

Sermon Note - Mormonism Compared to What We Believe Pt 1 - Mormon Background

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Scripture Text: Genesis 1:26–27, Genesis 2:7

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“Christians should look forward to going to church on Sunday because it is the only place where Christians are in the majority.”

Galatians 1:6–12 (NKJV) ⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. ¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

We begin to look at another Christian Religious Domination,

The Name: The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, aka Mormonism.

The Church: "Note that the article *The* begins with a capital letter. This is an important part of the title, for "**The word “the”** is significant: to distinguishes this as the only true church on the face of the earth."^[13]

of Jesus Christ: "By divine directive, the title of the Church bears the sacred name of Jesus Christ, whose church this is.

of Latter-day: "*Of Latter-day* explains that it is the same Church as the Church that Jesus Christ established during His mortal ministry but restored in these latter days."^[12]

Saints: "*Saints* means that its members follow Him and strive to do His will, keep His commandments, and prepare once again to live with Him and our Heavenly Father in the future. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Name_of_The_Church_of_Jesus_Christ_of_Latter-day_Saints

Why are they called Mormons?

Mormonism describes the doctrines of the Church that were restored to the earth through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/mormonism-101>

How did it begin?

The founder of the Denomination was Joseph Smith Jr. He was born December 23, 1805, in Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont.

In 1820, as he prayed in the woods he says he had a visitation from The Spirit of God and Jesus besides Him. ([Joseph Smith, Journal, Nov. 9–11, 1835](#))

In 1823, it is said that the **resurrected** Moroni, the son of a Nephite prophet named Mormon, visited Joseph Smith and gave him the “Gold plates of Mormon” to be translated and brought forth to the world as **another testament of Jesus Christ.**

<https://www.lds.org/scriptures/dc-testament/introduction.html?lang=eng>

We as Christian must believe our Bible when it says:

Galatians 1:6–9 (NKJV) ⁶ ... ⁸ *But even if we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.*** ⁹ *As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. (2 Corinthians 11:3–4)*

A red flag should always be raised when anyone comes with a new “private” or “special” revelation that they claim is a more superior or in addition to the one than that which has already been preached.

It is worth noting that these plates have never been found.

Its Size and Influence

CBN.com - Mormonism is the fastest growing faith group in American history according to "U.S. News & World Report," There could be 265 million members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) worldwide by 2080.

Total church membership 15,882,417

Congregations 30,204

Missionaries 70,946

Temples 159

<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/facts-and-statistics>

Its Prominent members include:

Glenn Beck, Mitt Romney, Osmond Family, Gladys Knight (Joined 1997), Harry Reid Senator Orrin Hatch and Senator Marco Rubio (left after 3 years)

https://www.ranker.com/list/ex-mormon-celebrities/celebrity-lists?ref=collections_btm&l=1756194&collectionId=1125

They have one of the most extensive records of Family Genealogy available for ancestry search.

Their Holy Books

1. Book of Mormon

Written by an ancient prophet named Mormon and translated by Joseph Smith. It is a religious record of the visit of Jesus Christ to three groups of people who migrated to the American continents following His Resurrection. Recorded on gold metal plates.

(see the [introduction at the front of the Book of Mormon](#)).

2. **The Doctrine and Covenants** is a collection of divine revelations and inspired declarations given for the establishment and regulation of the kingdom of God on the earth in the last days.

3. **The Pearl of Great Price is also the name given to one of four volumes of scripture** called the “standard works” of The LDS. The first published in 1851 and contained some material that is now in the Doctrine and Covenants.
4. **The Holy Bible** is a sacred book that contains the word of God. It foretells the coming of Jesus Christ and describes His life, mission, and sacred role as the Son of God and Savior of the world.

<https://www.lds.org/languages/eng/content/video/mormon-beliefs/2015-01-1030-jesus-christs-church>

Many of these extra revelations only add confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV) ³³ For God is not the author of confusion (disorder) but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

Their Doctrine

1. **They believe that we are all eternal, uncreated spirits who became the literal offspring of our Heavenly Father and Mother.**

In LDS belief we all existed in the beginning with God as “spirit” or “intelligence” beings and are co-eternal with him. they are also the literal sons and daughters of heavenly parents: our Heavenly Father and a heavenly mother.

Yes, they believe that God had a wife.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/jul/06/gods-wife-heavenly-mother-mormon-church>

Man **became a living being** by the breath of God. I just cannot follow their logic.
Genesis 2:7 (NKJV) ⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and **man became a living being.**

2. **Adam and Eve’s act of eating the forbidden fruit was not a sin but was a noble deed that was necessary for the blessing of the human race.**

In LDS doctrine the eating of the fruit was a necessary transgression of God’s command so that human beings could be mortal and reproduce, live through a time of testing, and emerge spiritually stronger with the potential to become like Heavenly Father (2 Nephi 2:22-25)

Their act of disobedience was SIN and brought severe consequences to man.

Romans 5:12 (NKJV) ¹² Therefore, just as through **one man sin** entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— Genesis 2:17, Romans 6:23(Genesis 3:14–19)

Message Scriptures: **Genesis 1:26–27, Genesis 2:7, Galatians 1:6–9, 1 Corinthians 14:33, Genesis 2:7, Genesis 2:17, Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23, Genesis 3:14–19, Romans 5:12–17**

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Facts and Statistics

<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/facts-and-statistics>

The Persecution of the Mormons

<http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-17-1-b-the-persecution-of-the-mormons>

50+ Practicing Mormon Celebrities

https://www.ranker.com/list/practicing-mormon-celebrities/celebrity-lists?ref=collections_btm&l=1756197&collectionId=1125

26 Celebrities who left the Mormon Church

https://www.ranker.com/list/ex-mormon-celebrities/celebrity-lists?ref=collections_btm&l=1756194&collectionId=1125

Mormonism 101: What is Mormonism?

<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/mormonism-101>

Introduction at The Front of The Book of Mormon.

<https://www.lds.org/scriptures/dc-testament/introduction.html?lang=eng>

Video – The complete Restoration of Jesus Christ’s original Church on earth.

<https://www.lds.org/languages/eng/content/video/mormon-beliefs/2015-01-1030-jesus-christs-church>

God’s Wife

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/jul/06/gods-wife-heavenly-mother-mormon-church>

LDS contradict the bible

<http://www.utlm.org/onlineresources/ldsviewcontradicts bible.htm>

Mormon Secrets: What the Missionaries Don't Tell - YouTube (4:24 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VKT4hrBTuk>

This one is hard to believe

Banned Mormon Cartoon (8:41)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r iamL AbuTQ>

There is only one God

<http://mit.irr.org/28-biblical-passages-which-explicitly-teach-there-only-one-god>.

Temple of the Godmakers (25 Min)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebD0cop_a3U

God's wife, the mysterious mother of Mormons

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/jul/06/gods-wife-heavenly-mother-mormon-church>

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<https://mit.irr.org/mormon-belief-doctrine-of-lds-church#Weareall>

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<https://mit.irr.org/mormon-view-of-salvation>

They will be like God

<https://mit.irr.org/mormon-belief-doctrine-of-lds-church#FaithfulMormons>

Racism and Priesthood: Led Astray for 100 Years

<https://mit.irr.org/mormon-church-disavows-previous-teachings-on-blacks-and-priesthood>

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