

Receive His Gift

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'A fa'ari'i i tana tao'a hōro'a

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You are a beloved daughter of God, you are a cherished son of God, and He has gifted you His perfect, holy Son.

E tamaiti here 'outou nā te Atua, e tamaiti poihere 'outou nā te Atua, 'e 'ua pūpū tao'a hōro'a 'oia ia 'outou i tana Tamaiti maita'i roa 'e te mo'a.

Gift Giving

Gift giving is a social custom that spans all cultures, civilisations, and millennia. Throughout time, people have given gifts to each other to strengthen relationships, express love and gratitude, and mark important events like weddings, birthdays, and holidays. And humans are not the only ones of God's creations to give gifts to each other! Among many other examples we could point to, penguins are known to give shiny pebbles to their prospective mates, and bonobos (cousins of the chimpanzee) give fruit to expand their circle of friendship.

What gifts have you given? Think of a time when you found—or made—the perfect gift for someone you love. You just knew the gift was exactly what this loved one wanted and something they would treasure. What was the gift? Was it for your mother? a friend? your child? a teacher? your grandfather? How did you feel when you found this gift? How did you feel when you thought about this person you love opening the gift? Similarly, when did someone give you the perfect gift, and what was it like to receive it?

Te hōro'ara'a i te tao'a hōro'a

E peu tōtiare te hōro'ara'a i te tao'a hōro'a nā roto i te mau ta'ere ato'a, te mau māramarama 'e te mau manohiti. I roto i te tau, 'ua hōro'a na te ta'ata i te tao'a hōro'a i te tahi 'e te tahi nō te ha'apūai i te tā'amura'a, nō te fa'a'ite i te here 'e te māuruuru 'e nō te fa'ahanahana i te mau 'ōro'a faufāa rahi mai te mau fa'aipoipora'a, te mau fānaurāa 'e te mau mahana 'ōro'a. 'E e 'ere rā te ta'ata ana'e te mau hāmanira'a a te Atua 'o tē hōro'a i te mau tao'a hōro'a i te tahi 'e te tahi ! Te tahi mau hi'ōra'a, tē vai nei te mau torora tei mātauhia i te hōro'a i te 'ōfa'i tāvai 'ana'ana i tō rātou 'āpiti pāruru, tē vai nei te mau 'ūrīta'ata bonobo (e fēti'i nō te hīpane) 'o tē hōro'a i te mā'a hotu nō te fa'a'āano i tō rātou auhoara'a.

E aha te mau tao'a hōro'a tā 'outou i hōro'a ? 'A feruri i te hō'e taime 'ua 'itehia mai ia 'outou—'aore rā 'ua hāmani 'outou—i te tao'a hōro'a maita'i roa a'e nō tei herehia. E ta'a noa ia 'outou ē terā te tao'a hōro'a mau tā tei herehia i hina'aro, e tao'a tana e poihere. E aha terā tao'a hōro'a ? E aha nō tō 'outou metua vahine ? nō te hoa ? nō tā 'outou tama ? nō te hō'e 'orometua ? nō tō 'outou tupuna tāne ? E aha te mana'o i tupu mai 'a 'ite ai 'outou i teie tao'a hōro'a ? E aha te mana'o i tupu mai 'a feruri ai 'outou i teie ta'ata iti tē hōhōra ra i te tao'a hōro'a ? Nā reira ato'a, e aha te taime i hōro'ahia mai ia'outoute tao'a hōro'a maita'i roa a'e, 'e e aha te huru i te fa'ari'ira'a i te reira ?

My Father's Gift to Me

Te tao'a hōro'a a tō'u metua tāne nō'u

When I was about seven years old, living with my parents in Arabia, a children's film called Chitty Chitty Bang Bang was released. The film is about a magical car that can drive itself, float on water, and even fly! I knew that back home in England they made a miniature toy car just like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and oh, how I wanted one! You could pull a lever, and the toy car's wings would pop out! My father went on a business trip to England and asked if I wanted him to bring anything back for me, and I told him how very much I would like to have one of those Chitty Chitty Bang Bang cars.

He came back from his trip, and no car appeared. I was very sad and thought he must have forgotten. But about 10 days later was my birthday, and a little package, beautifully wrapped, was waiting for me. With great anticipation, and hardly daring to hope too much, I opened the gift and found my car. I was so happy that I cried. I pulled the lever, and the wings popped out, just like the car in the film! How I thanked my father for this most treasured gift. I played with that car for years and kept it for many more. I think my dad loved giving me that car at least as much as I loved receiving it.

Giving, Accepting and Opening, and Receiving

We can think of gift giving as having three parts to it:

The giving of the gift, where the giver selects, makes, or prepares the gift and presents it to the loved one. This involves thoughtful intention on the part of the giver to give something meaningful.

The accepting and opening of the gift, when the recipient accepts the gift from the giver—often with expressions of surprise, gratitude, and excitement—before opening it, sometimes untying a bow and unwrapping the package to discover what the gift is.

And then there is perhaps the most important part, the receiving of the gift. To receive a gift sincerely given is so much more than accepting and then opening it. It is more, even, than recognising the worth of the gift and expressing gratitude to the giver. To truly receive a gift, we come to value it for ourselves, put it to full use in

I te hitura'a o tō'u matahiti, tē ora ra vau 'e tō'u nā metua i Arabia, e hōhō'a nā te tamari'i tei matara mai, te i'oa 'o Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. E hōhō'a nō te hōē pere'ōō manamana e tere 'ō ōna ana'e, e tere nā nī'a i te pape 'e 'o tē rere atō'a ! I fa'aro'o vau ē, i te fenua Peretāne, e tao'a ha'uti tei hāmanihia mai te pere'ōō Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, 'e 'ua hina'aro roa vau i te reira ! E pana 'oe i te tahi mea, e hohora mai te mau pererau o te pere'ōō ! Reva a'era tō'u metua tāne i Peretāne nō te 'ohipa 'e 'ua ani mai 'ua hina'aro ānei au i te hōē mea i reira, i nā ō atu vau ē, 'ua hina'aro roa vau i te hōē o te mau pere'ōō Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

'Ua ho'i mai 'oia mai tōna tere, 'aita te pere'ōō i fa'aura mai. 'Ua 'oto roa vau ma te mana'o ē, 'ua mo'ehia iāna. 'O tō'u rā mahana fānaurā'a 10 mahana i muri mai, 'e e pū'ohu nehenehe i reira nō'u. Ma te 'oa'oa, 'e ma te 'ore rā e tia'i rahi roa, 'ua 'iriti au i te pū'ohu 'e tei reira tā'u pere'ōō. Nō tō'u 'oa'oa rahi 'ua ta'i ihora vau. 'Ua pana vau i terā mea e 'ua hohora mai te pererau, mai te pere'ōō i roto i te hōhō'a ! 'Ua ha'amāuruuru roa vau i tō'u metua tāne nō teie tao'a hōrō'a poihere-roa-hia. Tau matahiti vau i te ha'utira'a i terā pere'ōō, 'e 'ua fa'aherehere e rave rahi atu ā matahiti. Iā'u nei, 'ua au roa tō'u metua tāne i te hōrō'ara'a mai i terā pere'ōō, mai tā'u i au roa i te fa'ari'ira'a i te reira.

Hōrō'a, rave 'e 'iriti, 'e fa'ari'i

E nehenehe e feruri i te hōrō'ara'a i te tao'a hōrō'a 'e toru tuha'a :

Tehōrō'ara'ai te tao'a hōrō'a, i reira te tāata hōrō'a e mā'iti ai, e hāmani ai 'aore rā e fa'aineine ai i te tao'a hōrō'a 'a pūpū atu ai i tei herehia. E tītau te reira i te 'ōpuara'a ferurihia i te pae o te tāata hōrō'a, nō te hōrō'a i te hōē mea e aura'a tōna.

Teravera'a'e te'iritira'ai te tao'a hōrō'a, i reira te tāata fa'ari'i e rave mai ai i te tao'a hōrō'a mai roto mai i te tāata hōrō'a, pinepine ma te hitimahuta, te māuruuru 'e te 'ana'anatae hou 'a 'iriti ai i te reira, i te tahi taime e tātara i te tāpona 'e te pū'ohu nō te 'ite mai e aha te tao'a hōrō'a.

'Ei reira, tē vai nei te tuha'a faufa'a roa paha, tefa'ari'ira'ai te tao'a hōrō'a. Te fa'ari'ira'a i te tao'a hōrō'a tei hōrō'ahia ma te hina'aro mau, e hau roa atu ia i te ravera'a 'e i te 'iritira'a i te reira. E hau roa atu atō'a i te 'itera'a i te moni rahi o te tao'a hōrō'a 'e i te ha'amāuruurura'a i te tāata hōrō'a. Nō te fa'ari'i mau i te hōē tao'a hōrō'a, e ha'afaufa'a

our lives, and then remember with thankfulness the giver.

Receiving a gift is not passive but an intentional and meaningful process that goes far beyond merely opening a package. To receive is to appreciate and connect with both the gift and the heart of the giver in a way that strengthens the bonds between the giver and receiver. Thinking of that toy car brings back a host of golden memories, as I feel once again my father's deep love and care for me, represented by that gift and countless other generous acts.

Our Heavenly Father's Gifts

Our Heavenly Father has innumerable gifts of light and truth prepared to shower down on each of us, His treasured children. They flow from our Bounteous Giver like a wellspring in the wilderness from His benevolent heart. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights." In our covenant bond with the Father, He is ever the Giver and we the humble recipient.

The Greatest of All the Father's Gifts, Through Which All Others Flow

But we could receive nothing without the greatest of all the Father's gifts, His beloved Lamb, His Son, Jesus Christ. All of our Father's gifts flow from and are activated by the Saviour's willing offering in Gethsemane and on the cross and His triumphant Resurrection. Jesus Christ, our merciful Redeemer, is the supreme gift from our Father of lights. "In the gift of his Son hath God prepared [for us] a more excellent way."

One All-Encompassing Gift of Eternal Truth

I would like to talk about one all-encompass-

tātou i te reira nō tātou iho, ma te fa'āhipa hope i te reira i roto i tō tātou orara'a, 'e reira e ha'ama-na'o ai ma te māuruuru i te tāata hōro'a.

Te fa'ari'ira'a i te hōē tao'a hōro'a, e 'ere ia i te 'ohipa ma te ha'a 'ore, e 'ohipa rā ma te 'ōpua mau 'e te aura'a mau, tei hau roa atu i te 'iritira'a i te hōē pūohu. Te fa'ari'ira'a, 'o te māuruurura'a ia 'e te natira'a iāna i te tao'a hōro'a 'e i te 'āu o te tāata hōro'a e pūai mai ai te mau tāamu i rotopū i te tāata hōro'a 'e te tāata fa'ari'i. I te ferurira'a vau i terā pere'ōo ha'uti, 'ua hōho'i mai te mau ha'ama-na'ora'a poihere roa 'ino, 'e 'ua putapū fa'ahou vau i te here hōhonu 'e te aupuru o tō'u metua tāne iā'u, fa'ahōho'ahia e terā tao'a hōro'a 'e te tahi atu mau 'ohipa rima here e'ita e nehenehe e tai'ō.

Te mau tao'a hōro'a a tō tātou Metua i te ao ra

E'ita e nehenehe e tai'ō i te mau tao'a hōro'a o te māmarama 'e te parau mau a tō tātou Metuai te ao ratei fa'aineinehia nō te nini'i mai i ni'a ia tātou tāta'itahi, tāna mau tamari'i poiherehia. E mani'i mai te reira mai roto mai i tō tātou Tāata hōro'a rahi, mai te hōē pape tahe ra i roto i te mēdēbara, mai roto mai i tōna 'āau hāmani maita'i. « Te mau mea maitata'i i hō-mai-hia mai, 'e te mau mea ti'a roa e maita'i roa ai, nō ni'a ia, mai ni'a mai ia i te Metua o te māmarama. » I roto i tō tātou tāamu fafau'a 'e te Metua, 'o oia noa te Tāata hōro'a 'e 'o tātou te fāri'i ha'eha'a.

Te rahi roa a'e o te mau tao'a hōro'a ato'a a te Metua e mani'i mai ai te tahi atu mau tao'a hōro'a

E'ita rā tā tātou e nehenehe e fa'ari'i i te hōē noa atu mea 'aita ana'e te rahi roa a'e o te mau tao'a hōro'a ato'a a te Metua, 'oia ho'i tāna 'Ārenio here, tāna Tamaiti here. E mani'i mai te mau tao'a hōro'a ato'a a te Metua mai roto mai, 'e 'ua ha'amatarā-ato'a-hia mai, i te pūpūra'a mana'o tae o te Fa'aora i Getesemane e i ni'a i te satauro, 'e tae noa atu tōna ti'afa'ahoura'a upōoti'a. O Iesu Mesia, tō tātou Tāra'ehara aroha, te tao'a hōro'a rahi roa a'e nō 'ō mai i tō tātou Metua nō te māmarama. « Nā roto i te hōro'ara'a i tāna iho Tamaiti, 'ua fa'aineine te Atua [nō tātou] i te hōē rāve'a maita'i a'e. »

Te hōē tao'a hōro'a 'āmuitahi o te parau mau mure 'ore

Tē hina'aro nei au e paraparau nō ni'a i te

ing gift of eternal truth that underpins our ability to receive all else our Father desires to endow us with—a vital gift of knowledge that, when fully accepted and received deep in the soul, contextualises the joys and hardships of life and our unanswered questions: It is that we really are God's children. That truth is breathtaking! Stunning! And it is not figurative.

Imagine you are hearing this for the first time! You really are His cherished daughter. You really are His precious son. And the path you are on is His plan of happiness. With His omniscient love, He knows exactly who you were before you were sent to earth and what you have experienced so far in your mortal life, and He has mercifully planned for your every tomorrow. And oh, how He yearns to one day have you return to Him, to receive the supreme intent of all His beautiful gifts, eternal life with Him.

The question is not whether this gift of truth is real but whether we will discover and receive it. The gift has already been bestowed upon us by the Father. The price for the ultimate purpose of this gift has already been paid by the Saviour. But if you have been taught this, said this, and sung this truth for years, maybe the awesome wonder of it has long since faded and you no longer feel its power and peace.

If this priceless gift of understanding—and all the goodness, peace, and hope that flow from it—is left unaccepted, unopened, and unreceived, what a terrible loss for us! What a sadness for the Giver! “For what doth it profit a man if a gift is bestowed upon him, and he receive not the gift? Behold, he rejoices not in that which is given unto him, neither rejoices in him who is the giver of the gift.”

I invite you to receive, either for the first time or to a greater extent than ever before, the magnificent realisation that you truly are God's beloved child. You must undo the bow, tear off the wrapping paper, open the box, and actively

hōē tao'a hōro'a 'āmuitahi nō te parau mau mure 'ore, 'o tē turu nei i tō tātou 'aravihi 'ia fa'ari'i i te tāāto'ara'a o te tahi atu mau mea tā te Metua e hina'aro e hō mai ia tātou—e tao'a hōro'a nō te 'ite e ora ai tātou, 'ia rave-hope-hia anaē 'e 'ia fa'ari'ihia i te hōhonu o te vairua, e māramarama-hia ia te vairāa o te 'oa'oa 'e te mau fifi o te orara'a, nā reira ato'a tā tātou mau uira'a pāhono-'ore-hia :E tamari'i mau tātou nā te Atua. E parau mau e mutu te hutira'a aho ! E mea 'ōna mau ! 'E e 'ere i te fa'ahōhō'ara'a noa.

'Ahani pa'i e fa'aro'o 'outou i teie parau nō te taimē mātāmua ! E tamāhine poihere mau 'outou nāna. E tamaiti here mau 'outou nāna. 'E te 'ē'a tā 'outou e haere nei, 'o tāna ia fa'anahora'a nō te 'oa'oa. Maoti tōna here 'ite hope, 'ua 'ite pāpū 'oia 'o vai 'outou hou 'a tonohia ai 'outou i te fenua nei, 'e te mea tā 'outou i fa'aruru ē tae mai i teienei i roto i te orara'a tāhuti nei, 'e 'ua fa'anaho 'oia ma te aroha i tō 'outou mau ananahi ato'a. 'E 'oia mau, tē hia'ai roa nei 'oia 'ia ho'i mai 'outou iāna ra, 'ia tae i te hōē mahana, nō te fa'ari'i i te fā hope rahi o tāna mau tao'a hōro'a nehenehe ato'a, te ora mure 'ore 'e 'ōna.

E 'ere roa te uira'a ē, e mea pāpū ānei teie tao'a hōro'a o te parau mau, maoti rā e 'itehia ānei ia tātou 'e e fa'ari'i ānei tātou i te reira. 'Ua tu'u-a'ena-hia mai teie tao'a hōro'a i ni'a ia tātou e te Metua. 'Ua 'aufau-a'ena-hia te ho'o nō te fā hope'a roa o teie tao'a hōro'a e te Fa'aora. Terā rā, mai te peu 'ua ha'api'ihia ia 'outou, 'ua parauhia 'e 'ua hīmenehia teie parau mau e tau matahiti te maoro, pēnei aē ia 'ua mōrohi a'ena roa te au 'e tefa'ahia auo te reira, 'e 'aita fa'ahou 'outou e putapū nei i tō te reira mana 'e te hau.

Mai te peu e vaiiho-noa-hia teie tao'a hōro'a hau aē i te faufa'a nō te māramaramara'a—'e te tāāto'ara'a o te maita'i, te hau 'e te tiā'ira'a e tahe mai roto mai i te reira—'aita e ravehia, 'aita e 'iritihia te pū'ohu 'e 'aita e fa'ari'ihia, 'auē ia 'erera'a nō tātou ! 'Auē ia 'otorā'a nō te Tāata hōro'a ! « Nō te mea e aha ihora ia te tāata e faufa'ahia ai mai te mea e tu'uhia mai te tao'a hōro'a iāna, 'e 'aita 'oia e fa'ari'i mai i te reira ? Inaha, e 'ore roa 'oia e 'oa'oa i te reira mea 'o tei hōro'ahia mai iāna ra, 'e e 'ore ato'a e māuruuru iāna 'o tei tu'u mai i te tao'a hōro'a. »

Tē tītau manihini nei au ia 'outou 'ia fa'ari'i, nō te taimē mātāmua ānei, 'aore rā i te fāito rahi atu ā, i te 'itera'a rahi fa'ahia ē, e tamari'i here mau 'outou nā te Atua. E tātara 'outou i te tāpona, e pāhae i te pāpie pū'ohu, e 'iriti i te 'āfata, 'e

receive with grateful humility a true, pure understanding of this foundational truth. The Holy Spirit can bear witness to your heart that you are indeed a child of the Most High.

When you welcome this majestic reality into your very soul and feel both the comfort and the thrill of it, your entire paradigm shifts! You can feel His love, hear His voice, and recognise His hand, no matter what is happening, or not happening, in your life. You can redefine how you see yourself and others. Your covenant bond with your Saviour becomes even stronger, and through the lens of this sweet gift, life takes on new brilliance, beauty, and hope.

Please, will you pray to understand if you are truly receiving this transformative knowledge deep in your soul? Will you please accept the gift? Will you do so more deeply, more freely, more abundantly than you ever have before—and in so doing be showered with all of those other gifts that come with it?

Receiving This Gift of Eternal Truth

You may be wondering, “What do I have todoto receive this gift from God?” Well, actually, nothing. It is a gift from the Giver. It is simply a fact. Just let it in. You are His child. You are beloved of Him. Do not complicate it. Do not block the receiving of this gift with thoughts that you are somehow undeserving. The reality is none of us is “deserving”—all the Father’s gifts are received only through the merits, mercy, and grace of the Holy Messiah, but how His generous heart longs for each of His children to receive them! Then, as your new or renewed understanding dawns on you, rejoice in thanking the Giver of this gift.

Since finding my faith in my mid-20s, I have awakened to the realisation that I truly am a son of God. The more fully I internalise this gift, the more keenly I know who I am and how completely I am loved. Some things that have helped me grow in understanding are the words of scripture, my patriarchal blessing, temple wor-

fa’ari’i ma te ha’a e ma te ha’eha’a e te māuruuru i te māmaramara’a mau e te tāfetafeta’ore o teie parau mau niu. E ti’a i te Vārua mo’a ’ia fa’a’ite pāpū i tō ’outou ’āu ē e tama mau ’outou nā te Teitei.

’Ia fa’ari’i pou pou ’outou i teie parau pāpū hanahana i roto iho i tō ’outou vairua, ma te putapū i te tāmāhanahanara’a e te nave o te reira, e tau i roa tā ’outou huru hi’ora’a ! E ti’a ia ’outou ’ia putapū i tōna here, ’ia fa’aro’o i tōna reo, e ’ia ’ite mai i tōna rima i roto i tō ’outou orara’a, noa atu ā te mea e tupu e ’ō tē ’ore e tupu. E ti’a ia ’outou ’ia fa’ata’a ’āpī i tā ’outou hi’ora’a ia ’outou iho e ’ia vetahi ē. E pūai atu ā tō ’outou tā’amura’a fafaura’a i tō ’outou Fa’aora, e nā roto i te hi’o o teie tao’a hōro’a au, e ’ana’ana, e nehenehe e e tia’ira’a ’āpī tō te orara’a.

E pure na nō te māmarama ē, tē fa’ari’i mau ra ānei ’outou i teie ’ite fa’ataui rahi, i te hōhonu o tō ’outou ’āu ? E rave ānei ’outou i teie tao’a hōro’a ? E nā reira ānei ’outou ma te hōhonu atu ā, ma te fa’ahepo ’ore atu ā, ma te rahi atu ā, i tā ’outou i nā reira ānei—e ’a nā reira ai ’outou ’ia nīnī’ihia mai te tā’ato’ara’a o te tahi atu mau tao’a hōro’a e ’āpē mai i te reira ?

Fa’ari’i i teie tao’a hōro’a o te parau mau mure ’ore

Tē ui ra paha ’outou : « E aha tā’ue ravenō te fa’ari’i i teie tao’a hōro’a a te Atua ? » ’Ua ’ite ’outou, ’aita hōē mea. E tao’a hōro’a nō ’ō mai i te Ta’ata hōro’a. E parau pāpū, ’aita atu ai e parau. E vaiiho noa i te reira ’ia tomo mai. Etamari’i ’outou nāna. E mea herehia ’outou e ana. ’Eiaha e fa’atau-pupū i te reira. ’Eiaha e ’ōpani i te fa’ari’ira’a i teie tao’a hōro’a ma te mana’o feruri ē e ’ore ’outou e au ’ia hōro’ahia mai. Te mea pāpū, e ’ore e au i te hōē a’e o tātou ’ia hōro’ahia mai—e fa’ari’ihia te mau tao’a hōro’a ato’a a te Metua nā roto noa i te itoitō e te aroha e te maita’i rahi o te Mesia Mo’a, auē rā te hia’i rahi o tōna ’āu rima here nō tāna tamari’i tāta’itahi ’ia fa’ari’i i te reira ! I reira, ’a hiti mai ai teie māmaramara’a ’āpī, ’aore rā tei fa’a’āpīhia nō ’outou, ’a ’o’o nō te māuruuru i te Ta’ata hōro’a o teie tao’a hōro’a.

Mai tō’u ’itera’a i tō’u fa’aro’o i te 20ra’a ti’aha-pa o tō’u matahiti, ’ua araara vau i terā mana’o pāpū ē e tamaiti mau vau nā te Atua. Hope noa atu vau i te ’apo i roto iā’u i teie tao’a hōro’a, hōhonu noa ato’a atu tō’u ’itera’a ē e ’ō vai au e ’auē au i te here-hope-hia nei. Te tahi mau mea tei tauturu mai iā’u ’ia ha’apa’ari i tō’u māmarama-

ship, serving others, expressing gratitude, and sacred prayer with my Father. I marvel at how earlier sorrow, pain, and grief in my life would have been reframed, soothed, and much of it overcome had I known this beautiful truth.

Come unto Christ and Receive

Moroni exhorts us to “deny not the gifts of God” but to “come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift.” You can come to Christ with confidence in His loving-kindness and receive all His gifts of joy, peace, hope, light, truth, revelation, knowledge, and wisdom—with your head held high, your arms outstretched, and your hands open, ready to receive. And you can receive these gifts because you are secure and grounded in the knowledge that you are a beloved daughter of God, you are a cherished son of God, and He has gifted you His perfect, holy Son to redeem you, justify you, and sanctify you.

You are a child of God. This is not just a nice song we sing. Will you please accept, open, and receive this gift of knowledge and understanding from Him? Will you hold it close as the precious treasure it is? Re-receive this gift, or perhaps truly receive it for the very first time, and let it transform every aspect of your life. This is the more excellent way God has prepared for you through the gift of His Son. You really are that you might have joy! In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

marāa, 'o te mau parau ia o te pāpā'irāa mo'a, tō'u ha'amaitā'irāa patereareha, te ha'amorirāa i roto i te hiero, te tāvinirāa i te tāata, te paraurāa i tō'u māuruuru 'e te mau pure mo'a 'e tō'u Metua. 'Ua māere au i te 'oi'i te 'oto 'e te māuiui 'e te pe'ape'a i roto i tō'u orara'a i te tauihia te hi'ora'a, i te tāmarūhia 'e i te upōoti'ahia nō te rahira'a, nō tō'u noa 'itera'a i teie parau mau nehenehe.

'A haere mai i te Mesia ra 'e 'a fa'ari'i

Tē aō mai nei Moroni « 'eiaha roa 'outou e huna i te mau hōro'a a te Atua », e « haere mai [rā] i te Mesia, 'e 'ia tāpe'a i te mau hōro'a maita'i ato'a. » E ti'a ia 'outou 'ia haere mai i te Mesia ma te ti'aturi i tōna hāmani maita'i 'e te here, 'e 'ia fa'ari'i i te tāāto'ara'a o tāna mau tao'a hōro'a o te 'oāoa, te hau, te tiā'irāa, te māmaramama, te parau mau, te heheura'a, te 'ite 'e te pa'ari—ma te upōo ti'aturi, te rima toro 'e te hōhōra, ineine nō te fa'ari'i mai. 'E e ti'a ia 'outou 'ia fa'ari'i i teie mau tao'a hōro'a nō te mea 'ua pāpū 'e 'ua niuhia 'outou i roto i te 'ite ē, e tamāhine herehia 'outou nā te Atua, e tamaiti poihere 'outou nā te Atua, 'e 'ua hōro'a 'oia ia 'outou i tāna Tamaiti mo'a 'e te maita'i roa aē nō te 'aufau nō 'outou, nō te fa'ati'a ia 'outou 'e nō te ha'amo'a ia 'outou.

Etamari'i 'outou nā te Atua. E 'ere te reira i te hīmene au noa tā tātou e hīmene. E rave ānei 'outou, e 'iriti 'e e fa'ari'i i teie tao'a hōro'a nō te 'ite 'e te māmaramamara'a mai roto mai iāna ? E poihere ānei 'outou i te reira mai te tao'a rahi nei ? 'A fa'ari'i fa'ahou i teie tao'a hōro'a, 'aore rā, pēnei aē e fa'ari'i mau i te reira nō te taimē mātāmua, 'e 'ia tau i te reira i te mau tuha'a ato'a o tō 'outou orara'a. 'O teie te rāve'a maita'i aē tā te Atua i fa'aineine nō 'outou nā roto i te hōro'ara'a i tāna Tamaiti. Tē vai mau nei 'outou 'ia noāa tō 'outou 'oāoa ! Nā roto i te i'oa o Iesu Mesia, 'āmene.