The Message of Salvation In 5 minutes

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- 1. God created all things. Creation has rules. The rules were created by God. <u>2 Nephi 1:95</u>
- 2. One rule is that nothing unclean can be where God is. <u>1 Nephi 3:35</u>
- 3. Gods words must be fulfilled as He Spoke them. This is part of Justice. Or God would cease to be God. Yet this cannot be. <u>Alma 19:95</u>
- 4. This existence created by God, BOTH the good and the bad. God Entices us to good; however the devil entices us to evil. <u>Moroni 7:10 Moroni 7:11</u>
- 5. We must be enticed. <u>God created sinful enticing things, but God does not entice us to sin.</u> <u>2 Nephi 1:99-100</u>
- 6. Scoffers suggest God can't be a God of love because bad things exist in the world. <u>The point</u> of salvation is that God's purpose is to redeem us from these bad things. He offers the only answer to our dilemma. <u>Mosiah 1:116 Alma 18:11 Helaman 2:71</u>
- 7. He alone paid the price himself so that one day we could be free from these bad things. <u>Alma 16:236</u>
- 8. Without the price paid, bad is all we will know. The devil will be our master forever. <u>2 Nephi</u> <u>1:70 2 Nephi 1:103 2 Nephi 6:40 2 Nephi 6:85 2 Nephi 11:94</u> <u>2 Nephi 6:20-21</u>
- 9. His dying (the atonement) also covers the ignorant and children. These have part in the first resurrection. <u>Mosiah 1:107 Mosiah 8:58 Mosiah 8:60 Mosiah 1:114 Moroni 8:20-25</u>
- We are FREE to Act for Ourselves. This comes because God gave man knowledge. We are FREE to respond to Enticement according to our wills. We are free Return to God or remain Separated from Him. <u>2 Nephi 1:99-100</u>, <u>2 Nephi 1:110</u> <u>2 Nephi 7:40 Helaman 5:85</u>
- 11. Our will exercised over God's will or commands is sin. Sin has Consequences. Sin separated us from God for eternity by Adam and Eve's self-will. <u>2 Nephi 6:14 Alma 7:12 Alma 19:88</u>
- 12. Because man broke God's rules, all humanity was (instantly) under <u>the grasp of justice</u>. <u>Permanently separated from God.</u> This is the first death. <u>Alma 19:96</u>

- 13. Sin Created the 'First Death' which was a physical (of our body) and spiritual (of our spirit) death. The spirit already 'died' by being cut off from God. The body will also die. <u>Helaman</u> <u>5:70</u> <u>Alma 19:90</u>
- 14. The point of Salvation is to save us from the Second Death which is Eternal. In that, the body will be made new. The spirit will also become revived by being cleansed from sin (eternal chiasm). Jacob 2:65 Alma 9:28 Alma 9:52
- 15. Humanity had no means of our own to remove our sin. Christ was the only answer. <u>Alma</u> <u>19:93</u>, <u>2 Nephi 8:12</u>
- 16. The plan of salvation teaches that there is one and only one way that mercy can overcome justice, or in other words that sin could be removed. That was by an infinite atonement. <u>Alma 16:208</u> <u>2 Nephi 6:16</u>
- 17. The Christian saying that 'there is nothing we have to do,' is incorrect. Rather, it is that 'there was nothing we could have done.' What we are required to do is reconcile our will to Him, come in at the Gate by Him, and push forward for Him until the end. <u>2 Nephi 7:41-42</u> <u>Jacob 3:16 2 Nephi 6:81-82 2 Nephi 13:29-30</u>
 - That is the misunderstanding of Evangelicals;
 - This is the truth offered by the Book of Mormon
- Since our will changed for evil, we must reconcile our evil hearts back to gods will.
 Then it is only by the grace and goodness of God that salvation is offered. <u>2 Nephi 7:41-42</u>
- 19. First, there must be a sacrifice in proportion to the transgression. <u>The cost of humanity's sin</u> <u>was infinite</u>. <u>2 Nephi 6:15-16</u>, <u>Alma 16:208-210</u>, <u>Alma 16:213</u>
- 20. There was only one form of payment that could pay an infinite debt. God, the creator would take on flesh living a perfect life, and die in the hands of his own creation. <u>2 Nephi 7:6</u>
- 21. That payment (the infinite atonement) and our repentance would allow mercy to (legally, fairly) overcome justice. This is the only way justice can be overcome. <u>Alma 19:104-106</u>
- 22. We have to understand the seriousness of our sin. Alma 19:96
 - The healthy person hopes for 10,000 things; the sick person hopes for only 1.
 - We have to realize our 'sickness'—to be cut off from God--our eternal separation from God. To be our hope for salvation as the sick person only hopes for healing.
 - Having Hope in His redemption to be restored to Him MUST be our focus, our Hope.
- 23. The Heart Must Change. We must feel sorry about our sin. This is Repentance, Repentance brings change. The change is a reconciliation of our (natural, carnal) will back to God's will. This is the only way to inherit the kingdom. <u>Mosiah 11:187 Alma 3:86</u>

- 24. Our own rebellion got us into trouble, our willful change of heart can get us out of trouble. If our heart changes, the atonement is applied so that at the last day our sin can be fully removed. <u>Alma 5:24</u> <u>Mosiah 2:3</u>
- 25. Mercy can overcome justice if we appeal to God with a changed heart. <u>3 Nephi 11:33 Alma</u> <u>19:104</u>
- 26. <u>The Creator—God the Father-- took on flesh and became human as Jesus</u>. This is imperative to understand. God did not send a surrogate, <u>He became the sacrifice</u>. <u>This is because only an infinite payment could pay an infinite debt</u>. No other 'sacrifice' could be <u>sufficient to pay the price</u>. Otherwise we were Cast Out, Cut Off. <u>Mosiah 8:28</u> <u>Mosiah 1:97</u>
- 27. <u>By His Blood, Our sin is fully removed. Otherwise it is fully retained.</u>

If our hearts become softened, we can appeal to God with a broken heart and contrite spirit and mercy will be applied. Otherwise there is no mercy and justice is applied and we retain our sin. <u>Alma 19:68</u>

- 28. <u>Baptism</u> is of two types, because redemption is of two types: the body and the spirit.
 - Baptism by water represents that our bodies will be made alive again.
 - Baptism by the Holy Ghost signifies, our spirits will be eternally cleansed.

This is also manifest in Communion-

- The bread for His body (our bodies to rise again to life eternal);
- The wine for His Blood (which cleanses our Spirits' sin to eternal life)
- 29. God gives us the Holy Ghost as a reminder of the surety of these things. 2 Nephi 13:26
- 30. <u>To be baptized by water and receive the Holy Ghost is to come in at the gate</u>. Jesus did this (baptism by water/spirit), to provide the example for all flesh of submission. <u>2 Nephi</u> <u>13:23-24</u>
- 31. God is not deceived. He knows whose hearts have changed when we meet Him at the gate. <u>2 Nephi 6:81-82</u>
- 32. In this life, once we pass through the gate, <u>our work is not over</u>. We must live <u>pressing</u> <u>forward</u>, led by His Word and His Spirit until the end of our days. <u>2 Nephi 6:81-82</u>, <u>2 Nephi 13:27</u>, <u>2 Nephi 14:4-6</u>
- 33. Judgment occurs at the last day, whether our life Works proved our hearts had changed or not. The Gentile Restoration has misunderstood salvation and taught salvation incorrectly by suggesting infinite levels of salvation. The true church of Jesus teaches full redemption, or complete rejection. <u>3 Nephi 11:33</u>
- 34. If our hearts changed, grace and mercy are fully applied, and our sin is completely removed. Repentant Sinners stand on God's right hand. Sin is washed away. They are restored to God in eternal happiness. <u>Alma 16:236</u>

- 35. If we remain in rebellion, and our hearts are hardened, justice remains. The devil will have all power over us. <u>2 Nephi 6:72</u>, <u>Mosiah 8:77</u>
- 36. Unrepentant Sinners stand on God's left hand. We remain in our sin for eternity, fully aware of our sin and misery. It is an awful death, but you cannot die. This is how Justice remains Eternal, (and God remains God.) <u>Mosiah 3:13</u> <u>Mosiah 3:16</u>
- 37. The book of Mormon is the purest form of gods plain word to us presently on the earth. Its language is plain and easy to understand. <u>Alma 3:72</u>
- 38. The Book of Mormon also promises a day to come when God sees fit for it to return... <u>2 Nephi 11:83 3 Nephi 13:41 3 Nephi 13:54</u>
 - the words of original people who wrote it, will reach their descendants who are yet alive today.
 - These are people of the house of Israel. They came to the Americas in groups. We only know of the Nephite group from Israel.
 - God knows who they are and where they are.
 - In God's own time, they will be restored to the truth of God, and be restored to their lands of inheritance.
- 39. Jesus promised to be in our midst one day when the work begins to re-gather, these lost descendants to the truth. <u>1 Nephi 3:201 3 Nephi 10:1</u>
 - We hope for that day of peace and it will be called Zion.
 - The early Gentiles who received the Book of Mormon <u>incorrectly believed</u> it was their commission 'to build' Zion. The Book of Mormon explains this differently. The physical city will be built by the remnant of Joseph, after their hearts turn to him. Also after judgement on the Gentiles. Repentant gentiles assist the remnant of Joseph to build a city and gather the remnant to it.
 - Zion is a much greater idea than what I believe we have been taught traditionally in the restoration.
 - It is a gathering of lost Israel back to him first—spiritually and Physically.
 - The Gentiles are to take the words back to the remnant of Joseph, and if we are repentant, be numbered among them, the covenant people of God