

2 Nephi 13

1 And now I, Nephi, make an end of my prophesying unto you, my beloved brethren;

And I cannot write but a few things
which I know must surely come to pass,

Neither can I write but a few
of the words of my brother Jacob.

3 Wherefore, the things which I have written sufficeth me,
save it be a few words **which I must speak concerning the doctrine of Christ;**

Wherefore, I shall speak unto you **plainly,**
according to the **plainness** of my prophesying,
For my soul delighteth in **plainness.**
for after **this manner** doth the Lord God work among the children of men.

5 For the Lord God giveth light unto the understanding.
for He speaketh unto men according to their language
unto their understanding;

Wherefore, I would that ye should remember that I have spoken unto you
concerning that prophet which the Lord showed unto me that should
baptize the Lamb of God,
which should take away the sin of the world.

7 And now if the Lamb of God,
He being **holy,**
should have need to be baptized by water
to fulfill all righteousness,
O then how much more need have we,
being unholy,
to be baptized,
yea, even by water.

8 **And now I would ask of you, my beloved brethren,**
wherein the Lamb of God did fulfill all righteousness in being baptized by
water?

Know ye not that He was holy?
But notwithstanding He being holy,
He showeth unto the children of men that
according to the flesh
He humbleth Himself before the Father,
And witnesseth unto the Father that He would be obedient unto Him
in keeping His commandments;

The Question: How did Jesus demonstrate the way to Eternal Life by his baptism?

He starts by demonstrating humility to God. Baptism isn't anything if it doesn't begin with your sincere humility.

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Wherefore, after that He was baptized with water,
the Holy Ghost descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

And again, it showeth unto the children of men
the **straitness of the path**
and the **narrowness of the gate**
by which they should enter,
He having set the example before them;

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And He saith unto the children of men,
Follow thou Me

Wherefore my beloved brethren,
can we follow Jesus
save we shall be willing to keep the commandments of the Father?

And the Father saith Repent ye.
Repent ye, and be baptized in the name of My beloved Son.

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And also the voice of the Son came unto me, saying:
He that is baptized in My name,
To him will the Father give the Holy Ghost,
like unto Me.
Wherefore, follow Me, and do the things which ye have seen Me do."

Wherefore my beloved brethren, I know that
if ye shall follow the Son with full purpose of heart,

Acting no hypocrisy
and no deception before God,
but with real intent repenting of your sins,
witnessing unto the Father that ye are willing to take upon you the
name of Christ by baptism,

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Yea, **by following your Lord and Savior down into the water according to**
His word,
Behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost.

Yea, then cometh the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost.
And then can ye speak
with the tongue of angels
and shout praises
unto the Holy One of Israel.

18 But behold, my beloved brethren,
thus came the voice of the Son unto me, saying:

**After that ye have
repented of your sins, and
witnessed unto the Father that ye are
willing to keep My commandments
by the baptism of water,**

**And have
received the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost, and can
speak with a new tongue,
yea, even with the tongue of angels, and after this
should deny Me,
It would have been better for you that ye had not known Me.**

19 And I heard a voice from the Father, saying:
**Yea, the words of My Beloved are true and faithful.
He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."**

21 And now my beloved brethren,
I know by this that unless
**a man shall endure to the end in following the example of the Son of the
living God, he cannot be saved.**

Wherefore, do the things which I have told you that I have seen that your
Lord and your Redeemer should do.

For, for this cause have they been shown unto me,
That ye might know the gate by which ye should enter.

**For the gate by which ye should enter is
repentance and baptism by water,
And then cometh a remission of your sins
by fire and by the Holy Ghost,**

**And then are ye in this strait and narrow path
which leads to eternal life;**

Yea, ye have entered in by the gate.
Ye have done according to the commandments
of the Father and the Son,

26 **And ye have received the Holy Ghost
which witnesses of the Father and the Son
unto the fulfilling of the
promise which He hath made,
that if ye entered in by the way
ye should receive.**

Side-by-side repetition. Repent Ye.

(The question:)

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**And now my beloved brethren,
after that ye have got
into this strait and narrow path,
I would ask if all is done?**

(The answer:)

Behold, I say unto you, Nay.

**For ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ,
with unshaken faith in Him,
Relying wholly upon the merits of Him who is mighty to save.**

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Wherefore, ye must
press forward with
a steadfastness in Christ, Having
a perfect brightness of hope and
a love of God and of all men.

Wherefore, if ye shall press forward,
feasting upon the word of Christ
and endure to the end,
Behold, " thus saith the Father, "ye shall have eternal life."

And now behold, my beloved brethren, this is the way.

And **there is none other way**
nor name given under heaven
whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God.

And now behold, this is the doctrine of Christ.

And the only and true doctrine of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Ghost
which is one God without end.

Amen.

The wilderness 40 years of MANNA only was how our lives 'after we have come in at the gate, all is NOT done.' We must press forward, FEASTING every day.

HEBREW WORD FOR FAITH IS TO BE FIRM AND STEADFAST.

FAITH IS PRESSING FORWARD IN LIFE REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES. THAT IS THE WORK BY WHICH WE ARE JUDGED.

2 Nephi 14

And now behold, my beloved brethren,
I suppose that ye ponder somewhat in your hearts
concerning that which ye should do
after that ye have entered in by the way.

But behold, **why do ye ponder these things in your hearts?**

Do ye not remember that I said unto you that
after that ye have received the Holy Ghost,
ye could speak
with the tongue of angels?
And now, how could ye speak
with the tongue of angels
save it were by the Holy Ghost?

Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost,
wherefore, **they speak the words of Christ.**

Wherefore, I said unto you,
Feast upon the words of Christ.
For behold, the words of Christ
will tell you all things what ye should do.

Wherefore, now after that I have spoken these words,
If ye cannot understand them,
it will be because ye ask not,
neither do ye knock.

Wherefore, ye are not
Brought
into the light,
but must
perish in the dark.

For behold, again I say unto you that
if ye will enter in by the way
and receive the **Holy Ghost,**
it will show unto you all things what ye should do.
Behold, this is the doctrine of Christ.

And there will be no more doctrine given
until after that He shall **manifest** Himself
unto you in the flesh.
And when He shall **manifest** Himself
unto you in the flesh,
The things which He shall say unto you
shall ye observe to do.

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And now I, Nephi,
cannot say more,
the Spirit
stoppeth mine utterance.

And I am left to mourn because of
the unbelief and
the wickedness and
the ignorance and
the stiff-neckedness
of men.

For they will not
search knowledge,
nor understand great knowledge
when it is given unto them in plainness,
even as plain as word can be.

And now my beloved brethren,
I perceive that ye ponder still in your hearts.
And it grieveth me that I must speak concerning this thing.

For if ye would hearken unto the Spirit
which teacheth a man to pray,
ye would know that ye must pray.

For the evil spirit
teacheth not a man to pray,
But teacheth him
that he must not pray.

But behold, I say unto you t
hat ye must pray always and not faint.
That ye must not perform anything unto the Lord
save in the first place ye shall
pray unto the Father in the name of Christ.

That He will
consecrate thy performance
unto thee.
That thy performance may be
for the welfare of thy soul.

2 Nephi 15

And now I, Nephi, cannot write all the things
which were taught among **my people**,
Neither am I mighty in writing,
like unto speaking.

For when a man
speaketh by the power of the Holy Ghost,
the power of the Holy Ghost
carrieth it unto the hearts
of the children of men.
But behold, there are many
that **harden their hearts**
against the Holy Spirit,
that it hath no place in them;

Wherefore, they
cast many things away
which are **written**
and esteem them as things of naught.
But I, Nephi,
have written what I have **written**.
And I esteem it as of great worth,
and especially unto my people,

For I pray for **them**
continually
by day,
And mine eyes water my pillow
by night
because of **them**;
And I **cry** unto
my God in faith
and I know that
He will hear **my cry**.
And I **know that**
the Lord God
will consecrate my prayers
for the gain of my people;

And the things which I
have written in weakness
will He make strong
unto them.
For it persuadeth them to do good.
It maketh known unto them of their fathers.

And it speaketh of Jesus,
and persuadeth men to believe in Him.
And to endure to the end,
which is life eternal.

And it speaketh harsh against sin,
according to the plainness of the truth.

Wherefore, no man will be angry at the **words which I have written**,
save he shall be of the spirit of the devil.

I glory in plainness,
I glory in truth.
I glory in my Jesus,
for He hath redeemed my soul from hell.

I have charity for my people,
and great faith in Christ.
That I shall meet many souls spotless at His judgment seat.

I have charity for the Jew –
I say Jew because I mean them from whence I came.
I also have charity for the Gentiles;

But behold, for none of these I cannot hope,
except they shall be reconciled unto Christ,
And enter into the narrow gate
and walk in the strait path which leads to life.
And continue in the path
until the end of the day of probation.

And now my beloved brethren,
and also Jew
and all ye ends of the earth:
Hearken unto these words
and believe in Christ.

And if ye **believe not in these words,**
believe in Christ.
And if ye shall
believe in Christ,
ye will **believe in these words,**
for they are the words of Christ
and He hath given them unto me.
And they teach all men that they should do good.

And if they **are not the** words of Christ,
judge ye.

(previously set the standard for
praying, now demonstrates it for his
people)

(Then Nephi prays/cries // then God
hears cries/prayers.

All for the gain of his people)

(Chiasm over the chapter break
above:

Must Pray

Consecrate performance

Power of holy ghost carries to heart

Many reject

Many esteem words as naught

He esteems as great worth

His prayers by day and night)

Consecrated for performance

Prays continually)

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For Christ will show unto you with power and great glory
that they are His words at the last day.

And you and I shall stand face to face before His bar,
And ye shall know that I have been commanded of Him to write these
things,
notwithstanding my weakness.

And I pray the Father in the name of Christ that many of us,
if not all,
may be saved in His kingdom at that great and last day.

And now my beloved brethren,
all they which are of the house of Israel
and all ye ends of the earth:

I speak unto you as the voice of one crying from the dust:
Farewell, until that great day shall come.

And you that will not partake of the goodness of God
and respect the words of the Jews,
and also my words
and the words which shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the Lamb of
God:
Behold, I bid you an everlasting farewell.
For these words shall condemn you at the last day.

For what I seal on earth
shall be brought against you at the judgment bar.
For thus hath the Lord commanded me
and I must obey.
Amen.

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GENERAL IDEAS OF CHIASM OF 2 NEPHI 13-15	VERSE	REF (RLDS)
NEPHI'S WORDS	...a few words which I must speak...	2 Nephi 13:3
CHRIST/LAMB	...the doctrine of Christ;	2 Nephi 13:3
DOCTRINE		
PLAINNESS TO CHILDREN OF MEN	For my soul delighteth in plainness, this manner doth the Lord God work among the children of men.	3 Nephi 13:3
JESUS SHOWS NARROW GATE BAPTISM BY WATER	the Lamb of God did fulfill all righteousness in being baptized by water... it sheweth unto the children of men the straitness of the path and the narrowness of the gate	3 Nephi 13:4-8
FOLLOW JESUS AND RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST	To him will the Father give the Holy Ghost, like unto Me. Wherefore, follow Me and do the things which ye have seen Me do."	3 Nephi 13:15
SPEAK WITH POWER OF HOLY GHOST	then can ye speak with the tongue of angels and shout praises unto the Holy One of Israel.	3 Nephi 13:17
ENDURE TO THE END	He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."	3 Nephi 13:20
ENTER AT THE GATE DO THE THINGS JESUS DID AND SAID TO DO,	For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water, <u>And then cometh a remission of your sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost.</u> And then are ye in this strait and narrow path which leads to eternal life: <u>Yea, ye have entered in by the gate, Ye have done according to the commandments of the Father and the Son.</u>	3 Nephi 13:25
IS ALL DONE? WHAT DO WE DO?	after that ye have got into this strait and narrow path, I would ask if all is done?	3 Nephi 13:27
TO BE SAVED RELY ON JESUS MERCY-- MIGHTY TO SAVE	<u>Relying wholly upon the merits of Him who is mighty to save</u>	3 Nephi 13:28
BE STEADFAST, PERFECT BRIGHTNESS OF HOPE, LOVE GOD, ALL MEN	Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, Having a perfect brightness of hope and a love of God and of all men.	
CENTER OF CHIASM	<u>YOU WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE</u>	2 Nephi 13:30
NO OTHER WAY TO BE SAVED,	And there is none other way nor name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God. This is the Doctrine of Christ	
WHAT TO DO AFTER COMING IN AT THE GATE?	I suppose that ye ponder...(what) which ye should do after that ye have entered in by the way.	
The Word will TELL you	Wherefore, I said unto you: Feast upon the words of Christ, <u>For behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.</u>	2 Nephi 14:4
The Spirit will SHOW you	For behold, again I say unto you that if ye will enter in by the way and receive the Holy Ghost, <u>it will show unto you all things what ye should do.</u> ... Behold, this is the doctrine of Christ;	2 Nephi 14:6,7
ENTER AT THE GATE DO THE THINGS JESUS DID AND SAID TO DO, ENDURE	<u>The things which He shall say unto you shall ye observe to do.</u>	2 Nephi 14:8
ENDURE TO THE END		
SPEAK WITH POWER OF HOLY GHOST	<u>the Spirit stoppeth mine utterance.</u>	2 Nephi 14:9
SOME REFUSE THE HOLY GHOST	But behold, there are many that harden their hearts against the Holy Spirit, that it hath no place in them;	2 Nephi 15:2
JESUS IS THE WAY NARROW GATE BAPTISM BY WATER	(The Things written persuade to do good);... <u>And it speaketh of Jesus, and persuadeth men to believe in Him, and to endure to the end, which is life eternal.</u>	2 Nephi 15:5
PLAINNESS TO JEW AND GENTILE (CHILDREN OF MEN)	And it speaketh harsh against sin, according to the plainness of the truth;... I have charity for the Jew - I say Jew because I mean them from whence I came; I also have charity for the Gentiles;... And now my beloved brethren, <u>and also Jew and all ye ends of the earth</u>	2 Nephi 15:7-9
DOCTRINE OF SALVATION, TEACHES TO DO GOOD AND ENDURE	And enter into the narrow gate and walk in the strait path which leads to life, And continue in the path until the end of the day of probation...I glory in my Jesus, for <u>He hath redeemed my soul from hell</u> ... ye will believe in these words, for they are the words of Christ....And they teach all men that they should do good.	2 Nephi 15:10-12
CHRIST/LAMB	the words which shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the Lamb of God,	2 Nephi 15:17
NEPHI'S/JESUS/THE FATHER'S WORDS	... for these words shall condemn you at the last day... For thus hath the Lord commanded me and I must obey. Amen.	2 Nephi 15:18

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IS ALL DONE

--after faith

--after repentance

--after baptism?

THE ANSWER IS NO.

If all is not done after coming in at the gate, then how can simply forming the words 'I believe in Jesus' be anything CLOSE to being done?

IS ALL DONE? I SAY NO.

What is all done is living in the spirit and bearing fruit.

This is the seed planted in your heart.

Jesus was baptized in the very spot in the Jordan river where Israel crossed into the Promised Land.

This is important if you think baptism doesn't matter.

Baptism was Jesus symbolized death and resurrection. You will only reach the promised land by crossing over that gulf by him. Nephi saw He stands between you and a gulf of endless misery. You have to follow him, as he did, in your death to self, new life in him. If you know to do it, The deal is sealed in your baptism. The conditions of the church world wide are diminished in the eyes of men, but not in the eyes of Christ. There are men with the full authority of Jesus here who can baptize you because if you never were baptized by your own will, you need to know this must be your choice, your confession, your desire to witness., so you WILL.

Here is the question regarding baptism, is all done?

And now my beloved brethren, after that ye have got into this strait and narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay.

Here is the POINT: baptism is a step, and important step, but look at what is required—all these.

And look how few so many preach.

Now that you said this prayer, you have the holy ghost, now go find a bible thumping church next Sunday.

WERE THE ISRAELITES SAVED—THAT IS WAS THEIR STORY FINISHED WHEN THEY WIPED THE BLOOD ON THE DOOR POSTS?
DID THEY AUTOMATICALLY TRANSPORT INTO THE HOLY LAND?

NO. HECK NO.

WAS STORY OVER WHEN PHARAOH RELEASED THEM?

THE WATER PARTED?

BUT THAT EVIL FORCE WAS GONE. THE SINS OF YOUR PAST ARE REMITTED.

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HOW ABOUT WHEN MOSES GAVE COMMANDMENTS?

NO NO NO.

STORY WASN'T OVER UNTIL AFTER ALL THOSE THINGS THEN ENDURED FOR 40 YEARS ON MANNA.

AND MOSES DIDN'T TAKE THEM OVER (LAW OF THE FLESH), BUT JOSHUA WHOSE NAME IS YESHUA, WHICH MEANS SAVIOR. WHICH MEANS ONLY JESUS CAN TAKE YOU TO PROMISED LAND.

ETERNAL LIFE IS NOT JUST BAPTISM. ETERNAL LIFE IS ALL THESE THINGS, YOU MUST COME IN AT THE GATE.

How did Jesus demonstrate the process?

1. Starts with Humility to God.

I don't want to win the argument, or convince you this is the church by scriptures you can't refute. Many have come into the church that way. If your path does not begin with humility before God, then path will never be sure. You have to want to humble yourself before God. I don't want to simply be the one who scripturally coerced you into a corner convincing the church was restored and therefore join it for that reason. That can miss the mark by just as much. I will say the church was restored and authority is restored, but that is it.

What I will do is show you that you need every step of this process. It is the only way. The world argues with a little truth and a lot of misunderstanding.

The rest is about your sin and whether you want to come in at the gate of salvation.

But YOU CAN KNOW WITH ASSURETY