Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost

By John Crane, November 2020

Introduction

I am writing this because a member of a Facebook group asked me if I had received the Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost (BFHG). I said 'yes', and he asked me to explain what I did to receive it. This is pretty amazing to me for a number of reasons. I just came off attending three Zoom meetings with Phil Davis and several members of this group and others, where Phil taught us about this ordinance. Phil asked us to pray and ask Father if we had already received this ordinance, and also ask, if not, how would our life change if we did receive it?

I had already received confirmation that I had received it, but Father told me that if I wanted more confirmation, then I should go over in my mind the events that happened. When I did so, at the most critical moment of the event (I'll tell you when that was, later.), I received an overwhelming confirmation, again. Then, I was prompted that I would probably be called upon in one of Phil's meetings to describe the event, as others had done, so I should begin thinking more about writing it up. Then, somebody asked about it this morning. How did he know to ask me, just at this particular time?

I told him I had to work out on the treadmill and then eat breakfast. I usually get revelation while on the treadmill. I am a person that can't sit still. I have to be moving all the time. The Lord didn't disappoint. He gave me six new insights that I had never realized, over a period of 45 minutes. As a result of those insights, am able to write up a paper that is much more descriptive of what happened, and I learned some valuable lessons that I hope will be of use to you.

What is the Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost?

I am taking this from what Phil spoke about at these meetings. Maybe I'm telling you something you already know, but it's new to me, and probably new to others. Phil knows what he is talking about. He is a friend of PR. Phil was on the outing that the "brothers" on the mountain at Parowan Gap in 2015. I have now read or heard three accounts of that trip from three different people. On that occasion, PR received his BFHG, and on that same occasion Phil received his second comforter.

As a reminder to all of us, I wrote an email earlier this week, describing my experiences, to PR. Again, he reminded me to seek answers directly from the Lord, and not lean on him, Phil, or Dean Taylor, who also figures in this write-up. Don't lean on me, either. I am going to describe a lot of things that happened, and it might sound like everything happened in order, and I knew everything that was happening and why. The truth is, I never figured this all out until this morning, and I had a lot of help from the Lord.

For those of you who attended Phil's meetings, or who understand this better than I do, please feel free to add or correct.

Let's start with the assumption that you all know about the Doctrine of Christ. If not, search for it in the Book of Mormon. It appears about three times, to my recollection. There are three pillars to the Doctrine of Christ. If you follow the steps given in these references, these are really the steps you need to go through:

- Repentance and baptism by water 2 Nephi 31:13
- Baptism of Fire, Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost 2 Nephi 31:17
- Entering into the rest of the Lord (eternal life, fullness of His Glory, Calling & Election sure) 2
 Nephi 31:20

Actually, you should study 2 Nephi 31, and 32 in full.

Consider this from the D&C:

- 39:1. Hearken and listen to the voice of him who is from all eternity to all eternity, the Great I AM, even Jesus Christ--
- 39:2. The light and the life of the world; a light which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not;
- 39:3. The same which came in the meridian of time unto mine own, and mine own received me not:
- 39:4. But to as many as received me [in the manner which I shall show him (those who have received this ordinance)], gave I power to become my sons; and even so will I give unto as many as will receive me, power to become my sons [and daughters].
- 39:5. And verily, verily, I say unto you, he that receiveth my gospel receiveth me; and he that receiveth not my gospel receiveth not me.
- 39:6. And this is my gospel--repentance and baptism by water, and then cometh the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, even [then] the Comforter, which showeth all things, and teacheth the peaceable things of the kingdom.

The BFHG is the foundation of the Gospel. What more significant thing could we seek after?

Phil teaches that every step along the path is a new ascension, which we must enter with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. We need to pray and give the Father permission to give us the experiences which we need to ascend through each phase. We must enter into a new covenant with Him during each phase. (And I would add, each covenant is unique to us and the Lord in our own particular situation.

2 Nephi 31:19 And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this strait and narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save.

Seek by revelation to know what you should do. Belief and trust is Hope. Faith is seeking revelation, receiving it, and acting on it. There is not one veil which we must pierce. There are thousands of veils we must pierce.

2 Nephi 32:6 Behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, and there will be no more doctrine given until after he shall manifest himself unto you in the flesh. And when he shall manifest himself unto you in the flesh, the things which he shall say unto you shall ye observe to do.

This is not talking about Christ's appearance to the Nephites. This is talking about Christ's appearance to you, personally. He will teach you personally. These two chapters are a summary of Lehi's vision of the Tree of Life. The iron rod is revelation. The Tree of Life is Christ. Partaking of the fruit of the Tree of Life is when Christ teaches you. The entire vision is a picture of the Doctrine of Christ.

Priesthood

Phil went into a lot of detail about this. This might seem tedious and unimportant, but knowing this helped me understand better what happened to me and why. Without these guidelines, and some insights I received from the Lord this morning, I would still be lost and confused about exactly what I received. The Lord is meticulous. He keeps track of all this stuff, and he wants us to have a full understanding of what is happening. He has to be meticulous. Satan is waiting for a slip-up in order to find a loop-hole so as to gain an inroad, and frustrate the work of the Lord, but it can't and won't be frustrated. The Lord is more intelligent than them all, and He delights in proving all his words.

This is a very brief summary of Priesthood – just enough to understand BFHG.

Orders of Priesthood (That we know about)

- Levitical appendage to Aaronic
- Aaronic appendage to Melchizedek
- Apostolic order of Melchizedek Priesthood
- Patriarchal order of Melchizedek Priesthood

A BFHG is an ordinance of the Priesthood. It must be administered by somebody possessing the Apostolic order of the Melchizedek Priesthood. This would be the Lord, himself, or somebody who is "ordained and sealed" unto this power.

D&C 76:52. That by keeping the commandments they might be washed and cleansed from all their sins, and receive the Holy Spirit by the laying on of the hands of him who is **ordained** and **sealed** unto this power;

Phil explains: there are very few men on earth at this time who possess this authority and power, but soon there will be more. A person obtains authority when they are ordained by the Lord. They obtain power, after having proven their faithfulness, when the Lord seals their ordination. The Lord always delegates authority to man, whenever He can. Phil had a revelation that Nephi's father, Nephi, who held the sealing power came down from heaven, ordained his son, Nephi, the disciple, to receive the BFHG, and then administer it to the other disciples.

The Lord is the only one who can seal the ordinance, which must occur before the actual event of the BFHG commences.

2 Nephi 9:41 O then, my beloved brethren, come unto the Lord, the Holy One. Remember that his paths are righteous. Behold, the way for man is narrow, but it lieth in a straight course before him, and the keeper of the gate is the Holy One of Israel; and he employeth no servant there; and there is none other way save it be by the gate; for he cannot be deceived, for the Lord God is his name.

What Happens

Phil lists what happens. I didn't know any of this was supposed to happened when it happened to me, but it happened this way for me.

- 1. Ordination by one who is ordained and sealed. (Happened a couple of days earlier for me.)
- 2. Pray unto the Father in the Name of Jesus that the Holy Ghost be given (3 Nephi 19:8-9)
- 3. Christ prays to the Father and pleads your case for you (John 14:14, 3 Nephi 19:19-32 This happened for me months earlier.)
- 4. Person leaves their body and is transfigured
- 5. Fire comes down from heaven and encircles the person.
- 6. Fire enters into the person.
- 7. Angels come and minister.
- 8. Christ himself comes and ministers.
- 9. I actually heard voices, but I don't know if this is standard. The experience can vary for each individual.

I added point #2 because this is what I was specifically instructed to do. And, although I was ordained and sealed to receive this, it didn't actually happen for me until I specifically requested it. It was explained to me that this is a law of heaven, and that when applied, this principle "worked like clockwork". However, don't pray for the BFHG unless God prompts you to ask for it, and this could be at any time. But, if God prompts you to ask for something, you can be assured that He will grant your request.

What is the Holy Ghost?

The answer I am getting from both these responses is that in addition to the Holy Ghost within us and the Holy Spirit is the mind of God, and a personage.

https://purerevelations.wordpress.com/our-temporal-progression/#comment-4785

Question about the above post: I don't quite understand why the word "personage" or "individual" is used in the teachings of Joseph Smith. The nature of the Holy Spirit has got me confused more than ever. So far, I understand it as the power and glory shared between Heavenly beings (Father, Mother, Christ, messengers). [Answer: The Holy Spirit is the mind of God, as it is described in the Lectures on Faith. The Holy Ghost term can be used in the same way. This power is the glory of God shared amongst His servants. The Holy Ghost gift is a change of one's spirit to a higher level of glory. The personage is either the soul after it has received the glory, or the Spirit being exercised by someone. PR]

Who Administers the Baptism of Fire?

My Question: The one-time Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost has to be administered by a person ordained and sealed in the Apostolic Order of the Melchizedek Priesthood, if I am understanding this correctly. You also mentioned that the Baptism of Fire must be part of every Type 3 ascension, and that we should seek the Baptism of Fire every day. My question is does the Baptism of Fire need to be administered every time, by somebody having authority, or is that a one time for all occurrence?

It seems to me like it would only be necessary to administer this ordinance one time, and this would automatically entitle the person to seek and obtain it on their own, thereafter.

Phil's Answer: (I am breaking this down so I can digest it.)

Joseph said that three baptisms make one, i.e.,

- o the baptism of water (into the terrestrial order),
- o the baptism of fire,
- o and baptism of the Holy Ghost.

There is a difference between a **baptism of fire** and the **ordinance of baptism of fire and the baptism of the Holy Ghost**.

While we may have many **baptisms of fire throughout our life**, which purpose is to sanctify us, **we** receive the ordinance of baptism of fire and baptism of the Holy Ghost only once.

A baptism of fire always accompanies the baptism of the Holy Ghost and that baptism of fire will be the most significant of all baptisms of fire until one comes into Christs presence in the fullness of his glory.

A baptism of fire is presided over by the man who officiates in the office of Holy Ghost.

The ordinance of baptism of fire and the baptism of the Holy Ghost must be performed by a man who is ordained and sealed to the apostolic (first order) of the Melchizedek priesthood, and be sealed by Christ.

What it Means

- 1. You are born again as a son or daughter of Christ.
- 2. The Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost is an event not a process.
- 3. You can have many baptisms of fire throughout your life as a cleansing. PR suggests you will have a baptism of fire every time you ascend to the presence of Christ, but only one Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost.
- 4. Your sins are remitted.
- 5. You are sanctified.
- 6. You have no desire to sin.
- 7. If 2nd estate, you become 3rd estate (PR)
- 8. Opens the floodgates of revelation

Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost

There has been a lot written about the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, so as an example, and by way of testimony, here is my description of my baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost.

I say the word "my", not out of vanity, but the emphasize the fact that, while there are general things which must happen, each person will experience it differently, making the experience uniquely "yours". This ordinance is performed by God, personally, and He takes extra care to make it unique and memorable.

I also tend to shy away from bearing my testimony, not because I am afraid or ashamed. I am happy to bear my testimony at all times and at all places, but there is a tendency for people to think, when they hear something like this, that the person is tacitly claiming authority over a person by touting their spiritual experiences and callings. In my case, nothing could be further from the truth. As one who has received this baptism, I have covenanted to be a witness for God at all times and at all places. To be silent would be to deny my testimony, and also the Holy Ghost, which I will not do.

I am also hesitant to tell everything that happened, but the Lord wants me to tell it all. So, this is going to be long. Many times, we "set up stakes". We paint the Lord into a corner and actually try and dictate to Him what He can and cannot do. But, when we have faith in the Lord, He can show us that He specializes in doing what they say can't be done.

I was born into an inactive, part-member family in the church. I was raised in a tiny branch. I studied the Gospel on my own, and became converted to the Gospel by reading the scriptures and books by early church leaders. After we moved into a ward, I used to walk up to the bishop's house and read all his books. I remember this particular quote that really impressed me.

"We consider that God has created man with a mind capable of instruction, and a faculty which may be enlarged in proportion to the heed and diligence given to the light communicated from heaven to the intellect; and that the nearer man approaches perfection, the clearer are his views, and the greater his enjoyments, till he has overcome the evils of his life and lost every desire for sin; and like the ancients, arrives at that point of faith where he is wrapped in the power and glory of his Maker, and is caught up to dwell with Him." History of the Church, 2:8.

I met a few people in the Church who actually believed things like that and talked about it, but they were usually on the fringes of the Church, and not in the mainstream at all. But I wanted to know more. I was never a big leader in the Church. I served a mission, got an MBA from BYU, married in the temple, had four children. But I was constantly searching for more. I had questions that the Church couldn't answer.

My Timeline

1982 – Excommunicated from the Church. I thereafter covenanted with the Lord that I was going to "make it back". When I was excommunicated from the church, the stake president told me at my trial that I "was no longer under covenant to the church, and this would make it easier to repent". What a sense of relief when I heard this! I was determined to somehow "make it back", though at the time, I didn't exactly know what that meant. (I know now, that it meant that I was going to make it back to the Lord.)

1982 – Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost. I was told this at the time, and later prayed to confirm it. I didn't learn until recently about the condemnation that the Church was under (D&C 84:54-55). According to some, the BFHG was, therefore, no longer available to church members until the keys were returned to the earth so as to continue this work. If this is true, then by being excommunicated back in 1982, I was no longer under covenant to the Church, and no longer under the condemnation of the Church, and was able to deal directly with the Lord as a free agent.

April 1985 – I covenanted with the Lord to dedicate my life to Him and serve Him.

April 1985 – Another baptism of Fire. Followed by many revelations and spiritual experiences over the years. I was getting closer to the Lord, but I didn't know exactly where I was on the path, or where I stood with Him. I had a great relationship with the Lord, but I never knew there was so much more.

July 2019 – I have been a believer in the Doctrine of Christ before, but after I read *Conversing with the Lord Through the Veil*, I was convinced to fully embrace the Everlasting Covenant, and to seek revelation, receive it, and act on it. I began praying constantly to the Lord covenanting to obey Him and only Him, and reading the experiences of those who were seeking or had experienced the second comforter. Since doing so, I have noticed an incredible change in my personality and the way I approached life. Repentance, prayer, overcoming temptation, practicing charity, gifts of the spirit, faith, communion with God, all changed from being impossible to being actually doable. I have grown to know the Lord better than ever before in my life.

February 11, 2020 – I recorded the events of this day in my journal as they happened, not understanding that they were all leading up to my baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. I was kneeling in prayer asking the Lord to help me come to Him. I felt a Presence in the room, and looked over, and kneeling next to me was the Lord. Instead of me coming to Him, He came to Me! He comes to meet you where you are! We prayed again together for a while, then He took a step or two away, and prayed to the Father for me. I felt what the people in the Book of Mormon must have felt when they saw Jesus praying to the Father for them. (3 Nephi 17:17 "And no tongue can speak, neither can there be written by any man, neither can the hearts of men conceive so great and marvelous things as we both saw and heard Jesus speak; and no one can conceive of the joy which filled our souls at the time we heard him pray for us unto the Father.")

February 11, 2020 – "At some point during this meditation, the Father and the Son came, laid their hands on me, and ordained me. The Father on my right, the Son on my left. I will need to ponder the significance of what happened and just what I did receive. ... The Spirit bore witness that they were there. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Now, it is up to me to ponder what I received. I venture to say, that in the entries that follow, the effects will have become evident." (Personal Journal)

I realized later that part of the BFHG is that the Savior pleads your case to the Father that he may adopt you as his son or daughter, and they were also beginning to administer the BFHG and they were ordaining me or blessing me prior to my BFHG. I didn't get any of the words they were saying, but I know that at the proper time, what they said will be revealed to me. I don't know if this experience was supposed to continue or not, but for some reason the experience ended. I look back and think that the reason why it did not continue was because I had not explicitly asked for a BFHG, having supposed that I had received it back in 1985. You have to specifically ask for what you desire. You have to express your faith. This whole experience up till now, and what I am about to describe seemed to me to be completely natural, relaxed and not dramatic in the least.

February 25, 2020 – I visited with (edit), his wife, and another family who just returned from a mission in Africa. (edit), who had had experiences with the Savior many times, explained to me that the Lord had called him to be "an apostle to the nations". He held the Apostolic Order of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and told me of the many times that the Lord directed him to people who were prepared, and he gave them their Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost, but had never received it himself. I asked "Why not? The Lord could send some heavenly messenger to do it?" He told me he was waiting for some mortal person to administer it to him, then the Lord would seal it.

I know that I have this same authority, because the Lord told me so several months ago. And at this point in our conversation, I felt the prompting that someday I would be the person to administer this ordinance to him. He told me that the Lord led his family to Texas because there were people here that he needed to meet. Was I one of them?

(edit) told me how they taught the African people and administered to them the Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost. He said it was all based on 3 Nephi 11. He also said that I needed to pray to the Father and ask Him a couple of questions. I was determined to do this anyway. I wanted to study 3 Nephi 11 and really gain a testimony of it. But what really amazed me is how could (edit) know that his advice to me was exactly the next step I should take? I believe it was inspiration which he was entitled to receive, by virtue of his apostolic calling. I didn't realize that at the time, but all the details are now starting to come together for me. He didn't offer to perform the ordinance on me because he probably knew through the Spirit that the ordinance had commenced already under the direction of the Lord and needed to be brought to completion.

Time and pondering over these experiences have shown me that the hand of the Lord is in every detail. Everything that happened was done as a witness to Him, and He has asked me to record it so I could bring this witness to you.

February 29, 2020 – This should be an easy day to remember. This was the day it happened.

The Experience

(Edit) taught me the simple message that he taught the people. It was all of 3 Nephi 11. He said that heaven works by certain fixed laws, and when you follow the laws you get the result. When I got home, I was excited to try what he told me. I set aside a block of time the next morning. I read 3 Nephi 11 twice, praying to understand it and receive a testimony of it.

The Lord then instructed me to read or listen to 3 Nephi 11 again. This would be the third time that I read it that day. So, I downloaded an audio and listened to it. While listening, I was finally impressed by the Spirit. This was kind of like when Christ appeared to the Nephites. The people needed to hear the voice of God three times in order for it to penetrate their ears, their eyes, and their hearts.

Listening to the audio, I visualized myself among the people gathered at Bountiful. I saw the presence of the Lord, and visualized in my mind what it would be like to be called up by Him and witness the marks in His body. As I did so, the Lord called me up. I knelt at His feet and witnessed Him. Then, He asked me to stand, looked straight into my face and gave me a calling. He told me that I was called with the same calling as (edit). This was in vision, but I also felt the presence of the Lord in the room. I could see him appearing in glory, but it was very faint. But this was the glory of the Lord, I had previously known and experienced. He came right into the room, appeared as a being of light, but the light was very faint. Probably a reflection on my present spiritual condition and what I am able to bear. I need to understand more.

After listening to the mp3 of 3 Nephi 11, where the Lord first appeared at Bountiful, I was impressed to pray to the Father, instead of Christ, as the Lord instructed in this chapter. I told him that I was supposed to ask Him a question, but I didn't know what questions to ask, and I asked the Father to tell me what I should ask for. But, upon asking that question, immediately I knew what to ask for, and I had no doubt that the Lord would honor my request. I said, "All I know what to ask for, besides seeing You and

knowing You as You are, is to ask for the Baptism of Fire and the Holy Ghost", which I thought I had received years ago, but (edit) had said there was another one that was even more powerful. And Christ said in that chapter of the Book of Mormon to pray to the Father and ask Him for this gift.

This was the turning point of this whole experience for me: when I requested this experience.

You might think I am blindly following the arm of flesh by listening to this man, but I received a strong witness of the truth of everything he told me to do. The witness was so strong it was overpowering. If the Lord led him specially to come to Texas to meet me, I'm going to listen. All I can say is he inspires me to have exceeding faith.

After the prayer, the Father then just said "Go sit quietly and receive." I went over, sat down in a chair, closed my eyes, bowed my head. And immediately, without doing another thing on my part, and having no expectations whatsoever, I felt the Spirit and this light descend over me like a blanket of fire, from head to foot. It pressed upon me. It didn't seem to burn me like last time, but it was intense. It was a vibration that filled me with joy. Wave upon wave, faster and faster, closer and closer until one wave blended with the next. It was high level vibration. The highest I ever felt in my life. I just went with the flow. It shook me. I don't know if I could stand up. It pressed in on me and weighed down on me in the chair. I could sense the fire surrounding me. I opened my eyes once, and saw a light surrounding me, brighter than usual. Not just around my immediate body, but three feet all around me. I also saw two beings of light (the Father and the Son), faintly in their glory, standing off to the edge of the circle of fire. There were a lot of other people in the room. The Father and the Son, and a whole host of other people were there. I take them to be members of the Church of the Firstborn. They didn't say anything, but I got the impression that they were trying to recruit me and welcome me into their company.

3 Nephi 11:35 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that this is my doctrine, and I bear record of it from the Father; and whoso believeth in me believeth in the Father also; and unto him will the Father bear record of me, for he will visit him with fire and with the Holy Ghost."

This is exactly what happened.

At one point I heard a voice saying: "This is a new beginning for you, John. From now on, things will be different."

I just sat there and kept singing hymns of praise over and over in my mind.

"Come O thou King of Kings, we've waited long for thee. With healing in thy wings to set thy people free. Come make an end to sin and cleanse the earth by fire, and righteousness bring in, that saints may tune the lyre, with songs of joy, a happier strain, to welcome in thy peaceful reign."

"Glory to God on high. Let heaven and earth reply. Praise ye his name!"

I waited for the whole experience to complete. I would estimate it lasted about 15 minutes. I heard another voice tell me: "Never doubt that you have been redeemed."

Then a moment later when the experience ended, another voice said "Go and see your witness."

I knew that meant to go look in the bathroom mirror. I saw my aura, glory, halo, light -- whatever you want to call it, still surrounding my body, but it was bigger and brighter than usual. In fact, it has been

growing larger since my meeting with (edit). It was twice as large as the last time I looked. The Lord told me a couple of months ago said he was going to put up a little mini baptism of fire to surround me 24/7, and I also noticed there was a little "umbilical cord" coming out of the crown of my head reaching up to heaven. You could say it was a "tongue of fire". The Lord said that this was a witness to me. Today, as I write this, the faith that I have had all my life is turning into **knowledge**, and he is introducing me little by little to what it is like to receive knowledge, as a fruit of faith. I think this is why we had the re-do on the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, so I would be sure. The last time was 40 years ago. I am sure I needed my sins purged again, but this was the most real thing I ever experienced, I have no doubt that it was true, and was the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. It was time to receive some knowledge.

Looking back on this, this was the most real spiritual thing I have ever experienced. I could find a way to rationalize everything but not this. This was far beyond doubt. Usually, when I have a spiritual experience, Satan comes around trying to get me to doubt, but he never came then, and never has come since. He can't. There is no room for doubt. I can't imagine ever being placed in a situation where I would be tempted to deny this. I would be sinning against so much light and knowledge. Then, over the next few days, and occasionally, again I hear a voice saying to me: "Never doubt that you have been redeemed."

After this experience ended, I prayed right then for a confirmation, and I asked the Lord if he didn't mind that I prayed a couple of times throughout the day for a confirmation. He told me he could confirm this to me, but first, he wanted me to record all of what happened in my journal.

I wrote everything down. Then, a couple of hours later, out on my daily walk, I received my confirmation, not only of the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, but an understanding of the importance of the combined witness of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost which was with me. And, an overall increase of intelligence.

And He has confirmed this for me again and again. And, the best form of confirmation is to pour down even more intelligence and insight and help me truly understand what I received, and how it fits into the path I am trying to follow.

I have nothing but praise, admiration, and awe. Like John Pontius used to say: "The Gospel is not only true. It works." If it worked for Enoch, the ancient apostles, Nephi, or Joseph Smith, it will work for you and me.

I also feel a greater sense of connection than ever before. The Son, the Father, the Mother, to be part of their shared mind the Holy Spirit. I prayed and thanked Father for the opportunity to see Him and Mother again. When I mentioned "Mother", I really felt the Spirit strongly. He loves Her more than we can comprehend. But there are others too. There is truly a shared mind with them and with all who are part of the Church of the Firstborn.

This experience isn't exclusively for me. This is meant for everybody. Christ wants everybody to come to Him and experience His love for them. When things like this happen to you, you don't want to keep them to yourself. You want to share them. You don't want to set yourself up and proclaim your authority over others, you want to be the Lord's servant and bring others to Him. Nobody can bear a testimony that Jesus is the Christ save he be meek and contrite, and obey God's ordinances. (D&C 52:16) What are those ordinances? The three baptisms: water, fire, and the Holy Ghost.