



THE GOSPEL
RESTORED
LATTER DAY Q&A

WHAT PRIESTHOOD
ORDER DOES
THE CHURCH
UPHOLD?



The One Everlasting Priesthood

Authority, Faith, and the Simple
Fullness of the Restored Gospel



THE CHURCH OF
Jesus[®]
Christ

All Things Done in His Name

“Whatsoever ye shall do, ye shall do it in my name...” (3 Nephi 27:5–8)

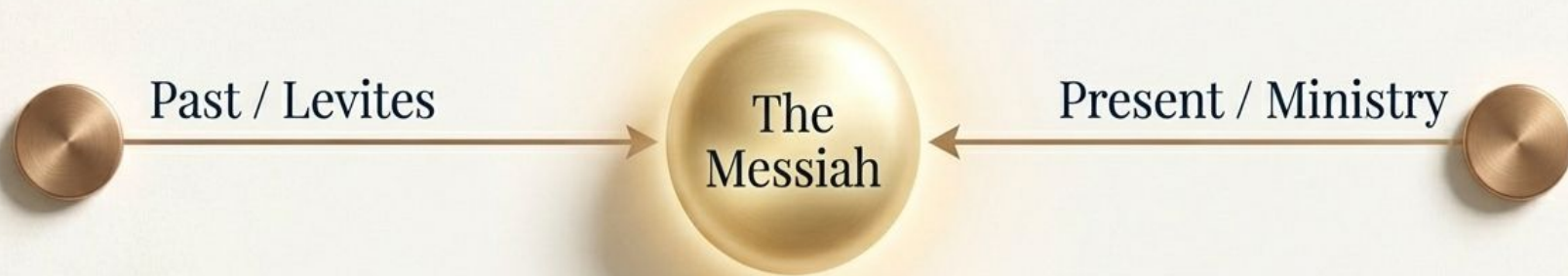
The Church is named after Jesus Christ. His ministry and priesthood must be under the exact same name to represent Him. We uphold the keys to the true priesthood authority of Jesus Christ and no other man.

A Singular, Everlasting Priesthood

**Nowhere in the Bible
or Book of Mormon do
two priesthoods
explicitly exist in tandem
at the same time.**



The angel confirmed the
priesthood in the name
of the Messiah. It was
the Lord's priesthood at
the earliest moments of
the restoration.



Looking Forward, Looking Back

Aaron and the Levites held this exact same priesthood. Their ancient ordinances served a specific purpose: to help people look forward to the Messiah, just as ministry today helps people look back and remember Him.

“...ordained after the order of his Son, in a manner that thereby the people might know in what manner to look forward to his Son for redemption.”

— Alma 13:2

The Melchizedek Question

Melchizedek exercised mighty faith and received this same high priesthood. His life was a “type and shadow” of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the law of Moses and all ancient high priests.

...after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made... after the power of an endless life.

— Hebrews 7:15-16



The Power of an Endless Life

Jesus Christ fulfills the Law of Moses. He is the ultimate fulfillment of all types and shadows of a high priest from the past.

It is His priesthood past, present, and for the future.

The 1829 Angelic Conferral

May 15, 1829

Restored to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery by an angel.

May 15,
1829

“*Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer this priesthood and this authority, which shall remain upon earth, that the sons of Levi may yet offer an offering unto the Lord in righteousness!*” ”

Fulfilling the Vision of John the Revelator



The Apostle John foresaw a day when the everlasting gospel would be brought back to earth under the power of an angel sent by Jesus Christ.

“...fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people...”

— Revelation 14:6



A Deviation in History

The full and complete priesthood was restored in May 1829. However, in 1831, leaders gathered desiring an additional 'high' or 'Melchizedek' priesthood. This created new, unnecessary layers of hierarchy within the church body.

Knowing Them By Their Fruits

This 1831 addition was created by men. There is no biblical or Book of Mormon evidence for its inclusion. The meeting where this “higher” priesthood was added did not demonstrate heavenly approval or the fruit of the Spirit of the Lord.

“...By their fruits ye shall know them.” — Matthew 7:20





Power Through Faith, Not Titles

The desire for spiritual gifts and greater power is fulfilled through faith, not through the expansion of multiple, artificial levels of priesthood.

“...for it is by faith that miracles are wrought; and it is by faith that angels appear and minister unto men...”

— Moroni 7:37

Called of God: The Sacred Process of Ordination

*“And no man taketh this
honour unto himself, but he
that is called of God...”*

(Hebrews 5:4, King James Version)



Called by Divine Inspiration

Revelation from the Lord is the essential requirement for calling individuals into the ministry.



The Laying on of Hands

Authority is conferred through a formal commission by those already holding recognized authority.



A Divine Appointment, Not a Self-Selection

Religious office is an honor received from God, not a position one claims for oneself.

Restored in Simple Fullness

The gospel was restored in its simple fullness.
Nothing needed to be added to it or changed from it.



Moroni gives explicit instructions that elders are to be ordained, “In the name of Jesus Christ...” (Moroni 3:3).

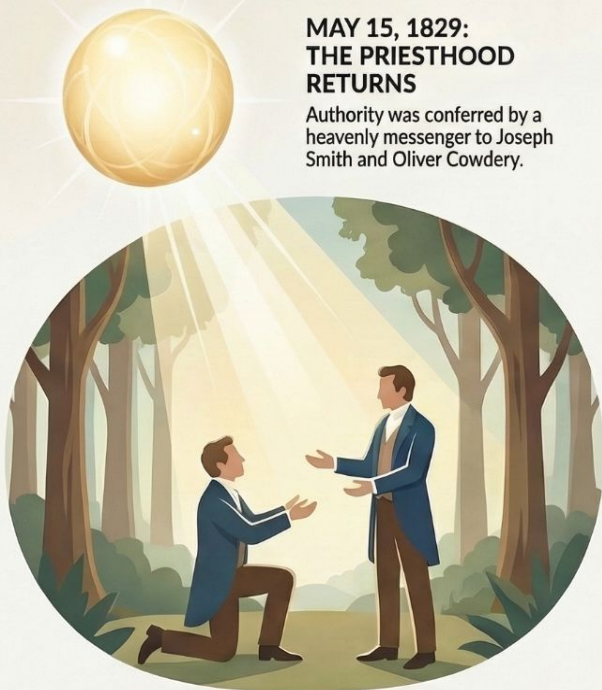
THE ONE EVERLASTING PRIESTHOOD: RESTORING THE ORDER OF THE SON OF GOD

Explaining the theology of a single, unchanging priesthood restored in 1829 and its rejection of later “higher” levels.

THE 1829 RESTORATION & DIVINE AUTHORITY

**MAY 15, 1829:
THE PRIESTHOOD
RETURNS**

Authority was conferred by a heavenly messenger to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery.



THE ORDER OF THE SON OF GOD

*A single, everlasting priesthood
without beginning or end, predating
and fulfilling the Law of Moses.*



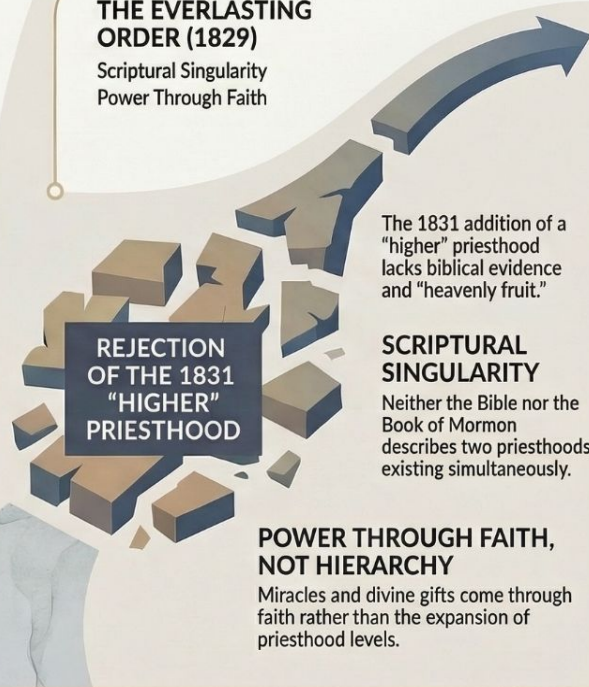
**AUTHORITY ONLY
IN HIS NAME**

All ministry and ordinations must
be performed specifically in the
name of Jesus Christ.

ONE PRIESTHOOD VS. MAN-MADE ADDITIONS

**THE EVERLASTING
ORDER (1829)**

Scriptural Singularity
Power Through Faith



The 1831 addition of a
“higher” priesthood
lacks biblical evidence
and “heavenly fruit.”

**SCRIPTURAL
SINGULARITY**

Neither the Bible nor the
Book of Mormon
describes two priesthoods
existing simultaneously.

**POWER THROUGH FAITH,
NOT HIERARCHY**

Miracles and divine gifts come through
faith rather than the expansion of
priesthood levels.