cure from the penalty of that crime and
will be forever so long as I abide by that
principle or law. It is just so with the
principles of the Gospel—they are a ben-
efit or not, just as they are or are not ap-
plied in our lives.

Then let us be faithful and hum-
ble; let us live the religion of Christ,
put away our follies and sins and the
weaknesses of the flesh, and cleave
to God and His truth with undivided
hearts, and with full determination to
fight the good fight of faith and continue
steadfast to the end, which may God
grant us power to do is my prayer in the
name of Jesus: Amen.

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THE SACRAMENT—THE CHURCH OF
CHRIST—DIFFERENT DOGMAS OF CHRISTIANITY—BOOK
OF MORMON—THE TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH SMITH.

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The occasion of administering the
Sacrament, the emblems of the death
and sufferings of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ, is a suitable time for ev-
every Latter-day Saint to make the inquiry,
why are we Latter-day Saints; and for
making an examination of some of the
reasons which have moved upon us to re-
ceive the doctrines of this Latter-day dis-

densation, thereby subjecting ourselves
to the jeers, scoffs and ridicule of our for-
mer friends and acquaintances.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-
day Saints was organized on the 6th
of April, 1830, with six members, who
had received baptism through the ad-
ministration of Joseph Smith and Oliver
Cowdery, the first elders of the Church.
The cause of that organization is some-
thing we should consider when we in-
quire, why we are Latter-day Saints.
At that time, as at present, there ex-
isted in the world a great variety of re-
ligious denominations, which were di-
vided under general heads, and sub-
divided into smaller divisions. Those
who worship idols comprise probably
more than one-half of the inhabitants
of the earth; the followers of Mahomet,
a very large portion of the remainder,
perhaps one hundred and fifty millions
of people. They receive the doctrines
of the Arabian prophet. They discard
idols, and follow the rules, precepts
and ceremonies laid down in the Ko-
ran. They are subdivided into numer-
ous sects. The portion of the world
who acknowledge the Christian religion
probably embraces a population of two
hundred and fifty millions, the three
main divisions of which are the Holy
Catholic Church, or Church of Rome,
the Greek Church, and the Protestant
Churches. There are a great many
subdivisions of the Protestant Churches,
such as the Lutheran, Baptist, Episco-
pal, Presbyterian, Methodist, and oth-
ers. I will not undertake to enumerate
them. I have heard it said that the num-er corresponds with the number of the