

The Fall Ward Temple Night 11/2/2004

Cannot understand need for Christ without the Fall

- The endowment points us to Christ
 - How is that so?
 - Partial answer is we cannot really understand the need for Christ's atonement with out understanding the Fall
 - Ezra Taft Benson:
"Just as a man does not really desire food until he is hungry, so he does not desire the salvation of Christ until he knows why he needs Christ. No one adequately and properly knows why he needs Christ until he understands and accepts the doctrine of the Fall and its effect upon all mankind." (The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson. pg 28)

Fall is universal

- 1 Cor 15:22: " For as in Adam all die... "

Effects of the Fall

- Earth to a telestial state
- Effects of the Fall (Millet – Grace Works)
 - All mankind lost and fallen
 - We inherit a fallen nature through mortal conception
 - Moses 6:55 " And the Lord spake unto Adam, saying: Inasmuch as thy children are conceived in sin..., "
 - Stephen Robinson:
"To be conceived in sin means to be conceived in mortality, with a fallen nature. It does not mean we are conceived guilty, but the constant enticement of the carnal nature does make sin inevitable in our lives."
(Following Christ, pg 55 – 56)
 - Physical (JST Romans 5:12-14)
 - Death Sickness, injury, illness
 - Spiritual
 - Cut off from presence of God (Moses 5:4, Alma 42:11)
 - Included in Physical & Spiritual effects
 - Mental (1 Cor 2:14) (Following Christ, pg 55 – 56)
 - Emotional (Following Christ, pg 55 – 56)
 - Moral (Following Christ, pg 55 – 56)
- One may be faithful - still be buffeted by the pulls of a fallen world

The Atonement

- Overcomes death (physical effects)

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- Brings us back to God (overcomes Spiritual effects)