

# WHY THE CREEDS ARE CORRUPT

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While at Powderhorn a couple of weeks ago, I was given a fundamental insight as to why the Lord told Joseph in the first vision to join none of the churches, “that all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt; that: ‘they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof.’” As a young mission 52 years ago in the Eastern States Mission, I wondered why the Lord was so harsh in His statements condemning the leaders and creeds of other religions.

The insight that I was given a couple of weeks ago was that the first vision opened to Joseph the truths of who God is and that knowing God is Eternal Life – the greatest of all the gifts of God. He learned the personal, full of light, loving nature of God, and that we are literally His offspring. God is family and He desires a close personal relationship with each of us. The creeds, the Great Apostasy and the dark ages had taken away these vital truths and moved the thinking of the world that man was an unworthy creature. The creeds had made God very impersonal and far removed from us. If you look out into the protestant and Catholic world, you cannot find the doctrine that we are gods in embryo and that our main goal in life is to become like God; exalted family (godlike people) is what we may become through the atonement of Jesus Christ and through the “power thereof” – the priesthood of God.

The Reverend Peter Marshall used to teach that family continued beyond the grave, but he was friends with our Apostle LeGrand Richards, and LeGrand openly told us that he taught Peter that doctrine. C. S. Lewis, who was a very independent thinking Christian came to the doctrine that we can become like God. These great gentlemen were exceptions; the rest of the Catholic and Protestant world taught otherwise. Hence, we see why Jesus and Heavenly Father were totally justified in their statements regarding the creeds and professors thereof. Heavenly Father and Jesus have an infinite capacity to love and want a personal relationship with each of us. This is what brings them the greatest joy, and this is their work and their glory to bring to pass our immortality and eternal life, so that we can be with them and like them in every way.

Because we mortals are limited by time and space, we cannot comprehend the eternity domain where God operates and how He can reach out to each of us. From this fifth dimension – if you will – He is able to be there for each of us all the time and to feel and know of all our needs and desires. Heavenly Father’s and Jesus’ love for us is infinite. This allows them to give loving and personal guidance to each of us, but they will never force. They desire to be in the details of our lives. As we choose to ask, seek, and knock we open the door for them. It is our choice. And as we do, we will receive, find, and have open to us the mysteries of godliness, answers to our sincere heartfelt prayers, and joy to our souls that will be most rewarding – the best of which is to learn to love as they love. As we truly learn to love our enemies, as commanded, we will have righteous power over them, and they will not have power over us. This is most profound and far reaching. We see that our greatest opportunity in this life is to learn to love as they love; this is the sure path to eternal life and a fulness of joy with those that are dear and near, and for the greatest peace and happiness in this life. We can have all of this in the midst of a world awry, if we choose Christ.

Through the restoration the Prophet Joseph Smith was instrumental in being the recipient of, priesthood keys – opening temple doors and the meaning of Eternal Lives. The full glory of God cannot be comprehended. It is a line-upon-line and precept-upon-precept process. This great country and its Constitution were founded for that purpose, that the God of Heaven bring back these marvelous truths that had been lost or badly distorted through the Great Apostasy. How

blessed we are to be the recipients of these inspired truths that have been restored in our era in preparation for the glorious return of Father's Beloved Son.