

upon those points of doctrine, which ye have hitherto risked to commit sin. Do not suppose, because it has been spoken concerning restoration, that ye shall be restored from sin to happiness. Behold, I say unto you, **Wickedness never was happiness.** [Alma 19:66-74]

Second, Only unselfishness is the road to true happiness. God's Word provides instructions for living an unselfish life. If you are willing to believe that God's Word, which has helped millions of people, might be a better way for your life, you must realize that you are doing some things selfishly ("wrong") and you are willing to "get things right". To change your ways and pursue the things that God's Word says are right – this is repentance.

To recognize that God exists for each generation and that you need to change and are willing to repent of your wrongs and to follow what God's Word says is right – this is all you need to make a covenant with Jesus through Baptism. [Alma 5:27]

Why it is a big deal! After your mortal death, you will feel all of your unrepented selfishness as tremendous shame. Following God's Word will enable you to partake of a much happier life **now** and also **after** your mortal death. Baptism is a door to God's Kingdom of righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. [John 10:7, Romans 14:17]

- As God has said, "There is no end to my works, neither to my words; **for this is my work and my glory, to bring to pass the immortality, and eternal life of man**" [Doctrine and Covenants Section 22: 23b]
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; [1 Timothy 2:5]
- Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water, and the Spirit,**

he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
[John 3:5]

Only through a covenant with Jesus will you be able to partake of an eternal life of happiness that is free from guilt and shame. Baptism is the covenant that you make with Jesus that you are willing to follow God's Word and that you will keep repenting of any wrongs that you commit.

- God knows that people are not perfect. We keep trying to do selfish things. That is why God's plan includes repentance – when we correct our mistakes, He forgives us as if those wrongs never happened.

God and Jesus taught what is "right" (unselfishness) and what is "wrong" (selfishness), and it has stood the test of many generations.

Baptism is the prelude to a new, clean life with Jesus. When you accept the covenant with Jesus through baptism, your old, selfish self begins to die - to be replaced with a new, happier chapter in your life.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. [Romans 6:4]

*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and***

to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. [Acts 2:36-39]

*Therefore, if that man repenteth not, and remaineth and dieth an enemy to God, the demands of divine justice doth awaken his immortal soul to a lively sense of his own guilt, Which doth cause him to shrink from the presence of the Lord, and doth fill his breast with guilt, and pain, and anguish, which is like an unquenchable fire, whose flames ascendeth up for ever and ever. And now I say unto you, that mercy hath no claim on that man; therefore, his final doom is to endure a never ending torment. O all ye old men, and also ye young men, and you little children, who can understand my words, (for I have spoken plain unto you, that ye might understand,) I pray that ye should awake to a remembrance of the awful situation of those that have fallen into transgression; And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual; **And if they hold out faithful to the end, they are received into heaven, that thereby they may dwell with God in a state of never ending happiness.** [Mosiah 1:83-90]*

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