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The Organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Memorize Article of Faith #6. Be prepared to recite and write this statement of belief in class.

“We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, and so forth.”

Why do we need a Church on the earth today?

1. To have a physical space to perform the ordinances and rituals of the gospel of Jesus Christ, including churches or meeting houses to perform the sacrament and baptisms and confirmation for the living, temples for temple ordinances, and other dedicated buildings to be utilized as the Church sees fit.
2. To learn of the divine teachings of Jesus Christ and his modern prophets and apostles in the proper and constructive environment; a dedicated meeting house (see above) is also a consecrated school in a way.
3. To enact the teachings (see above) upon our fellow man as members of the “body of Christ”, which is the church. It allows us to physically follow Christ through our interactions with members and non-members of the church.
4. To enable members worthy and called as missionaries the resources and connections to serve meaningful missions, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of the area in which they are assigned.
5. To accomplish tasks that are nigh impossible for individuals or small groups to achieve, such as: the ability to care for the poor, needy, and afflicted through humanitarian efforts, religious missions in remote areas of the world, resource gathering and handling, and monetary gain.

Sketch an outline on the back of this paper of the priesthood organizational structure of the church today from the prophet and First Presidency down to you. Use the back of this paper if you need for you hand sketching.

Diagram

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What is the difference between the Church of Jesus Christ and the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

The Church of Jesus Christ is the organizational structure, including members, prophets, apostles, stake and mission presidents, bishops, councils, teachers, and other priesthood and church callings and offices. It defines the chain of command concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the teachings, ordinances, and is what the Church of Jesus Christ derives its authority from. It encapsulates how the Church conducts itself as shown in its General Handbook and handbooks for different offices and callings.

Questions (2)

1. Are there concrete qualifications for each position inside of the Church organization, or are they all called through revelation?
2. Can individuals skip offices in the Church hierarchy (bishop called as member of the quorum of the Seventies)?