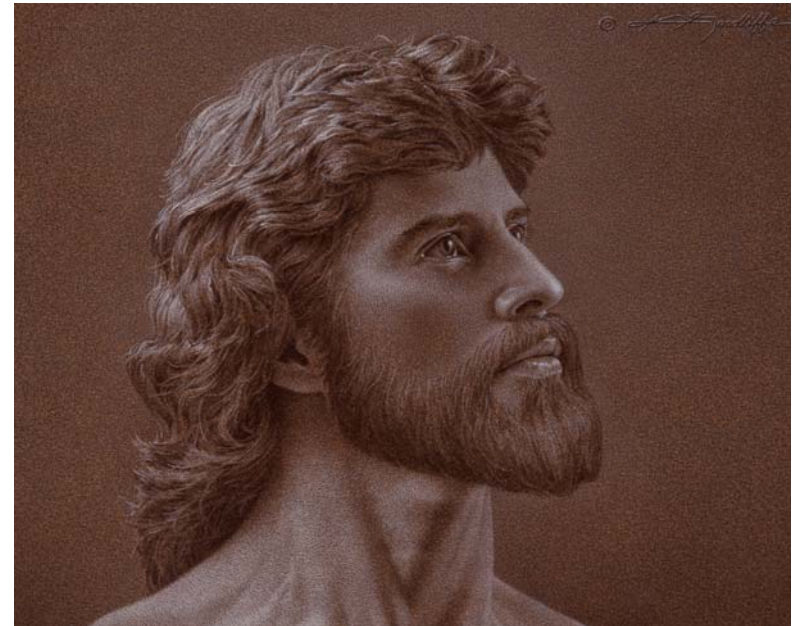


## January 19 Birth and Rebirth

I was so excited to know that you had chosen January 19, 2008 for your baptism since it is my 55th birthday. It also makes a special connection with my mother who was particularly fond of you. My mother, who passed away almost ten years ago, often said that you were one of the most thoughtful, kind and loving young men she had ever met, and that she was so happy you were going to marry her granddaughter AEG. From here on out, we will share a bond, and I will think of you with happiness and love for choosing “our” special day when you joined the Church.

- AEG's aunt AA

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13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be* so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

# Baptism of GNP

Saturday, January 19, 2008 – 2:30pm

## Fourth Article of Faith

We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

“All those who humble themselves before God, and desire to be baptized, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the church that they have truly repented of all their sins, and are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ, having a determination to serve him to the end, and truly manifest by their works that they have received of the Spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins, shall be received by baptism into his church.” (D&C 20:37)

“The person who is called of God and has authority from Jesus Christ to baptize, shall go down into the water with the person who has presented himself or herself for baptism, and shall say, calling him or her by name: Having been commissioned of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Then shall he immerse him or her in the water, and come forth again out of the water.” (D&C 20:73–74).

“Baptism by water is but half a baptism, and is good for nothing without the other half – that is, the baptism of the Holy Ghost.” (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith (1976), 314)

Conducting .....	JF
Opening Prayer .....	DE
Hymn #113, “Our Savior’s Love” .....	BG
<i>Conducting: PH</i>	
Testimony .....	NR
Duet, “I Am a Child of God” .....	AEG & AJP
Testimony .....	HG
Baptism .....	JG
<i>Witnesses: GH &amp; RW</i>	
Favorite Family Scriptures .....	SBP & JDP
<i>Volunteers to read individual scriptures</i>	
Welcome to the Ward .....	BH
Testimony .....	GNP
Closing Prayer .....	BE

Confirmation – Sunday, January 20, 2008

## Favorite Family Scriptures

“May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” (Psalm 23)

“Though a man be soiled with the sins of a lifetime, let him but love me. Rightly resolved, in utter devotion: I see no sinner, that man is holy. Holiness soon shall refashion his nature to peace eternal; O Son of Kunti, of this be certain: That man that loves me, he shall not perish.” (*Bhagavad-Gita*)

“And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good – yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit. Verily, verily, I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy; And then shall ye know, or by this shall you know, all things whatsoever you desire of me, which are pertaining unto things of righteousness, in faith believing in me that you shall receive.” (D&C 11:12-14)

“If ye have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true ... Now, as I said concerning faith – that it was not a perfect knowledge – even so it is with my words. Ye cannot know of their surety at first, unto perfection, any more than faith is a perfect knowledge. But behold, if ye will awake and arouse your faculties, even to an experiment upon my words, and exercise a particle of faith, yea, even if ye can no more than desire to believe, let this desire work in you, even until ye believe in a manner that ye can give place for a portion of my words.” (Alma 32:21;26-27)

“I am the birthless, the deathless, Lord of all that breathes. I seem to be born: It is only seeming, only my Maya. I am still master of my Prakriti, the power that makes me. When goodness grows weak, when evil increases, I make myself a body. In every age I come back to deliver the holy, to destroy the sin of the sinner, to establish righteousness. He who knows the nature of my task and my holy birth is not reborn. When he leaves this body: He comes to me. Flying from fear, from lust and anger, he hides in me. His refuge, his safety: Burnt clean in the blaze of my being, in me many find home. Whatever wish men bring me in worship, that wish I grant them. Whatever path men travel is my path: No matter where they walk it leads to me.” (The Song of God, *Bhagavad-Gita*)

“Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.” (2 Nephi 2:25)

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory, nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Shaba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.” (Isaiah 60:1-6)

“And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.” (Mosiah 2:17)

“Pray in your families unto the Father, always in my name, that your wives and your children may be blessed.” (3 Nephi 18:21)

“Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers.” (D&C 112:10)