

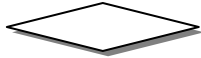
So Close! ...And Yet So Far?



The Teachings Of Jesus In Dialogue With Other Beliefs

Part 5: "Nice Commercials! What Are You Selling?"

MORMONISM



Introduction – Jesus, Death, & Marriage

Luke 16:19-31

Matthew 22:23-30

Beginnings & Beliefs

- i) Joseph Smith – a latter-day _____.
- ii) Supernatural _____.
 - a. God the Father & the Son
 - b. Moroni (Lehi) – an _____.
- iii) Scriptures – Book of Mormon, Doctrine & Covenants, Pearl of Great Price, & _____.
- iv) Ongoing revelation

- v) Monotheism vs. Polytheism
- vi) God's origin, Our destiny
- vii) The importance of genealogies...
- viii) Polygamy and Eternal Marriage...

What Can We Learn From Mormons?

- i) Family is not just something you _____, but something you _____.

Psalm 119:5, etc.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- ii) The mission field is _____.

1 Peter 3:3-4

- iii) Our younger years can be our _____ years for serving Jesus.

1 Timothy 4:12

What Can Mormons Learn From Jesus?

- i) Don't believe what every _____ tells you.

2 Corinthians 11:14
Galatians 1:8

- ii) The Bible is _____.

2 Timothy 3:16
1 Corinthians 4:6

- iii) Focus on the _____ and not the _____.

Matthew 8:21-22
1 Timothy 1:3-4
Titus 3:9

- iv) Intuition should _____ reason, not _____ it.

Jeremiah 17:9
Proverbs 14:12
Matthew 11:2-5

- iv) Our goal is serving God, not _____ one.

Revelation 3:12

- v) Salvation comes through a person, not an _____.

1 Timothy 2:5

- vi) Salvation is a gift to be received, not a prize to be achieved.

Titus 3:5

Conclusion – Have You Done The “Work” God Requires?

Romans 10:9

John 6:28-29

1 John 3:23

Galatians 5:6

James 1:26-27

FOR FURTHER STUDY...

The Official Mormon Web Site = www.lds.org

A Compassionate Critique of Mormonism = www.mormonism-web.com

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, share what aspect of Mormonism you are a) most attracted to? b) most 'turned off' by?
2. Have you ever had contact with Mormon friends or missionaries? What has been your experience?
3. Paul wrote the book of **Galatians** because that church was slipping back into their old religious ways for salvation rather than faith alone. Read **chapter 3**, beginning with the last verse of chapter 2. a) Which verse is your favourite in this passage? Why? b) In what ways do you try to do what Paul suggests in **verse 3** the Galatian Christians were trying to do? c) In **verse 27**, Paul refers to those who have been "**bapized into Christ**". What does this mean? (Also see **1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 6:3-11; Acts 1:5**.) d) Is water baptism a prerequisite for Spirit baptism? (See **Acts 10:43-48**.)
4. A variety of people all around us need to hear the gospel. Mormons use a variety of creative methods to connect with spiritually seeking people. What is one creative thing you could do this week to connect with a spiritual seeker? Pray about doing just that.

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