

## The Greatest Rescue

“Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

The exciting news of the gospel is that because of the greatest rescue ever recorded in the history of mankind, namely, the Atonement of Jesus Christ, all of mankind has been rescued from the effects of physical death, and has been given the opportunity to overcome spiritual death by entering into a covenant relationship with the Savior.

Fear not. Seek Jesus. Let Him be the focus, joy, and desire of your life. Because of Christ and the covenant relationship we enter into with Him at baptism, we can overcome the effects of both physical and spiritual death and return again with Him into the presence of our Heavenly Parents. This is the exciting news of the gospel.

Our individual covenant-relationship with Christ is our lifeline back into the presence of our Heavenly Father. Do not let anything, anyone, or any idea come between you and your covenant-relationship with Christ. Protect and cherish this covenant relationship. It is of infinite value. It is the source of all peace, joy, and happiness in this life and in the life to come. It is at the heart of why we do missionary work, temple work, and ministering—namely, helping everyone on both sides of the veil enter into and enjoy an individual covenant-relationship with Christ.

No matter our imperfections, weaknesses, or struggles, if we are true to the covenant we enter into with the Savior at baptism, He will make up the difference needed to allow us to return with Him back into the presence of our Heavenly Parents.

The five most important questions we can ask ourselves in this life are:

1. What can I do today to increase my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. What can I do today to repent?
3. What can I do today to make, keep, and honor sacred covenants?
4. What can I do today to receive the Holy Ghost?
5. What can I do today to endure to the end?

Any activity, action, or thought we do in this life can be held up against these five questions to determine whether or not it is an activity, action, or thought we should be doing. If we can answer yes to the above questions, then that activity, action, or thought should be pursued.

We celebrate the greatest rescue ever performed by honoring, remembering, and worshiping our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. May our offerings of a broken heart and a contrite spirit to Him be at the core of our covenant-relationship with Him.