

WHO ARE MORMONS?

Mormons, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, are a cult religion founded by Joseph Smith in the 19th century. Based in Utah, Mormonism is growing religion in both the United States and internationally.

Mormons are perhaps best known for their door-to-door outreach via clean-cut, young missionaries. More recently, they have also pursued digital marketing through online search results around religious topics and other efforts to boost their place in their culture through media.

A “CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST”?

Mormons use many of the same phrases as Christians and consider the Bible to be inspired scripture. They often reference Jesus, God the Father, Satan, grace, and many other “Christian” terms.

However, Mormons are not Christians. Their use of these terms is a guise to attempt the conversion of Christians. It’s critical for Christians to understand our differences with Mormons when interacting with them.

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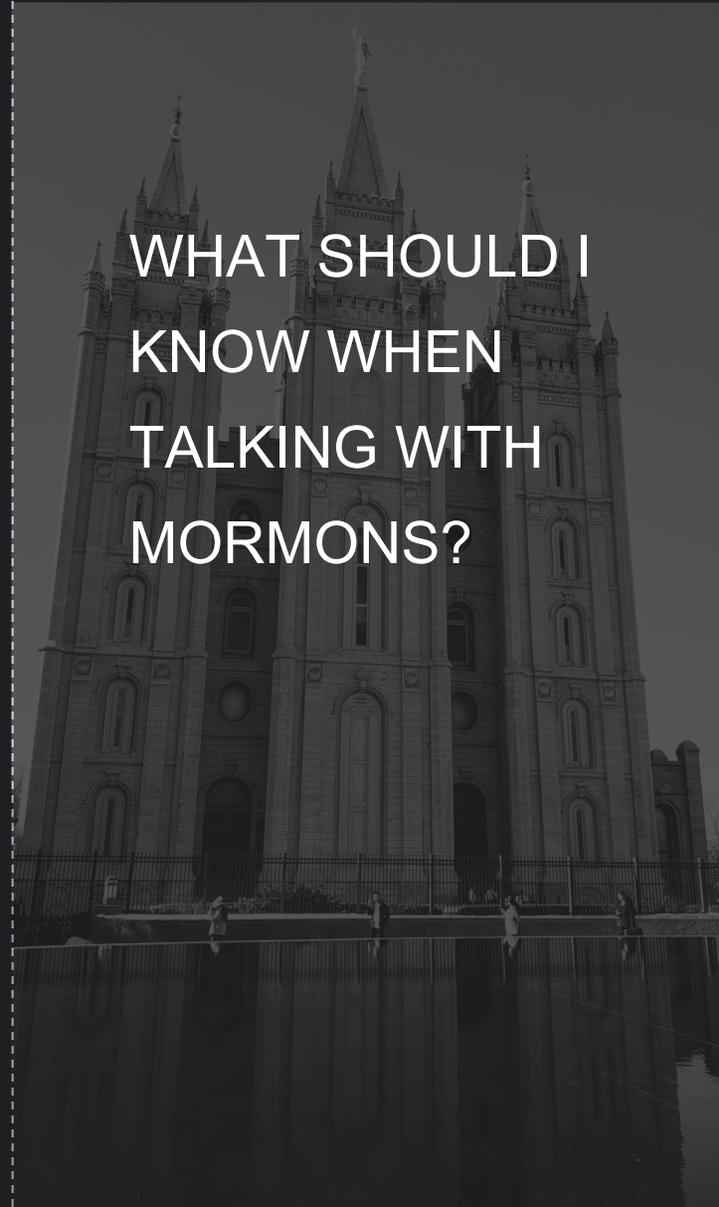
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WHAT SHOULD I
KNOW WHEN
TALKING WITH
MORMONS?



Our words do not have the same meaning.

Heavenly Father - The Mormon version of God the Father is a created being married to a heavenly mother. In 1840, Mormon President Lorenzo Snow stated, "As man now is, God once was; as God now is, man may be."

Jesus - Mormons see Jesus as a created being who is the brother of Satan

Justification - Mormons believe Jesus justifies after you have earned salvation

Family - Mormons believe you continue to exist as a family after your earthly death

God is speaking - Mormons believe that God continues to speak an ongoing revelation equal to or higher than the Bible

WE BELIEVE: FAITH ALONE

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)

MORMONS BELIEVE: SALVATION IS FROM FAITH + WORKS

"These were taught faith in God, repentance from sin, vicarious baptism for the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands," (D&C 138:33)

WE BELIEVE: CHRIST ALONE

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy (Titus 3:5a)

MORMONS BELIEVE: CHRIST SAVES US AFTER WE EARN SALVATION

"The Atonement is conditional...to the degree he has faith in Jesus Christ, repents of his sins, and obeys the gospel." (LDS Site, Defining "Atonement")

WE BELIEVE: SCRIPTURE ALONE

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. (Revelation 22:18)

MORMONS BELIEVE: THE BIBLE IS ONE OF MANY SCRIPTURES

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints reveres and respects the Bible and affirms also that the Lord continues to give additional revelation through His prophets in the last days..." (LDS Site, Defining "Bible")

WE BELIEVE: GRACE ALONE

For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8)

MORMONS BELIEVE: GRACE MUST BE EARNED

"It is by grace that we are saved after 'all we can do.'" (2 Nephi 25:23)

WE BELIEVE: GLORY TO GOD ALONE

Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. (Isaiah 43:10)

MORMONS BELIEVE: YOU CAN BECOME A GOD

"All people are children of God in a full and complete sense; every person is divine in origin, nature, and potential" (ABN)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

How to talk with Mormons:

- Ask questions
- Know that our words have different meanings
- Always refer back to the Bible

Check out these ministries for more help on how to Biblically respond to Mormonism:

- CARM.org
- Utah Lighthouse Ministries
- Apologia Church Videos

