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Discussion 4: WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

To call into question the Christian faith of another individual is both an extremely difficult and delicate affair. This is especially true when this person's faith appears to be deeply cherished and is supported by his or her lifestyle. Christ taught in Matthew 25:40 that the righteous who offer service to and for the benefit of others, do so unto Christ. However, He also taught that He would say to those who do good works apart from knowing Christ, "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that worketh iniquity" (Matthew 7:23). For this reason, it is extremely important that we know the true Jesus Christ and His true Gospel, for without this knowledge, our good works are done in vain.

Does Just Having Jesus Christ In The Name Of Your Church Make You A Christian?

Paul warns the believers that there will be those who distort Christ's gospel. Galatians 1:6-10 states, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 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. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Paul seeks to warn the believers that there will be those who proclaim another Christ and who will deceive people into accepting another gospel. And it is clear from this passage

that no salvation can be found in these other gospels. These people that preach another gospel may think they are Christian, but Paul tells us that they are not.

What Is The Gospel?

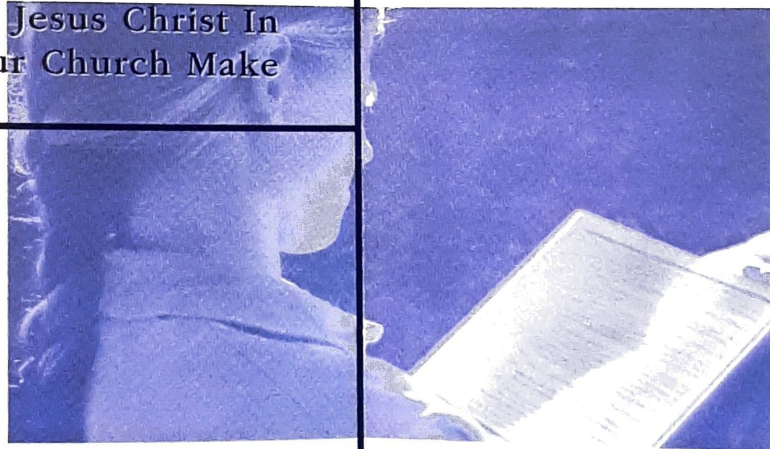
The true Christ is part of a Triune God (please see Discussion 1), who is eternal (Discussion 2) and justified us by His blood, making no works necessary for salvation (Discussion 3). If any one of the previous three discussions is true, then salvation cannot be found in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. But God has still given each of us

the opportunity to accept the free gift of salvation. This is done through a simple prayer. First, by recognizing our sin and that it separates us from God. Second, by recognizing that Christ's atoning death on the cross has covered

the debt for all of our sin (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10, Romans 5:1). And third, understanding that through His resurrection, those who truly follow Him, will have eternal life in the very presence of God.

What Should I Do?

A decision like this is very significant, so if you have made it for the first time today, please contact the Utah Gospel Mission. Members from that organization will contact you and help bring you into a deeper relationship with the true Jesus Christ.



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