

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Skyline Ward

April 11, 2021



Our salvation depends on believing in and accepting the Atonement. Such acceptance requires a continual effort to understand it more fully. The evil influence of Satan would destroy any hope we have in overcoming our mistakes. He would have us feel that we are lost and that there is no hope. In contrast, Jesus reaches down to us to lift us up. Through our repentance and the gift of the Atonement, we can prepare to be worthy to stand in His presence.

Welcome and Announcements

<i>Presiding:</i>	<i>Bishop Beau Keenan</i>
<i>Conducting:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Opening Hymn:</i>	<i>#134 "I Believe in Christ"</i>
<i>Invocation:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Ward Business:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Sacrament Hymn:</i>	<i>#194 "There is a Green Hill Far Away"</i>

Passing of the Sacrament

<i>Speakers:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Closing Hymn:</i>	<i>#66 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"</i>
<i>Benediction:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>

Church Broadcast link: Sundays at 10:30 am.

<http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/Events/renonevadastake>

Be sure to use the ward website for the latest announcements:

<https://renonvstakeinfo.org/>

Stake Young Women Camp 2021

The registration form can be found on the Stake YW Camp website.

Church time and in-person changes!

Starting this Sunday, everyone is invited to the new sacrament meeting at 10:30 am. Sacrament meeting will still be broadcast, but RS, Sunday school and Primary will only be in-person.



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James E. Faust, October 2001
The Atonement: Our Greatest Hope

Paul gave a simple explanation for the need of the Atonement: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Jesus Christ was appointed and foreordained to be our Redeemer before the world was formed. With His divine sonship, His sinless life, the shedding of His blood in the Garden of Gethsemane, His excruciating death on the cross and subsequent bodily Resurrection from the grave, He became the author of our salvation and made a perfect Atonement for all mankind.

Understanding what we can of the Atonement and the Resurrection of Christ helps us to obtain a knowledge of Him and of His mission. Any increase in our understanding of His atoning sacrifice draws us closer to Him. Literally, the Atonement means to be "at one" with Him. The nature of the Atonement and its effects is so infinite, so unfathomable, and so profound that it lies beyond the knowledge and comprehension of mortal man. I am profoundly grateful for the principle of saving grace. Many people think they need only confess that Jesus is the Christ and then they are saved by grace alone. We cannot be saved by grace alone, "for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, *after* all we can do."

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. ...

"... He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

No man knows the full weight of what our Savior bore, but by the power of the Holy Ghost we can know something of the supernal gift He gave us.

In the words of our sacrament hymn:

*We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.*

He suffered so much pain, "indescribable anguish," and "overpowering torture" for our sake. His profound suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He took upon Himself all the sins of all other mortals, caused Him "to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit." "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly," saying, "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done."