desired. Relate personally.

NOTE: Assign homework, page 6, prior to class. Participants come to class prepared to discuss.

4. Incorporate Essential Questions in discussion and/or create your own.

Key words: Love, Kinship, Worship, Love to God, Elect

Teacher's Supplement

Motivation/Introduction

Q: Who enjoys going to a wedding? Why are weddings happy occasions?

Q: Why does the bride/ groom traditionally wear white on the wedding day? What does a white garment symbolize? (Pure. Undefined. Dedicated for a particular person)

Q: What will the bride of Christ wear on her wedding day? (Revelation 19:7-9)

Q: Who is the bride of Christ? (The church/the redeemed/ the elect)

Lesson Development

Part 1: Define/ Describe elect of God and Analyze relational responsibilities. Compare to marriage.

Q: Who are the elect of God? How would you describe them? How is being elect of God similar to marriage?

Q: What role does the Holy Spirit play with being elect?

Discussion Points: The elect of God are those who love God; who live for God; who uphold His truth; who are loyal to Him. They reflect God's love and presence to the world.

The elect of God accepts the Holy Spirit's invitation to enter into a covenant relationship with the Creator to become His sons and daughters. It's a high honor to be elect of God.

DEFINE AND DESCRIBE THE ELECT

- The old testament applies the term "elect" to the Israelites, as far as they are called to be the chosen people, or people of God, or are faithful to their divine call. The new testament transfers the meaning of the term from its connection with the people of Israel to the **members of the body of Christ**. (Source Wikipedia) Exodus 19:5-8.
- **Chosen to worship only God.** To proclaim His truth.
- **Royal Priesthood** - "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" 1 Peter 2:9
- **Peculiar** (Def.- characteristic of only one person, group, or thing: distinctive) - "Purified unto God, zealous of good works," Titus 2:14
- **Saints and faithful** brethren, Colossians 1:2
- **Walk worthy** of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, Colossians 1:10. Matthew 5:13-16 (Salt and light). Matthew 25:14-21 (Parable of Talents)
- "Being **risen with Christ**," Colossians 3:1
- "**Holy and beloved**," Colossians 3:12.

A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP (Compare to marriage)

Define Covenant Relationship (See Teacher's Notes page 1)

- **Accept the Proposal:** Yield to the invitation of the Holy Spirit. Accept the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Reciprocate God's love. John 3:16. Matthew 22:37. Mosiah 3:19.
- **Vows:** Repent of sins and promise to obey God's commandments from this day forward. Mosiah 18:8-10.
- **Identity:** Baptism and Holy Ghost indwelling. Sanctification. Become the temple of God. Take upon the name of Christ. Mosiah 5:7-8. Alma 5:14-17. Moroni 8:26. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.

- **Partnership:** Guided by the Holy Spirit. 1 Nephi 10:17-19. John 14:17, 26. 1 John 20,27.
- **Faithfulness:** Endure in love, Daily: Affirmation. Repentance. Reconciliation. Charity. Weekly: Holy Communion. Pure heart. Gratitude for and anticipation of the gift of eternal life. Colossians 3:24. Mosiah 5:8-9.

Part 2: Evaluate the reciprocity of the relationship between loving God and loving others

Q: What relationship exists between loving others and loving God?

Q: What motives should the elect have and/or not have in love?

Q: How would you describe pure love?

Discussion Points: Our relationship with God affects relationships with others. Our relationship with God shapes our thoughts, desires, choices, priorities, and our behavior. To love God is to love one another. To love one another is to love God. The two are inseparable. Relationships of the elect should be based on pure love – the bond of perfectness. Christ’s love is pure (authentic, real, uncontrived) and endures forever. Love one another as Christ loves.

Part 3: Analyze attributes of the elect and Identify scriptural examples. Relate personally.

Q: What does being elect of God mean to you?

Discussion Points: The elect should possess the attributes of the Holy Spirit. Attributes that reflect the character of Christ. Be the light. Be the salt. Be zealous of good works. Keep the white garment spotless.

- a. Display illustrations of white wedding apparel (Pages 7-8) in view of participants and Discuss spiritual significance, e.g. Represent fruits/products of the Holy Spirit. Characteristics of Christ. Love God by loving others. Exemplifies living and walking in the Spirit.
- b. Participants identify scriptural examples who model elect attributes (Colossians 3:12-14). Write responses on the board.
- c. Participants share insights gained from scriptural examples and/or relate personal testimonies. Prompt participants to describe the benefits to self and/or others that these qualities bring. Participants imagine what God feels when His children love one another.
- d. Participants imagine wearing white apparel every day and Describe challenges to keeping the garment clean; Relate spiritually. Discuss strategies to succeed.

TEACHER'S KEY – Attributes of the Elect

<p style="text-align: center;">BOWELS OF MERCY Filled with compassion. Kindness, caring, and a willingness to help others</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pharaoh's daughter – Exodus 2:5-10</p> <p>Q: Can you recall a time when you helped someone in a desperate situation? What prompted you to act?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KINDNESS Selfless, compassionate, merciful</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rahab – Joshua 2:1-15 Phoebe and Priscilla - Romans 16:1-5</p> <p>Q: Can you think of a time when you showed kindness? What resulted? Q: Can you think of someone who would benefit from your kindness?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">HUMBLENESS OF MIND An attitude of modesty that comes from understanding our place in the larger order of things</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary, mother of Jesus- Luke 1:26-35,38, 46-49 Brother of Jared – Ether 3:2-5</p> <p>Q: With what has the Lord tasked you? What is your attitude toward His assignment(s)?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEEKNESS Quality of being quiet, gentle, righteous, and obedient</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abish – Alma 19:16-17, 28,29 Moses – Exodus 32:7-14</p> <p>Q: Can you think of a time when you exercised meekness? Tell us about it.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LONGSUFFERING Showing patience in spite of troubles, especially those caused by others. Self-restraint when stirred to anger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hannah – 1 Samuel 1:6 – 8 Sariah – 1 Nephi 5:1-9, 18:17-19 Alma, Jr. – Alma 31:24-36</p> <p>Q: How do you keep your soul in a troublesome situation?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER Patient and restrained. To cease. To be silent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hannah – 1 Samuel 1:9-18 Alma and Amulek – Alma 14:9-26</p> <p>Q: What allows you to exercise restraint when being attacked?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER An intentional decision to <u>let go</u> of resentment and anger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joseph – Genesis 45:2-8 Nephi – 1 Nephi 4:27-35</p> <p>Q: Can you recall a time when someone forgave you? How did it feel? Q: Of what anger or resentment might you need to let go?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHARITY Unselfish love toward mankind</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ruth – Ruth 1:14-17 Ammon – Alma 20:14-27</p> <p>Q: Can you recall a time when you were the recipient of Ruth-like love? Q: Can you recall a time when you or someone else chose to exercise unconditional love?</p>

ASSIGNMENT – Attributes of the Elect, Colossians 3:12-14

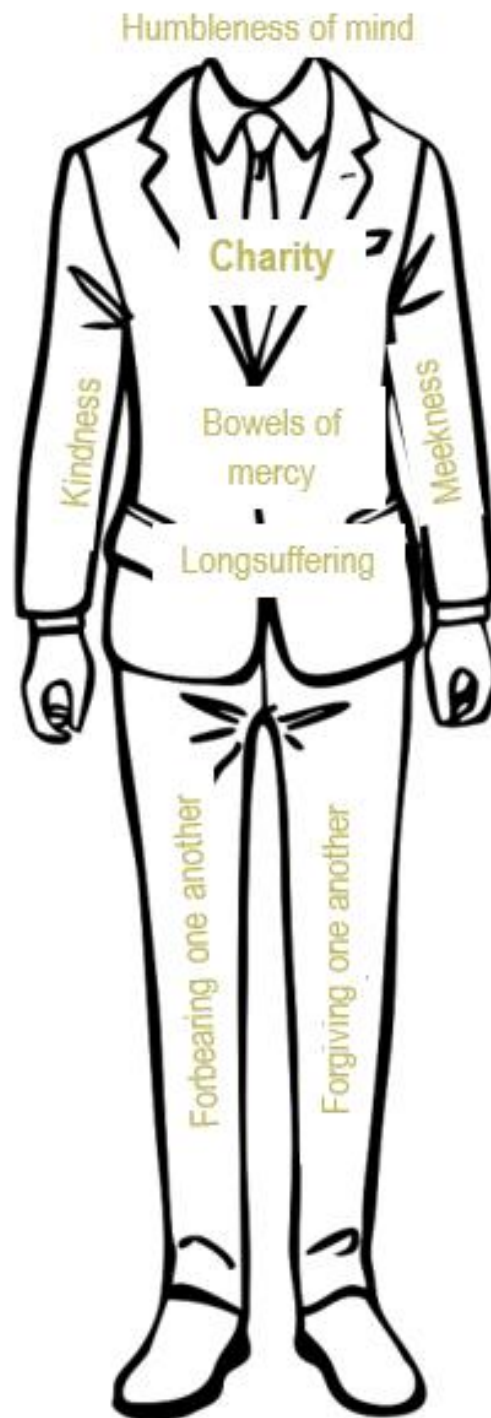
Instructions: Do your best to identify scriptural examples of those who model attributes of the elect.
Cite references. Come to class prepared to discuss.

Q: What did you learn from a scriptural example? How is pure love demonstrated in this example?

Q: How do you relate to the attributes of the elect?

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PART 1: RELATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECT WITH GOD

Colossians 2:6-8. “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk ye in him**: 7. **Rooted and built up** in him, and **stablished in** the faith, as ye have been taught, **abounding therein** with thanksgiving. 8. **Beware** lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Colossians 3:2, 5, 8-10. **Set your affections** on things above, not on the earth 5. **Mortify** therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 8. But now ye also **put off** all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10. And have **put on** the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

SALT AND LIGHT (Zealous of good works)

Matthew 5:13-16. “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16. **Let your light so shine** before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

PARABLE OF TALENTS (Zealous of good works)

Matthew 25:14- 21 , “For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s money. 19. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou **good and faithful servant**: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP COMPARED TO MARRIAGE

ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL

Matthew 22:37-39 “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Mosiah 3:19, “For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father.”

VOWS

Mosiah 18:8-10, “And it came to pass that he said unto them: Behold, here are the waters of Mormon (for thus were they called) and now, as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called his people, and are willing to bear one another’s burdens, that they may be light; 9. Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in, even until death, that ye may be redeemed of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, that ye may have eternal life – 10. Now I say unto you, if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord, as a witness before him that ye have entered into a covenant with him, that ye will serve him and keep his commandments, that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you?”

IDENTITY

Mosiah 5:7-8, “And now, because of the covenant which ye have made ye shall be called the children of Christ, his sons, and his daughters; for behold, this day he hath spiritually begotten you; for ye say that your hearts are changed through faith on his name; therefore, ye are born of him and have become his sons and his daughters. 8. And under this head ye are made free, and there is no other head whereby ye can be made free. There is no other name given whereby salvation cometh; therefore, I would that ye should take upon you the name of Christ, all you that have entered into the covenant with God that ye should be obedient unto the end of your lives.”

Alma 5:14-17, And now behold, I ask of you, my brethren of the church, have ye spiritually been born of God? Have ye received his image in your countenances? Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts? 15. Do ye exercise faith in the redemption of him who created you? Do you look forward with an eye of faith, and view this mortal body raised in immortality, and this corruption raised in incorruption, to stand before God to be judged according to the deeds which have been done in the mortal body? 16. I say unto you, can you imagine to yourselves that ye hear the voice of the Lord, saying unto you, in that day: Come unto me ye blessed, for behold, your works have been the works of righteousness upon the face of the earth? 17. Or do ye imagine to yourselves that ye can lie unto the Lord in that day, and say – Lord, our works have been righteous works upon the face of the earth – and that he will save you?

Moroni 8:26, “And the remission of sins bringeth meekness, and lowliness of heart; and because of meekness and lowliness of heart cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, which Comforter filleth with hope and perfect love, which love endureth by diligence unto prayer, until the end shall come, when all the saints shall dwell with God.

1 Corinthians 3:16,17, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”

PARTNERSHIP WITH HOLY GHOST

1 Nephi 10:17-19, And it came to pass after I, Nephi, having heard all the words of my father, concerning the things which he saw in a vision, and also the things which he spake by the power of the Holy Ghost, which power he received by faith on the Son of God -- and the Son of God was the Messiah who should come -- I, Nephi, was desirous also that I might see, and hear, and know of these things, by the power of the Holy Ghost, which is the gift of God unto all those who diligently seek him, as well in times of old as in the time that he should manifest himself unto the children of men. 18. For he is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever; and the way is prepared for all men from the foundation of the world, if it so be that they repent and come unto him. 19. For he that diligently seeketh shall find; and the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto them, by the power of the Holy Ghost, as well in these times as in times of old, and as well in times of old as in times to come; wherefore, the course of the Lord is one eternal round.

John 14:17, 26, “*Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. “ 26. “But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

1 John 2:20,27, “But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 27. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

FAITHFULNESS

Colossians 3:24, “Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”

Mosiah 5:8-9, “...therefore, I would that ye should take upon you the name of Christ, all you that have entered into the covenant with God that ye should be obedient unto the end of your lives. 9. And it shall come to pass that whosoever doeth this shall be found at the right hand of God, for he shall know the name by which he is called; for he shall be called by the name of Christ.

PART 2: EVALUATE RECIPROCITY OF THE RELATIONSHIP - LOVE GOD & LOVE OTHERS

Matthew 22: 37-39, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

Matthew 25:34-40, “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

John 13: 34, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

John 14:15, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

Colossians 3: 12-13, 15-24, “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*.”

15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do all* in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. 18. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. 19. Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them. 20. Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. 21. Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged. 22. Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23. And whatsoever ye do, *do it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24. Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 4:1,2,5,6. Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. 2. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;...

5. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. 6. Let your speech *be* I with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

1 John 4: 7,11,20,21 “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 11. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

20. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he, that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21. And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.”

1 John 5:1-3, “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Mosiah 2:17, “And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.”

Mosiah 18:8-10, “And it came to pass that he said unto them: Behold, here are the waters of Mormon (for thus were they called) and now, as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called his people, and are willing to bear one another's burdens, that they may be light; 9. Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in, even until death, that ye may be redeemed

of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, that ye may have eternal life – **10.** Now I say unto you, if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord, as a witness before him that ye have entered into a covenant with him, that ye will serve him and keep his commandments, that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you?

CHARITY

Colossians 3:14, “And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-8, “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.”

1 Peter 1:22, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently;”

Moroni 7:46-48, “46. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail – 47. But charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him. 48. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love, which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son, Jesus Christ; that ye may become the sons of God; that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is; that we may have this hope; that we may be purified even as he is pure. Amen.