

Three Truths Every Mormon Should Know

The Bible is God's Holy Word, and it is the final authority on every question that mankind faces. The Bible tells of God's goodness and love for you. It also tells how you can have eternal life in heaven when you die. The Bible states, *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life..."* (1 John 5:13) In this tract, we will examine three vital truths from the Bible that every Mormon should know in order to spend eternity in heaven.

The first truth the Bible clearly teaches is that God is sovereign and absolute. He is God alone. Ephesians 4:6 states, *"One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."* God Himself stated, *"I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God...Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any...before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me:"* (Isaiah 44:6, 8; 43:10; 45:5).

The truth is that everyone is a sinner, and it is impossible for anyone to progress to godhood. The Bible states, *"There is none righteous, no, not one...For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"* (Romans 3:10, 23) We all have a sin problem and are without hope. The Bible declares that God is a righteous God and we must have His righteousness to be justified in His sight. You cannot obtain God's righteousness by living a good life or by doing good deeds. *"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."* (Galatians 2:16)

The second truth every Mormon should know is that Jesus Christ, God's only Son, was born of a virgin. The Bible tells us that Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to Jesus Christ, and He was conceived in her by the Holy Spirit of God. *"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."* (Matthew 1:18, 21) The virgin birth was necessary for Christ to pay for our sins. Man sinned; therefore, the penalty for sin must be paid by a man. Christ had to be born sinless in order to atone for sin. *"Christ also suffered for us... Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."* (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:21, 24)

The third vital truth all Mormons should know is that believing in Christ is necessary for salvation. Jesus Himself stated, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* (John 14:6) God's Word also states, *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For God so loved the world; that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not*

the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9; John 3:16, 36)

If you add anything to God's Holy Word, you have failed to trust Him and are facing God's eternal judgment. *"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."* (Revelation 22:18-19)

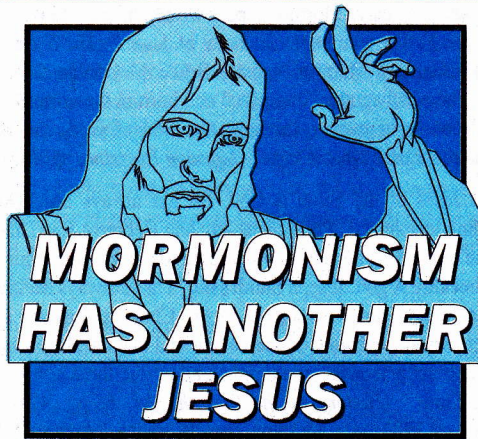
Salvation is so simple! All it requires is to believe what God said in the Bible. If you would like to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, please pray this prayer or one similar to it: *"Dear God, I admit I am a sinner, going to hell. I know that I cannot save myself. I repent of my sins and put my faith in the blood that you shed on the cross to pay for all my sins. I now accept you as my Saviour and trust you to take me to heaven. Thank you for saving me. Amen."*

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, or the Mormon church, claims to worship Jesus Christ. It also claims to be a Christian church; however, it does not worship the Jesus of Biblical Christianity. Mormon leaders have admitted that they believe in another Jesus. One official of the Mormon church has declared, "It is true that many of the Christian churches worship a different Jesus Christ than is worshipped by the Mormons." (*Ensign*, May 77, pg. 26) In fact, Mormonism worships a **false** Christ.

In Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-35, the Bible says that Christ was begotten by the Holy Ghost and was born of a virgin. The Mormon church denies this truth. The second president of the Mormon church declared, "Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost." (*Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 1, pg. 51) In fact, the Mormon Jesus was begotten by a sexual relationship between Mary and God

the Father. One early Mormon leader wrote, "it was the personage of the Father who begat the body of Jesus." (*The Seer*, pg. 158) Present-day Mormon apostle Bruce McConkie says of Christ, "he was begotten, conceived and born in the normal and natural course of events, for he is the Son of God, and that designation means what it says." (*Mormon Doctrine*, pg. 742)

The Jesus of the Bible is God. He has always been God, according to John 1:1, Philippians 2:6, and Hebrews 1:8. This is not true of the Mormon Jesus. According to the Mormon church, Jesus **became** A god. Joseph Smith said, "I have always declared God to be a distinct personage, Jesus Christ a separate and distinct personage from God the Father, and that the Holy Ghost was a distinct personage and a Spirit; and these three constitute ...three Gods." (*History of the Church*, Vol. 6, pg. 474) In October of 1984, one Mormon apostle stated, "Anyone who believes and teaches of God the Father, and accepts the divinity of Christ, and of the Holy Ghost, teaches a plurality of Gods." (*Ensign*, Nov. 84, pg. 68) Mormon apostle Bruce McConkie says, "the Lord Jesus worked out his own salvation." (*Our Relationship with the Lord*, pg. 9)

In the Bible, Jesus is worshipped. (See Matthew 8:2, Mark 5:6, Luke 24:52, John 9:38, and Hebrews 1:6) However, Mormonism says that Jesus is not to be worshipped. Bruce McConkie declares, "We do not worship the Son." (*Our Relationship with the Lord*, pg. 5) To a Mormon, Jesus is merely "an important member of the Godhead" (*Ensign*, Jan. 84, pg. 17)

The Biblical Jesus was the most forgiving of men. He declared, "*the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.*" (Luke 9:56) He showed this in the events surrounding His crucifixion and resurrection. He was mocked, spit upon, beaten, and whipped. Pilate's soldiers crowned Him with thorns. Yet Jesus made no attempt to defend Himself,

though the Bible states in Matthew 26:53 that He could have called upon thousands of angels to aid Him. As the soldiers nailed Him to the cross, Christ prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) At Christ's death, there was an earthquake that tore the veil of the temple in half, yet it did no other damage. (Matthew 27:50-51) Another earthquake which did no damage occurred at His resurrection. Instead, "the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves..." (Matthew 27:52-53)

This is not the Mormon Jesus. The *Book of Mormon* contains an account of the events that supposedly took place in the western hemisphere at Christ's death. According to this account, 16 cities were destroyed with all their inhabitants, some being burned, some sinking into the sea, and some being buried under tons of earth and rock. The *Book of Mormon* tells us in 3 Nephi 8:25 that those who "killed and stoned the prophets, and cast them out" were spared, while innocent women and children died. When the destruction was complete, a voice was heard taking credit for the lives lost and the cities laid in ruins. According to the Book of Mormon, the one responsible for this carnage was "Jesus Christ the Son of God." (3 Nephi 9:15) Rather than being a Saviour, the Mormon Jesus is a slaughterer and is responsible for the deaths of uncounted thousands. However, the Christ of the Bible came "that they might have life" (John 10:10)

There is no salvation in worshipping a false Christ. Jesus Himself warned His disciples to beware of false Christs. "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets..." (Matthew 24:24) Trusting in the Jesus of Mormonism can never lead to eternal life. A Jesus who is not the real Jesus has no power to save. Only the Jesus of the Bible can offer eternal life, "for

for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

How does one obtain eternal life? The Bible states in Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." The word **believe** does not mean to simply acknowledge Jesus as the Saviour, or to merely say that one believes in Him. Believe means to place total and complete trust in Christ, and to depend on Him alone for eternal life. Don't place your trust in a church, baptism, a prophet, or in a false Christ. Put your faith solely in the Jesus of the Bible. Romans 10:9 states, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." God gives you the promise "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) If you will trust Him, He will keep His promise.

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