Doctrine and Covenants and Church History

Tempe Institute of Religion SPRING 2025

Doctrine and Covenants

Class times: Mon & Wed, 7:45-8:35 AM, 9:00-9:50 AM

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The Objective of Institutes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:

Our purpose is to help youth and young adults deepen their conversion to Jesus Christ and His restored gospel, qualify for the blessings of the temple, and prepare themselves, their families, and others for eternal life with their Father in Heaven.

Course Description: The Doctrine and Covenants is a collection of divine revelations and inspired declarations given for the establishment and regulation of the kingdom of God on the earth in the last days. Although most of the sections are directed to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the messages, warnings, and exhortations are for the benefit of all mankind and contain an invitation to all people everywhere to hear the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ, speaking to them for their temporal well-being and their everlasting salvation. Doctrine and Covenants is unique because it is not a translation of an ancient document but is of modern origin and was given of God through His chosen prophets for the restoration of His holy work and the establishment of the kingdom of God on the earth in these days. In the revelations, one hears the tender but firm voice of the Lord Jesus Christ, speaking anew in the dispensation of the fulness of times; and the work that is initiated herein is preparatory to His Second Coming, in fulfillment of and in concert with the words of all the holy prophets since the world began.

Institute of Religion Credit (optional):

- Maintain at least 75% attendance (required to maintain parking)
- Study 75% of course preparation material
- Complete one of three learning experiences: keep a study journal, write responses to three essay questions, or
 design and complete a learning project (with teacher approval) related to the content of the course. Find more details
 here: ChurchofJesusChrist.org/si/institute/learning-experiences

Make-Up Work:

Contact Brother Petit about make up work options if you are in need, email: eduard.petit@churchofjesuschrist.org

Jan 13: Welcome Day

Jan 15 : <u>"Search These Commandments," Lesson 1:</u> Introduction

<u>Joseph Smith—History 1:15–20</u>: Joseph Smith "saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description."

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 1:30</u>: "The only true and living church."

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 1:37–38</u>: "Whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same."

Jan 20: NO CLASS

Jan 22: The Voice of Warning, Lesson 2: Section 1

Jan 27: The Lost Manuscript, Lesson 3: Sections 3,

Jan 29: Witnesses to the Book of Mormon, Lesson 4: Sections 5, 17

Feb 3: The Spirit of Revelation, Lesson 5: Sections 6, 8–9

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 6:36</u>: "Look unto me in every thought; doubt not, fear not."

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 8:2–3</u>:"I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost."

Feb 5: Two Men Called John, Lesson 6: Sections 7, 13

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 13:1</u>: The Aaronic Priesthood "holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism."

Feb 10: Qualifications for Service, Lesson 7: Sections 4, 11–12, 14–16

Feb 12: The Worth of Souls, Lesson 8: Sections 18– 19

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 18:10–11</u>: "The worth of souls is great in the sight of God."

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 18:15–16</u>: "How great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!" <u>Doctrine and Covenants 19:16–19</u>: "I, [Jesus Christ], have suffered these things for all."

Feb 17: <u>The Restoration of the Church of Christ</u>, Lesson 9: Section 20

Feb 19: Moving the Cause of Zion in Mighty Power, Lesson 10: Sections 21–24, 26

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 21:4–6</u>:The prophet's "word ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth."

Feb 24: Counsel for an Elect Lady, Lesson 11: Section 25

Feb 26: "Take upon You My Whole Armor," Lesson 12: Sections 27–28

March 3 Prepare for the Days to Come, Lesson 13: Section 29

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 29:10–11</u>: "I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory ... and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years."

March 5 "Thrust in Your Sickle," Lesson 14: Sections 30–34

March 10-12 SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS

March 17 Preparation for a Greater Work, Lesson 15: Sections 35–36, 39–40, 47

March 19 "Let Every Man Esteem His Brother As Himself," Lesson 16: Sections 37–38

March 24 The Lord's Law to the Church, Lesson 17: Sections 42, 44

March 26 <u>True Disciples and Faithful Stewards</u>, Lesson 18: Sections 41, 48, 51, 69–70, 72

March 31 Looking Forth to the Great Day of the Lord, Lesson 19: Sections 43, 45

April 2 "To Every Man Is Given a Gift," Lesson 20: Sections 46, 49–50

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 49:15–17</u>: "Marriage is ordained of God."

April 7 <u>A Call to Forsake the World, Lesson 21:</u> Sections 52–56

April 9 <u>Laying the Foundation of Zion, Lesson 22:</u>
<u>Sections 57–59</u>

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 58:42–43</u>: "He who has repented of his sins, the same is forgiven."

April 14 A Commission to Testify, Lesson 23: Sections 60–62

April 16 "The Lord Required the Heart and a Willing Mind," Lesson 24: Sections 63–65

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 64:9–11</u>: "Of you it is required to forgive all men."

April 21 <u>The Everlasting Covenant: The Fulness of the Gospel, Lesson 25: Sections 66–68</u>

April 23 <u>Laborers in the Vineyard, Lesson 26:</u> <u>Sections 71, 73, 75</u>

April 28 <u>Plain and Precious Truths Restored, Lesson</u> 27: Sections 74, 77, 86, 91, 113

April 30 The Vision, Part 1, Lesson 28: Section 76:1–49, 71–91, 97–112

The Vision, Part 2, Lesson 29: Section 76:50-70, 92-96, 113-19

<u>Doctrine and Covenants 76:22–24:"By [Jesus Christ]</u> the worlds are and were created."