

# 10 Reasons I could never be a Mormon...

## 1. MORMONISM DOES NOT TEACH THAT THE BIBLE IS THE INFALLIBLE WORK OF GOD.

**Mormonism:** "We believe the Bible is the Word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the book of Mormon to be the word of God" (Articles of Faith, No. 8). **As Christians:** we believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed (**2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Matt 5:18**).

## 2. MORMONISM TEACHES THAT GOD IS AN EXALTED MAN AND HAS A PHYSICAL BODY.

**Mormonism:** "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man" (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pg. 345). "The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's..." (Doc. & Cov., Sec. 131:22) **The Bible says,** "God is not a man..." (**Num. 23:19**). "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (**John 4:24**). "A spirit hath not flesh and bones..." (**Lk. 24:39**).

## 3. MORMONISM TEACHES THAT CHRIST AND THE DEVIL ARE BROTHERS.

**Mormonism:** "...that Lucifer, the son of morning, is our elder brother and the brother of Jesus Christ" (Mormon Doctrine by Bruce McConkie, pp.163-4). **The Bible says** that the devil is a created being, created by God. "thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee" (**Ezekiel 28:15**). "For by Him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, of dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him and for Him..." (**Col. 1:15-17**).

## 4. MORMONISM TEACHES THAT JESUS WAS MARRIED AND THAT HE IS POLYGAMOUS.

**Mormonism:** "We say it was Jesus Christ who was married at Cana of Galilee" (Journal of Discourses, Vol 2, p. 80). Mormonism teaches that Jesus was the natural child of Adam and Mary. "When the Virgin Mary conceived the Child Jesus....He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is his Father? He is the first of the human family" (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, pp. 50-51). **The Bible says,** " In the beginning was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;...The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us..." (**John 1:1, 14**). "Then Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing that I know not a man? And the angel answered... The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee..."(**Lk. 1:34-35**).

## 5. MORMONISM TEACHES THAT THE TRUE CHURCH CEASED TO EXIST UNTIL IT WAS RESTORED TO JOSEPH SMITH.

**Mormonism:** The church (LDS) was restored April 6, 1830 by Joseph Smith (Doc. & Cov., 20:1). **Jesus Christ said,** "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (**Matt. 16:18**). "for other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (**1 Cor. 3:11**). "...And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone" (**Eph. 2:20**).

## 6. MORMONISM TEACHES ANOTHER (PERVERTED) GOSPEL THAN THAT OF THE BIBLE.

**Mormonism:** The gospel to Mormonism is: "Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Receiving the Holy Spirit by laying on of hands, Morality, Loyalty, Tithing, Word of Wisdom, Duty Celestial Marriage (for eternity)" (LDS chart of FREE AGENCY and Articles of Faith, No. 4). **The Bible says,** "Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel that he was buried, and that

he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (**1 Cor. 15:1, 3-4**). "if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (**Gal. 1:9**).

## **7. MORMONISM TEACHES SALVATION FOR THE DEAD BY PROXY WATER BAPTISM**

**This doctrine is based on one misunderstood Scripture:** "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?" (**1 Cor. 15:29**). Paul did not practice baptism for the dead. He excluded himself by using the pronoun "they" rather than "we" or "ye". He is asking a question rather than making a statement. "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment" (**Heb. 9:27**).

## **8. MORMONISM TEACHES GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH FOR THE DEAD**

**Mormonism:** "Let us, therefore, as a church and a people, and as Latter-day Saints, offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness; and let us present in his holy temple, when it is finished, a book containing the records of our dead, which shall be worth of all acceptation" (Doc. & Cov., Sec. 128:24). **The Bible says,** "Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies" (**1 Tim. 1:4**). "but avoid foolish question and genealogies..." (**Titus 3:9**).

## **9. MORMONISM TEACHES THAT THERE ARE MODERN DAY PROPHETS AND MODERN DAY REVELATIONS FROM GOD.**

**Mormonism:** claims that Joseph Smith received the Aaronic Priesthood from John the Baptist. The Melchizedek Priesthood and Apostleship was restored by Peter, James and John shortly afterwards in 1829 (Doc. & Cov., Sec. 13). **The Bible says,** "God...hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" (**Heb. 1:1-2**). The test of a prophet is given in **Deut. 18:20-22**.

## **10. MORMONISM TEACHES THAT SALVATION DEPENDS UPON GOOD WORKS AND ACCEPTANCE OF JOSEPH SMITH.**

**Mormonism:** "No man who rejects the testimony of Joseph Smith can enter the kingdom of God" (Doctrines of Salvation, vol. 1 pg. 190). "Men have work to do if they would obtain salvation" (Doctrines of Salvation, vol. 3, pg 91). **The Bible teaches** that salvation is provided by Jesus Christ alone, "for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (**Acts 4:10-12**). "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast" (**Eph. 2:8-9**).

**Mormons believe that their church** is "the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth" (D&C 1:30), the only organization authorized by the Almighty to preach his gospel and administer the ordinances of salvation, the only Church which has power to save" (*Mormon Doctrine*; 1977 ed, p. 136).

Mormons either deny or pervert every essential doctrine of historic Christianity, including the uniqueness of God, the virgin birth, the Trinity, the authority of Scripture (by relegating it to a position below their other sacred writings), and salvation by grace through faith.

It should be noted that while the claims of Mormonism must be firmly rejected, Christians should reach out to Mormons with the "gentleness and respect" [1 Peter 3:15](#) calls for, "in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth..." ([2 Tim. 2:25](#))