

CTR or RTC

We all know what CTR stands for, "Choose the Right". We have been taught this all of our lives. When we choose the right we have the promise of eventually returning and living with our Heavenly Father. When we choose the right all of our "covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections, associations, or expectations" are sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise or in other words, the Holy Ghost (D&C 132:7). If they are not sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, then they are of no "efficacy, virtue, or force in and after the resurrection from the dead...".

When we were baptized we made covenants or a contract with the Lord. The Holy Spirit of promise ratifies that ordinance. When we continue to be righteous and obedient the blessings of that ordinance remain in force. However, that ratification can be broken by unrighteousness. We all know that we can lose eternal blessings that come to us through various ordinances if we are unfaithful and ultimately choose to follow evil. In those sad cases the "seal" given by the Holy Ghost or what we might call the divine stamp of approval, can be broken or lifted.

It reminds me of a document in my line of work that we prepare for our customers who enter into an agreement to participate in our debt elimination program. It is called a "Right to Cancel" document. If for some reason a client signs up with us but then changes his or her mind within three days of signing, they can sign a "Right to Cancel". Their signature invalidates any previous documents, contracts or agreements they have signed with us. Some times we refer to that form as an "RTC".

When we decide to go against the light and to be disobedient, we are in essence signing our own "RTC". We actually run the risk of canceling out all the blessings that Heavenly Father has in store for us if we would but just hold to the rod and endure to the end. King Benjamin in the Book of Mormon tells us that if we go contrary to that which has been taught us, "...that ye do withdraw yourselves from the Spirit of the Lord, that it may have no place in you to guide you in wisdom's paths that ye may be blessed, prospered, and preserved." (Mosiah 2:36)

Later King Benjamin says, "I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual; and if they hold out faithful to the end they are received into heaven, that thereby they may dwell with God in a state of neverending happiness." (Mosiah 2:41)

CTR? RTC? The choice is ours. Remember, the Lord votes for you, the devil votes against you, and **you** cast the deciding vote! Let's decide to walk in the light.