



Review of Mormon Church vs. Biblical Christianity

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A good review of the differences, from www.mrm.org/

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- There is one uncreated eternal God, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 43:10; John 1:1; Acts 5:4; Eph. 4:6). These three are not merely one in purpose, but are also one in essence.
- Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16), was born of a virgin (Matt. 1:23), led a sinless life (Heb. 4:15), atoned for sin by His death on the cross (Rom. 5:10-11; 1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 2:24) and rose again bodily on the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-3). Because He ever lives, He alone is our High Priest and advocate (Heb. 7:28).
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, regenerates, indwells, guides, and instructs, as well as empowers the believer for Godly living and service (Acts 13:2; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 2:10; 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21). The Holy Spirit will never contradict what God the Father has already revealed.
- All mankind is sinful by nature (Romans 3:23; Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8,10). This condition makes it impossible to earn his exaltation through good works. Good works however, are a by-product of saving faith, not a pre-requisite to be saved (Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:14-20).
- Mankind is saved by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ (John 6:47; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5). Believers are justified by His shed blood and shall be saved from wrath through Him (John 3:36; 1 John 1:9).
- Christ's Church is not an organization, but rather a body of believers who have recognized their lost state and placed their trust in the redeeming work of Christ for their salvation (Eph. 2:19-22).
- Jesus Christ will return again for His own (1 Thess. 4:16). All true believers will reign with Him throughout eternity (2 Tim. 2:12). He will be our God, we will be His people (2 Cor. 6:16).
- There will be a bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust; the just to everlasting life, the unjust to everlasting damnation (John 5:25-29; 1 Cor. 15:42; Rev. 20:11-15).

Bible

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- *2 Timothy 3:16-17¹ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*
- Mormon "scriptures" no historical veracity, no consistency, direct conflict with the Bible in many areas

The Trinity

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- *Deut. 6:4 The Lord our God is one Lord; or The Lord is our God, the Lord is one; or The Lord is our God, the Lord alone*
- *Isa. 43:10 Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.*
- *John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
- Mormon Church does not believe in the Trinity, believes God was a man like us and humans can progress to be like God.

Jesus Christ

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- *Romans 5:10-11 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*
- Mormons believe Jesus is truly our "elder brother" and the spirit brother of Satan. ****The Mormon Jesus is not the Jesus of the Bible*** and cannot save you.

Holy Spirit

- The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, regenerates, indwells, guides, and instructs, as well as empowers the believer for Godly living and service (Acts 13:2; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor.2:10; 3:16; 2 Pet.1:20, 21). The Holy Spirit will never contradict what God the Father has already revealed.
- *1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?*
- Mormons do not believe the Holy Spirit is the same as the Holy Ghost, but more of an impersonal influence

Man's Sinful nature

- All mankind is sinful by nature (Romans 3:23; Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8,10). This condition makes it impossible to earn his exaltation through good works. Good works however, are a by-product of saving faith, not a pre-requisite to be saved (Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:14-20).
- *Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*
- Mormons believe the Fall was a good thing so humans could be mortal and progress.

Salvation by grace

- Mankind is saved by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ (John 6:47; Gal.2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5). Believers are justified by His shed blood and shall be saved from wrath through Him (John 3:36; 1 John 1:9).
- *Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*
- The Mormons believe YOU must work all your life to stay worthy of Mormon exaltation.

The church

- Christ's Church is not an organization, but rather a body of believers who have recognized their lost state and placed their trust in the redeeming work of Christ for their salvation (Eph. 2:19-22).
- *Eph. 2:19-22 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*
- The Mormon Church was founded with the idea that all other churches are "an abomination" They are NOT a Christian denomination. They are a polytheistic, non-Christian religion.

Our eternal future

- Jesus Christ will return again for His own (1 Thess. 4:16). All true believers will reign with Him throughout eternity (2 Tim. 2:12). He will be our God, we will be His people (2 Cor. 6:16).
- *2 Tim. 2:12 If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him.*
- *2 Cor. 6: 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.*
- Mormons believe the afterlife will consist of three realms with the highest one having an additional three with only good Temple-approved and married Mormons in it.

Final Judgment

- There will be a bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust; the just to everlasting life, the unjust to everlasting damnation (John 5:25-29; 1 Cor. 15:42; Rev. 20:11-15).
- *John 5:25-29 Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.*
- The Mormons believe that the Final Judgment is primarily to decide which of the heavens all people will go to and that Jesus made it possible for everyone to go to one of them whether they know Him or not.

Additional Resources

- Check out past class notes
- <http://www.livelifebythebook.com>
- Mormonism Research
- <http://www.mrm.org/>
- 4 Mormons.org
- <http://4mormon.org/>
- Mormon Quotes
- <http://www.mormonquotes.com/>
- Utah Lighthouse Ministry
- <http://www.utlm.org/>
- Christian Research Institute
- <http://www.equip.org/>

You cannot spend eternity with God without knowing the true Jesus and Mormons preach a false Jesus.

Don't be so nice you don't tell people the truth.

Learn, pray, and speak the truth in love.