

Governing Principles & Practices

A principle is a simple statement or word, plain enough for a child to understand, of a fundamental truth or proposition that establishes a belief or a practice.

Preamble: For nearly 2,000 years followers of Jesus Christ have prayed that God's "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". Just as there are principles that govern the beliefs and behaviors of heavenly beings, those same principles would govern the beliefs and behaviors of those who have come down to this world or those who aspire to ascend to the heavens. While there are yet further principles, tenets, teachings, ordinances, and practices of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the following principles and practices govern those who are (or desire to be) heirs to the kingdom of heaven in this world, and are designed by God to bring one into contact with His Mind and Will, to gain greater light & knowledge.

PRINCIPLES

Salvation

Salvation is the hope and goal of all true followers of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is to be redeemed by the Most High God, to ascend to His presence and receive all that He has to offer throughout the eternities, worlds without end. Salvation is only attained by following the Doctrine of Christ until one receives the promise of Life Eternal from God's own voice.

The Doctrine of Christ

The Doctrine of Christ is God the Father's instruction to all who desire to progress through the gate, the path, and along the way until they are redeemed. The objective of the Doctrine of Christ is progression through the eons. Its purpose is to change a person from who they are, to become precisely what God is. Belief in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ, including learning Their correct character, attributes, perfections, and obtaining knowledge from heaven that the path one is on is acceptable to God, is essential for progression.

Faith – Faith in Jesus Christ is the principle of action and power in all intelligent beings and the motivating principle for all who desire redemption.

Repentance – Repentance is a transformative change of heart and mind which turns one to God and to forsake sin (ignorance or rebellion to God's ways).

Ordinances – True ordinances prepare men to behold the face of God and enter into His presence while in the flesh. Baptism in water is a symbolic ritual which witnesses to the Father that one has repented, is willing to take upon them the name of Christ, and walk in His Path and Way. Receiving the baptism of fire and the Holy Spirit puts one in direct contact with God to know His mind and will. Authorization given by God is required for any of His ordinances to be of effect and acknowledged by heaven.

Priesthood - An association with heavenly beings constitutes Priesthood. Power in the priesthood is given by God to administer the Gospel, holding the keys of the knowledge of God, so that in the Ordinances the power of godliness is manifest, progressing God's children to see His face and live.

Sacrifice – Sacrifice is the medium ordained by God to make one holy, by giving up or suffering the loss of worldly things for the Lord and His Kingdom. It is required by the Heavens to produce faith unto Life Eternal and Salvation. It follows the example of Jesus Christ who offered His life as a sacrifice for all who desire to be saved from sin and progress through eternity. We are to seek to always know the mind and will of God, and to offer up a sacrifice of a broken heart, contrite spirit, all our earthly possessions, even our own lives, if necessary, for the Truth's sake, in order to obtain the faith necessary to lay hold on eternal life.

Redemption

Redemption is to be brought back into the Lord's presence.

God is No Respector of Persons.

God desires to have a covenant people upon the earth that are of one heart, one mind, and dwell in righteousness together regardless of their social strata, race, or religion. Agency, Charity (the Pure Love Of Christ), and Purity in Heart are the foundational principles which can make a people of one heart and one mind. Persuasion, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Meekness, Love Unfeigned, Kindness, Pure Knowledge without guile or deception are the only principles of influence to be used among God's people. This foundation respects individual will to decide one's level of involvement in any initiative without an overseer or coercion or force.

Spiritual Gifts

The gifts of God are many and are to be sought for and received by His people to bless all God's children according to His mind and will.

PRACTICES

Sacrament

The manner in which the flesh and blood of Christ is administered to the body of believers according to the commandments of Christ is to kneel down together as believers (where possible) and pray to the Father in the name of Christ, saying:

O God, the Eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it; that they may eat in remembrance of the body of thy Son, and witness unto thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of thy Son, and always remember him, and keep his commandments which he hath given them, that they may always have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.

The manner of administering the wine is to take the cup and pray:

O God, the Eternal Father, we ask thee, in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this wine to the souls of all those who drink of it, that they may do it in remembrance of the blood of thy Son, which was shed for them; that they may witness unto thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they do always remember him, that they may have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.

Baptism

The Lord has spoken concerning baptism:

“Verily I say unto you, that whoso repenteth of his sins through your words, and desireth to be baptized in my name, on this wise shall ye baptize them—Behold, ye shall go down and stand in the water, and in my name shall ye baptize them. And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say, calling them by name, saying:

‘Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.’

And then shall ye immerse them in the water, and come forth again out of the water. And after this manner shall ye baptize in my name. (3 Nephi 11 LE)