

ARE MORMANS THE RESTORED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST?

By Joey Hickey

The self-proclaimed prophet, Joseph Smith, declared (History of the Church, Vol. 6, 408), "I have more to boast of than ever any man had. I am the only man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together since the days of Adam. Neither Paul, Peter, nor Jesus ever did it. I boast that no man has ever did such work as I. The followers of Jesus ran away from Him; but the Latter-day-Saints never ran away from me yet."

Many issues challenge Smith's reliability as a religious authority. Mormons produce no verifiable record of the original texts he translated, in contrast to the New Testament's 5,800 Greek manuscripts. Reportedly, Smith put rocks ("seer stones") in a hat to translate, a common practice of treasure hunters to find treasure, which Smith learned from his treasure hunting father.

Smith taught a man could have ten wives, if virgins (Doctrine and Covenants 132:61-63). Joseph married 34 wives including girls as young as 14. To convince them to marry, Smith said God told him to marry them. He even told "Apostle" Orson Hyde's wife that God willed for her to leave her husband and marry him. Even by Smith's loose marriage law (D & C 132:63), he caused Apostle Hyde's wife to commit adultery. Mormons believe God revealed a change about polygamy in 1891. Although Jesus taught marriage was between one man and one woman (Matthew 19:5), Hyde taught Jesus had multiple wives.

Mormons claim the "new dispensation" required Joseph to repopulate the earth and provide for those women. Incidentally, under the new covenant, no man of God had more than one wife.

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Joseph Smith taught that African Americans were angels cursed with black skin for indifference in a heavenly battle. Brigham Young said "the penalty" for a white man or woman marrying an African "under the law of God is death on the spot" (Journal of Discourses, v. 10, 110). He also said, "Had I anything to do with the negro, I would confine them by strict law to their own species" (History of the Church, v. 5, 217). Mormon's believe God changed his mind about Africans around 1979.

They appoint as elders single 18 year olds (see Titus 1). They ordain High Priests, undermining Christ's role as intercessor (Hebrews 7, 8) and binding them to keep the Old Law (James 2:10, Galatians 5:4). Mormons alter Christ's memorial service, use multiple containers of water rather than one cup with fruit of the vine.

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Sermon #1155 Q & A: The Sabbath The most glaring doctrines that disqualify Joseph Smith as a prophet are his different God (Deuteronomy 13) and different gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). He taught in the King Follett Discourse (Ids.org) that God was once a man. He also claimed man can become a god (D & C 132:20). Mormons point to John 10:34 where God says, "ye are gods." This refers to Psalm 82:6-7 where God says, satirically and sarcastically, you arrogant men thought you were gods (Psalm 82:3-5), but you will die like men.

Mormons teach that the faithful go to the celestial kingdom, good people who do not obey the gospel go to the terrestrial kingdom, and the worst people go to the telestial kingdom. They cite 1 Corinthians 15:40 to support this, but this only shows we will have a new body in heaven, and says nothing about a celestial, terrestrial, or telestial kingdom.

There is one God (Isaiah 44:8) and none before him (Genesis 1:1). He has always been God (Isaiah 44:6). He is the only God, and no one after him will become a god (Isaiah 43:10). He exists in three persons--the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (John 1:1, 14; Acts 5:3-4).

The "Church of Jesus Christ--Latter Day Saints" is not the restored church of Jesus Christ, because it is not the "faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3)."



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306 South Walnut Street Cleburne, TX Speaker: Glen Osburn 7:30 pm (11th-13th) 6:00 pm (14th) 10:30 am & 2:30 pm (15th)

July 25 - 29 Fossil Creek CHURCH OF CHRIST

3517 North Beach Street Fort Worth, TX Speaker: Clint DeFrance 7:30 pm (25th-27th) 6:00 pm (28th) 10:00 am & 1:30 PM (29th)

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