

# The Midwest Expositor

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Comparing the Claims of Mormonism

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“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” 1 Thess 5:21

## The Jesus of Mormonism

I want to say right up front as I begin this newsletter, that I borrowed heavily from Wally Tope’s book “On the Frontlines Witnessing to Mormons.” His book was a great source. It is important to give credit where credit is due!

### WE’RE CHRISTIAN JUST LIKE YOU!

It is the unalterable position, of all Mormon Ministries that Helen and I are familiar with, and that is most of them, that **“Mormonism is not Christian.”** I was born into the Mormon Church, a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Mormon. I’m now a born again Christian, washed in the blood of the Jesus Christ, and my name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. PTL!! When I was growing up in the Mormon Church in the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s, we Mormons didn’t want to be known as, or called Christians.

My wife, Helen, called me a Christian once, right after we got married; I almost took her head off. I told her “Don’t you ever call me a Christian. I’m not a Christian, I’m a Mormon!” You see, the Mormon Church has done a huge turnaround in that area – today, Mormons become irritated if you say they are not Christians.

I believe the turnaround was orchestrated because of the reception that the Mormon missionaries received out in the public. 20-30 years ago, if you walked into a Christian church anywhere in America, and walked up to someone sitting in a pew and asked them, “What about the Mormons, are they Christian?” The immediate response would have been: “No! They are a cult!” Today, if you were asking that same question, you’d probably hear: “Oh yes, they’re just another denomination.” WELL FOLKS, NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!

### WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

The Christian Church is that body of believers who put their faith in Jesus Christ; the Jesus of

the Bible. Let’s look at a couple of scriptures to help us see that point; first Romans 12:5:

**“So we, *being many*, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”**

Colossians 1:24 says:

**“Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body’s sake, which is the church:”**

So, what is the church? It is the believers in Christ, whom are called the ‘body of Christ’. The word “Christians” is only used one time in the King James Translation, and that is in Acts 11:26:

**“And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”**

### WHICH JESUS?

As, I’ve already said, if you tell a Mormon that they are not Christian, they will challenge that assertion. The Mormon will normally come back with a statement like: “We believe in Christ.” or “The name of Jesus Christ is part of the name of our church: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; that proves we are Christians!”

When a Mormon says they believe in Jesus Christ – you need to ask **“WHICH ONE?”**

The Jehovah’s Witnesses believe in a Jesus who is “Michael the Archangel.” The Christian Scientists might proclaim a Jesus who is a “Divine Principle.” Are those beliefs consistent with the Jesus of the Bible? NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT!! That is why, when talking about Christians, Jehovah’s Witnesses are left out, as are the Christian Scientists. WHY? It’s simple, because they don’t believe in the Jesus of the Bible, that’s why!

## **FALSE DOCTRINE, FALSE TEACHERS!**

The Apostle Paul warned the church at Corinth concerning false doctrine and false teachers in 2 Corinthians 11:3-4:

**“3. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is Christ.**

**4. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.”**

Paul’s warning to the Galatians’ is stern and his tone is harsh in Galatians 1:6-9:

**“6. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:**

**7. Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

**8. But though we, or angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.**

**9. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”**

Why were the epistles of Paul, John, Peter, and James written? They were written to combat false doctrines that were being promoted by false teachers in the early church. Are we exempt from false doctrines and teachers today? Absolutely Not!!

If anyone believes or promotes a different Jesus than the Jesus presented in the New Testament, then they probably don’t know the “real” Jesus. If they don’t know the “real” Jesus they have no hope of eternal life. John 17:3 says:

**3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**

So, if someone doesn’t know the only true God, and Jesus Christ, they can’t have life

eternal. Those aren’t my words; those letters are red in my Bible – Jesus said that, not Rocky!

Let’s see what the Jesus of Mormonism is like. Here are some of the characteristics of the Mormon Jesus:

## **1. JESUS IS THE SPIRIT-BROTHER OF LUCIFER (SATAN)**

**“The appointment of Jesus to be the Savior of the world was contested by one of the other sons of God. He was called Lucifer, son of the morning. Haughty, ambitious, and covetous of power and glory, this spirit-brother of Jesus desperately tried to become the Savior of mankind. (*The Gospel Through the Ages*, pg 15)**

### **WE CAN JUST STOP RIGHT THERE!!**

Does any Christian church teach such a thing? NO! Does the New Testament? NO!!

How can Jesus be the spirit brother of Lucifer when Colossians 1:16-17 tells us this:

**“16. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:**

**17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”**

How is it possible that the creator of all things, “**all things**”, visible or invisible, be the brother, spirit or otherwise, of the creation, that he created? THAT’S IMPOSSIBLE!! How can the creator be brother to the created? He can’t! To teach such a thing is to teach another gospel, exactly what Paul warned us about – in fact, in Galatians, **Paul said “let him be accursed.”** **Paul didn’t mince words about false doctrine!**

## **2. JESUS IS THE FIRST OF A LONG-LINE OF SPIRIT-CHILDREN**

In the booklet “What the MORMONS think of CHRIST,” published by the Mormon Church, on page 36, we read:

**“If Christians everywhere only knew and believed that Christ was the Firstborn Son of a personal God in a pre-existent eternity,...”**

**(What the MORMONS think of CHRIST,  
L.D.S. booklet, pg 36)**

Mormonism teaches that we all were born into a pre-earth life spirit world, as direct spirit off-spring of our Father God and Mother God. This doctrine in Mormonism is called: Pre-existence:

**“In the heavens, before the earth was formed, the plan of this earth life was explained to all of us. We were then but spirit offspring of our Father and Mother in heaven. We all learned then that through this earth life experience we would have the opportunity of going through the same type of experiences they had done and so become as they are. The records tell us that we all shouted for joy at this glorious news.” (Ensign, Jan. 1974, pg 62)**

Jesus wasn't procreated by an exalted God-man in the pre-existence with his Goddess-wife. Jesus always existed as seen in John 1:1:

**1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

Who is the “Word” – Jesus! In the beginning was Jesus, and Jesus was with God and Jesus was God. Folks, this is true in the doctrine of the Trinity; but, not with Mormonism!

### **3. JESUS, IS A GOD, WHO WAS ONCE A MAN, WHO PROGRESSED TO GODHOOD**

I know what you're thinking, you're saying, “There is no way the Mormons could believe this and still say they are Christian.” Well, let's see what Joseph Smith, the 1<sup>st</sup> Prophet of Mormonism, said on April 6, 1844, just two months before his death:

**“It is the first principle of the Gospel to know for a certainty the character of God and to know that we may converse with him as one man converses with another, and that he was once a man like us; yea that God himself the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth the same as Jesus Christ himself did; and I will show it from the Bible.” (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 6, pg 3)**

**WELL JOSEPH, I DISAGREE WITH YOU! THAT BLASPHEMOUS**

**STATEMENT CANNOT BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE!!**

We've already seen John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Let's put John 1:1 together with Psalm 90:2:

**2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. (Psalm, 90:2)**

JESUS IS GOD, AND GOD ALWAYS HAS BEEN GOD! Instead of the man Christ climbing the ladder of achievement to Godhood (instead of man becoming God), **GOD BECAME MAN! MORMONISM HAS IT EXACTLY OPPOSITE OF CHRISTIANITY! IN CHRISTIANITY, JESUS BECAME THE GOD-MAN: (PHILLIPIANS 2:5-8)**

**“5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**

**6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

**7. But made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

**8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”**

You see in Mormonism, man becomes god, in Christianity, God became man, to save us all.

POLYTHEISM: Poly = many, Theism = God; Polytheism = many Gods. Mormonism is Polytheistic. Mormonism believes the goal of every Mormon male is to become a God himself. What does the Bible say about Polytheism?

**“5. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.” (Isaiah 43:10)**

### **4. JESUS IS TOTALLY SEPARATE FROM THE FATHER, EXCEPT FOR “ONENESS OF PURPOSE”.**

This belief is nothing more than a denial of the Trinity, which is a

FOUNDATIONAL teaching of Christianity.

**“Concept 8: God and Jesus Christ are separate and distinct persons; each has a glorified and perfected body of flesh and bones.”** (*The Uniform System for Teaching Families*, pg. C-1).

A familiar scripture to most Christians is John 4:24 that says “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” That scripture simply wipes out the Mormon Missionary handbook statement above: Concept 8. A really dynamite scripture that shows the absolute Deity of Jesus is 1 John 5:20:

**“20. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”**

The word **“This”** that starts the last sentence is a relative pronoun. Both in Greek and English, whatever a relative pronoun refers to must agree in gender and number with the closest antecedent (antecedent: a word, phrase, or clause, usually a substantive, that is replaced by a pronoun usually at a later point in the sentence or in a subsequent sentence). What is the gender and number of the word **This**? It is singular and masculine. What is the closest antecedent to it that is a singular, masculine noun? It is the word Christ. **There is never a clearer statement in all the scriptures as to the identity of Jesus Christ. HE IS GOD IN HUMAN FLESH!!**

## **5. JESUS WAS NOT BEGOTTEN BY THE HOLY GHOST.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> editions of the Midwest Expositor specifically addressed the Mormon teaching denying the Virgin Birth. Here is just one quote from Mormon Apostle Orson Pratt:

**“The fleshly body of Jesus required a Mother as well as a Father. Therefore, the Father and Mother of Jesus, according to the flesh, must have been associated together in the capacity of Husband and Wife; hence the Virgin Mary must have been, for the time being, the lawful wife of God the Father: (Apostle Orson Pratt, The Seer, pg 158, October 1853)**

If you are a Christian and this statement doesn't make your skin crawl – something wrong with you. Oh, this statement is incestuous and blasphemous!! What does the Bible say?

**“14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”** (Isaiah 7:14)

Isaiah gives us a miracle; Mormonism gives us physiology! There is no miracle of the Virgin Birth in Mormonism – How can that theology be considered Christian? **IT CAN'T – AND ISN'T!**

## **6. JESUS PARTIALLY WORKED OUT THE ATONEMENT IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE WHEN HE SWEATED GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD. SAVING FAITH IN HIS BLOOD ISN'T ENOUGH.**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Prophet of the Mormon Church, Ezra Taft Benson, said that Christ didn't pay for our sins on the cross; instead he sweated for them in Gethsemane:

**“It was in Gethsemane that Jesus took on Himself the sins of the world, in Gethsemane that his pain was equivalent to the cumulative burden of all men, in Gethsemane that he descended below all things so that all could repent and come to Him.”** (Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, pg 15).

Paul says in Colossians 1:20:

**“And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself—by him, I say whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”**

We see here it was through the “blood of his cross,” not the sweat of Gethsemane. The second part of #6 “SAVING FAITH IN HIS BLOOD ISN'T ENOUGH.” Mormonism requires more than the blood of Jesus:

**“Salvation in the kingdom of God is available because of the atoning blood of Christ. But it is received only on condition of faith, repentance, baptism, and enduring to the end in keeping the commandments of God.”** (*What the MORMONS think of CHRIST*, L.D.S. booklet, pg 34).

Mormonism lives under the Law. In the last quote, if the Mormon Church would have stopped at the first sentence, they'd be right in line with Christianity; but, they didn't. They had to a "But" in there and place conditions on Jesus' blood. Galatians 5:4 says:

**"4. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."**

### **7. JESUS IS AND WAS A MARRIED MAN.**

Why would Mormonism even consider this thought? **Because Mormonism teaches that you cannot be a God without being married.**

**"Since marriage is ordained of God, and the man is not without the woman, neither the woman without the man in the Lord, there can be no exaltation to the fulness of the blessings of the celestial kingdom outside of the marriage relation. A man cannot be exalted singly and alone;..." (Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 2, pg 65)**

Mormon Apostle Orson Hyde taught that Jesus was married at the wedding in Cana:

**"It will be borne in mind that once on a time, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and on a careful reading of that transaction, it will be discovered that no less a person than Jesus Christ was married on that occasion. (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 4, pg 259)**

Isn't it a little strange that Jesus would be invited just like his disciples to his own wedding? After the miracle of changing the water into wine, he and his mother, brethren, and disciples, went down to Capernaum; but no mention was made of his new wife going down with him, or even staying behind!

JESUS NEVER BECAME A GOD; HE ALWAYS WAS GOD! GOD CERTAINLY DOES NOT DEPEND ON A WOMAN TO HELP HIM GAIN GODHOOD. HE IS SELF-EXISTENT. **JESUS WAS (AND IS) GOD WHO BECAME THE GOD-MAN, NOT MAN WHO CLIMBED THE LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT INTO GODHOOD.** JESUS DIDN'T HAVE TO SUBMIT TO SOME

REQUIREMENT SUCH AS "CELESTIAL MARRIAGE," TO GAIN SOMETHING THAT HE ALWAYS HAD, NAMELY GODHOOD!!

Let's recap the seven points of the Jesus of Mormonism:

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It is so important to see that the Mormon Jesus is a different Jesus; a counterfeit Jesus; at a different altar; the altar of human effort, and self-exaltation. The consequences are so very serious of not knowing the real Jesus.

If you're believing in and promoting a different Jesus than that which is presented in the New Testament, then you probably don't know the "real" Jesus. If you don't know the "real" Jesus, you have no hope of eternal life. Let's look at John 17:3 again:

**"3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."**

ALL OF THESE SEVEN POINTS OF MORMON THEOLOGY CONCERNING JESUS ARE A COMPLETE DEPARTURE FROM THE THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIANITY! **WE ARE NOT BASHING MORMONS WHEN WE SAY THEY ARE NOT CHRISTIAN. THE PROOF IS IN THEIR THEOLOGY!!**

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## **Clips from the Mailbox, both postal & email:**

(We receive mail – postal and email – daily. We are always here for you! Remember that!! Here is just a small sample of some of the mail)

Rocky & Helen,

Peace and mercy to you. This is \_\_\_\_\_, a prisoner at the Iowa State Penitentiary and I'm writing to you to make a request that you send needed material to a friend of mine. Please send material on the facts of the Mormon Church to the address below (Kanab, Utah). You can state that I made the request that the material be sent.

Thank You

(Name withheld to protect the inmate)

(Our TV Show "Truth Outreach" is available for viewing at the Iowa State Prison)

I appreciate your newsletter and encourage you to continue getting the truth to those who need it. Thank you for taking up this cause. The donation is for the year 2005. I will be using some of your material in a S.S. class I'm teaching.

Blessings,  
Marcie, Walcott, Iowa

(A nice confirmation as to why we write "The Midwest Expositor")

Dear Rocky & Helen,

Really miss seeing you on TV. We now have a dish and don't get WTJR.

Wish you all the best in 2005. Hope it is better than 2004.

Enjoy so much your newsletter.

Keep up the good work.

God Bless you.

You are in my thoughts & prayers.

Margaret, Keokuk, Iowa

Glad to hear from you & get your newsletter.

After you wrote I've got your Tuesday program 2 times – tomorrow will be 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Also seen your hair cut shorter Helen – looks great!

I do pray for you several times each week. We need your programs on here in our area. Wish you were on Nation-wide.

God bless you both and keep up the good work.

Joanne, Nauvoo, Illinois

May God bless you Helen and give you strength and courage while your husband is away. Our prayers are for both of you.

God Bless

Mrs. B.J., Carthage, Illinois

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