

# A Study on Mormonism

## Introduction:

- Romans 1:16 – “the gospel is the power of God to salvation for \_\_\_\_\_ who believes”
- Mormonism is one of the fastest growing religions in our country
- Romans 10:2 – “For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.”
- Several Mormons will claim to be Christians
- Why should we evangelize Mormons?
  - Reason #1: Mormonism teaches a \_\_\_\_\_ gospel
  - Reason #2: The issue of eternity is at \_\_\_\_\_

## Mormonism & Joseph Smith

- The First vision
- The Tests of a True Prophet
  - He must present the true God (Deut. 13:1-3)
  - He must be 100% accurate in prophecies (Deut. 18:20-22)
- Examples of false prophecies
  - The C\_\_\_\_\_ and T\_\_\_\_\_ Prophecy
    - Joseph F. Smith: “I have full confidence in the word of the Lord that it shall not fail... We have not been released from this responsibility, nor shall we be. The word of the Lord will not fail... No matter what the correct interpretation may be, the fact remains that the city Zion, or New Jerusalem, will eventually be built in Jackson County, Missouri and the temple of the Lord will also be constructed.” (*Way to Perfection*)
  - The S\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ Prophecy
    - “I prophecy in the name of the Lord God – and let it be written: that the Son of Man will not come in the heavens until I am 85 years old, 48 years hence or about 1890.” (taken from Smith’s diary in 1843)

Joseph Fielding Smith  
(former president of the  
LDS Church):  
“Mormonism... must stand  
or fall on the story of  
Joseph Smith. He was  
either a prophet of God,  
divinely called, properly  
anointed and  
commissioned, or he was  
one of the biggest frauds  
this world has ever seen.”

## Mormonism & God

- Four Beliefs about God
  1. The Gods are M\_\_\_\_\_
    - Brigham Young: “How many Gods there are I do not know, but there never was a time when there were not Gods.” (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 7)
  2. The Gods are E\_\_\_\_\_
  3. The Gods are M\_\_\_\_\_
    - “The Father has a body of flesh and bones and as tangible as man’s.” (Doctrines & Covenants 130:22)
  4. The Gods are I\_\_\_\_\_

## Mormonism & Jesus Christ

- Many LDS will affirm they believe in Jesus
- In which Jesus are they putting their trust?
- Mormonism's view of Jesus
  - Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ brother of Lucifer
  - Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ into a God
  - They believe Jesus' death was \_\_\_\_\_

2 Nephi 25:23 – “For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do.”

## Mormonism & Salvation

- The LDS third article of faith: “We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.”
- Mormonism leans toward universalism
- According to their beliefs, all people will go to one of the three heavens
  - T\_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom
  - T\_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom
  - C\_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom
- Definition of terms:
  - “Salvation” to the Mormon equals “resurrection”
  - Grace: “Grace is granted to men proportionately as they conform to the standards of personal righteousness that are part of the Gospel plan.” (Apostle Bruce McConkie)

Spencer W. Kimball (12<sup>th</sup> president of the LDS church): “One of the most fallacious doctrines originated by Satan and propounded by man is that man is saved alone by the grace of God; that belief in Jesus Christ alone is all that is needed for salvation.”

## Mormonism & Books of Authority

- The King James Bible
  - LDS Articles of Faith, section 8: “We believe the Bible to be the Word of God as far as it is translated correctly. We also believe the Book of Mormon to be the Word of God.”
- The Book of Mormon
  - Major Problems:
    - The method of p\_\_\_\_\_
    - The p\_\_\_\_\_ of the King James Bible
    - The lack of archaeological \_\_\_\_\_
    - The lack of \_\_\_\_\_
- The Pearl of Great Price
- The Doctrine and the Covenants

“The first myth that we need to eliminate is that the Book of Mormon archaeology exists.” Dr. Dee Green (former BYU professor)

## Conclusion: How do you witness to a Mormon?

1. Establish that Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_ than Mormonism
2. Keep it \_\_\_\_\_! (not a shotgun approach)
3. Pray for them \_\_\_\_\_ with them