

Doctrines That Support Temple & Family History Work

(One-page bullet outline – see further below for detailed talking points)

- 1) **God Loves the Living and the Dead** (Romans 14:9, Luke 20:38, 2 Nephi 26:33) - God loves all of His children, including the living and the dead!
- 2) **The Dead Need Our Help** (Hebrews 11:39-40) - The dead cannot receive the gospel promises and be made perfect without our help!
- 3) **Turning Hearts** (Malachi 4:5-6) – Elijah is to come before Christ's 2nd coming to turn the heart of our fathers/ancestors to us and our heart to them!
- 4) **Apostles Receive Sealing Power** (Matt 16:13-19, Matt 18:18 and Matt chapter 17) - Peter and the rest of the apostles to receive the keys of the Kingdom including the sealing power (the power to bind on earth that which would be bound in heaven). God through Elijah is the one who bestowed this sealing power to the original apostles.
- 5) **Sealing Power Lost** (2 Thes 2:1-3 and Acts 3:19-21) – As part of the world wide apostacy this sealing power was lost to the world. But, as part of the restitution of all things, this sealing power is again on earth today. Read the Bible Dictionary under the word Elijah (last paragraph). With this sealing power there is something we the living can do for our dead!
- 6) **Doctrine of Christ** (Acts 2:37-42) – The Doctrine/Gospel of Christ is to believe (have faith) in Christ, to Repent, to be Baptized, to receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost, and to remain steadfast! See also 2 Nephi chapters 31-32.
- 7) **Baptism Necessary for All** - Since faith in Christ, Repentance and Baptism are essential to salvation what about the billions who never heard of Christ and had no opportunity to be properly baptized?
- 8) **Gospel Preached to the Dead** (Romans 10:12-15, 1 Peter 4:6, and 1 Cor 15:29) - Since God loves the dead and the living, he provided that the gospel is to be taught to the dead. Baptism is an earthly ordinance so the living are baptized for the dead by proxy using the sealing power that Elijah restored to Joseph Smith.
- 9) **Saviors on Mount Zion** - Proxy baptisms for the dead are similar to Christ's atonement for all of us. He did for us what we could not do for ourselves! This is true love! This work allows us to become "a" savior on Mt Zion to our kindred dead!