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HOW TO COMMIT TO CHRIST

The importance of an inward commitment to the Lord is symbolized as we partake of the sacrament. Contrast it to other promises made in life, usually symbolized by an outward sign, such as a raised hand or a written signature. The Lord has invited us to symbolize our covenant with Him by a sign that is inward as well as outward. When the sacred emblems of His flesh and blood are administered to us, **we are invited to take them into our bodies.** As we do, His atoning sacrifice literally becomes a part of our own identity.

One day **you will be asked** if you **took upon yourself the name of Christ** and if you were **faithful to that covenant.** The newest convert makes the same covenant that each of us has made, to take upon us the Lord's name. We are all allowed—even encouraged—to achieve the fulness of the stature of Christ (see Ephesians 4:13).

I come to you now in my true identity as a husband, a father, and an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. My priorities are my wife, my family, and my ministry. I am to teach plain and precious things that have been restored in these latter days. As special witnesses of His name in all the world, the Apostles “talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ” (2 Nephi 25:26).

In a very real way, you bear similar responsibility. As Jesus said to His faithful followers in ancient America, He would surely say to you, “Ye are my disciples; and ye are a light unto this people, who are a remnant of the house of Joseph” (3 Nephi 15:12). You and I are **bear witness;** we are to **minister;** we are to **enlighten;** we are to **be an example** to all who come within our sphere of influence.

This privilege is ours, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year—even on vacation. The Savior stated simply: “What manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am” (3 Nephi 27:27). Your most sincere sign of adoration of Jesus is your emulation of Him. **NE**

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HOW HAVE YOU APPLIED THIS?

I come unto Christ by going to church every Sunday, being reverent in Church meetings, reading scriptures, and by simply talking to Heavenly Father by praying. Heavenly Father appreciates all that we do for Him, even if it's just a small thing.

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Coming unto Christ means living in a way that allows us to draw near unto Him and always have His Spirit to be with us, taking the sacrament worthily, and sharing the gospel by word and by deed.

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