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### Saved by His Grace

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People believe in two different personages: Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. But they cannot believe Joseph Smith, Jr. who was the only person who had seen both Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. This was a unique concept – one which others churches had never taught.

A young girl told Brad Wilcox that in her church's marriage ceremony it really bothered her "till death do you part". Brad Wilcox told her that in his Church in the Sealing Ceremony in the temples, that a couple is sealed for "time and all eternity". She really liked that concept. She asked her pastor if she could write her own ceremony. He told her "Yes. But there will be an extra charge." She wrote the ceremony and included "for time and all eternity" and also included "having the authority". Obviously this won't stand for the eternities as the pastor didn't "have the authority" and the ceremony wasn't performed in the temple. Interesting concept though.

I do know that he went through the word "GOSPEL" - and how if you follow these things - you will stay steadfast in the gospel your entire life. G = Godhead (they are 3 different people), O = Only true church (other churches have truths, but we have the complete truth), S = Spirit (the gift of the Holy Ghost), P = Priesthood (only our church has the proper authority), E = Everyone needs to hear it (it's our responsibility as members to share what we know), L = Living Prophets (Continual revelation given to our Prophet).

What will keep us in the Church? The principles common to all Christianity? No! It's the restored principles unique to our Church that will keep us in the Church. What are they? What keeps us strong? The GOSPEL

G – Godhead Why would Joseph Smith lie? He would try to describe God in a way that his contemporaries would believe – not as Mormon doctrine teaches it. Schema theory: you can't come up with something that already hasn't been put into your mind. According to Schema theory, if Joseph Smith's First Vision was a daydream, then he should have encountered the Trinitarian God. His question in the first place was "which" church is true. If it were a daydream, he would have come out with a definite answer.

O -- Only True Church All churches have a few keys of the keyboard, some can even make nice music, but only we have the full keyboard. We're not calling all to come out of wickedness when we invite others to come and see. It's just an invitation.

S – Spirit All religions can feel the spirit. Only we have the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Some Mormons don't ever recognize Spirit for the same reason a fish doesn't recognize water. The

fish won't get it until it's taken out of the water. You're comfortable. "The Spirit of God like a furnace is working."

P – Priesthood Till Death do us part = As long as you both shall live. In our Church we are sealed for all time and for all eternity! The Protestant Preacher sealing a young couple "for time and all eternity". Not okay.

E – Everyone I have a question for you: When was your Church organized? April 6, 1830. What happened to all the people who were born before this Church was organized? Baptisms for the Dead. We're the Only Ones who have an answer. The Gospel is for EVERYONE. Only we teach this.

L – Living Prophets Before it was Peter, James, and John. Today it's Thomas, Henry, and Deiter. What did the people from the Bible read? The Bible? No! They got their truth from living prophets. Why do we meet on Sundays? Because the prophet has directed us to do so. If you're a Mormon in Hong Kong, you meet on Wednesday. If you're an Apostle, you get the sacrament on Thursday. It adjusts to circumstances. We don't worship the Bible. Are the prophets popular? Was Jesus popular? Who cares about numbers? The truth is the truth no matter how many people support it.

Brad ended his talk with . . . if you're on the computer and see/hear something which makes you feel uncomfortable, then say G-O-S-P-E-L and shut off the computer. I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.