

Consistent Elements in Nephite Declarations of Faith

Key Scriptures Alma 33:22; 1 Nephi 11:31–33; 19:9–10; 2 Nephi 9:4–15; 25:12–13; Mosiah 3:5–10; 15:5–9, 20; 16:10; Alma 11:39–41; Mormon 9:1–14

Explanation Alma 33:22 is not the only place in the Book of Mormon where its seven principles of Nephite faith in Jesus Christ are revealed. Eight other important compact doctrinal passages list many, if not all, of these seven principles. Each of these passages is shown in the left-hand columns of this chart. To the right, check marks indicate which principles each passage includes. The consistency of expression found in these scriptures suggests that the seven principles in Alma's formulation may have constituted a widely taught and adopted declaration of faith established among the Nephites.

Source John W. Welch, "Ten Testimonies of Jesus Christ from the Book of Mormon," in *Doctrines of the Book of Mormon: The 1991 Sperry Symposium*, ed. Bruce A. Van Orden and Brent L. Top (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1992), 223–42.

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Speaker	Reference		Believe in the Son of God	He will come to redeem his people	He shall suffer and die	He will atone for their sins	He shall rise again from the dead	He shall judge all men
Nephi ₁	1 Nephi 11:31–33		✓	✓	✓			
Nephi ₁	1 Nephi 19:9–10		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jacob	2 Nephi 9:4–15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nephi ₁	2 Nephi 25:12–13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Benjamin	Mosiah 3:5–10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Abinadi	Mosiah 15:5–9, 20; 16:10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amulek	Alma 11:39–41	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Alma ₂	Alma 33:22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moroni	Mormon 9:1–14	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓