ELDER OF THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

GREAT LOVE FOR OUR FATHER'S CHILDREN

Charity, which is "the pure love of Christ" [Moroni 7:47], includes God's eternal love for all His children.

My purpose . . . is to emphasize the essential role of that kind of love in missionary work, temple and family history work, and home-centered, Church-supported family religious observance. . . .

Missionary Effort to Gather Scattered Israel

... The attribute of love [is] essential to missionary work in our day, just as it has always been....

When it comes to gathering Israel, we need to align our hearts with this kind of love and move away from feelings of mere responsibility or guilt to feelings of love and participation in the divine partnership of sharing the Savior's message, ministry, and mission with the world.

As members we can show our love for the Savior and our brothers and sisters throughout the world by making simple invitations. The new Sunday meeting schedule represents an exceptional opportunity for members to successfully and lovingly invite friends and associates to come and see and feel a Church experience. . . .

Temple and Family History Effort to Gather Israel

Love is also at the center of our temple and family history effort to gather Israel on the other side of the veil. . . . Our temple

and family history effort has been strengthened to a significant degree by the new adjustments in both the Sunday meeting schedule and the youth advancement in classes and quorums. These changes provide for earlier and more powerful attention to learning about our ancestors and gathering Israel on the other side of the veil. Both temple and family history work are greatly enhanced. . . .

... I promise that lovingly performing ordinances for ancestors will strengthen and protect our youth and families in a world that is becoming increasingly evil....

Prepare Eternal Families and Individuals to Live with God

The new emphasis on home-centered gospel study and living and the resources that are provided by the Church are a great opportunity for lovingly preparing eternal families and individuals to meet and live with God....

I promise that as we focus on our love for the Savior and His Atonement, make Him the centerpiece of our efforts to gather Israel on both sides of the veil, minister to others, and individually prepare to meet God, the influence of the adversary will be diminished and the joy, delight, and peace of the gospel will magnify our homes with Christlike love.



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