

BASIC TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS CONCERNING THE NATURE OF GOD/CHRIST

Mormonism teaches that the Bible is "the word of God as far as it is translated correctly" and Joseph Smith taught that the Book of Mormon is the "fullness of the everlasting gospel" and an addition and supplement to the Bible. To support the following statements, find the references in the Bible and the Book of Mormon and enter them in the corresponding blanks below.

**Book of
Bible Mormon**

1. God was once a man on another planet who progressed to become god of this world. _____
2. This god has a body of flesh and bones and is not a spirit. _____
3. This god was selected by a council of gods and did not create man, heaven or earth. _____
4. This god had a father, who had a father, etc. _____
5. This god is married to many wives and has millions of children. _____
6. Each individual has the potential to progress to become a god/godess of their own world. _____
7. This god is eternally progressing and learning new things each day to become a better god. _____
8. Jesus was not born of a virgin because Mary was married to god before she married Joseph. _____
9. Jesus is the brother of Lucifer. _____
10. Jesus is also progressing and someday he too, may become a god of his own planet. _____
11. Jesus is also married to several women and has many children. _____
12. The blood of Christ is not sufficient for the forgiveness of several sins. _____

Obviously, by now it is clear that these doctrines of the nature of God and Christ are not to be found in either the Bible or the Book of Mormon. However, these are found in the following LDS church writings and means that neither the Bible nor the Book of Mormon support the doctrines of Mormonism.

1. Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, by Joseph Fielding Smith, 345-347; Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pg. 321; Abraham 3:2-9; Journals of Discourses, Vol. 6, pg. 3.
2. Doctrine and Covenants 130:22; Articles of Faith, by James Talmage, pgs. 42-43; Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pg. 589; Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, by Joseph Fielding Smith, pg. 345; Journals of Discourses, Vol. 9, pg. 286.
3. Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, by Joseph Fielding Smith, pgs. 348-350, 354 and 372; Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pgs. 163-164 and 169; Abraham 3:22 plus chapters 4 and 5; Journals of Discourses, Vol. 6, pg. 5-6; Doctrine and Covenants 93:29.
4. Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pg. 322; Journals of Discourses, Vol. 5, pg. 19; The Seer, by Orson Pratt, pg. 132; Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, by Joseph Fielding Smith, pgs. 347, 370 and 373.
5. The Seer, by Orson Pratt, pgs. 158 and 172; Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pg. 516; Doctrine and Covenants, Section 132.
6. Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pg. 321; D and C 132:20-21; Articles of Faith, by James Talmage, pgs. 430 and 530; Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, by Joseph Fielding Smith, pgs. 346 and 374.
7. Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, by Joseph Fielding Smith, pgs. 345-348 and 373; Articles of Faith, by James Talmage, pg. 430; Journals of Discourses, Vol. 6, pg. 120.
8. The Seer, by Orson Pratt, pg. 158; Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pgs. 546-547; Doctrines of Salvation, by Joseph Fielding Smith, Vol. 1, pg. 18; Journals of Discourses, Vol. 8, pg. 115.
9. Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pgs. 164, 192, 193 and 590; Gospel Through the Ages, by Milton R. Hunter, pg. 15.
10. Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, by Joseph Fielding Smith, pgs. 346-348.
11. The Seer, by Orson Pratt, pgs. 159 and 172; Journals of Discourses, Vol. 2, pg. 210 and Vol. 4, pg. 259.
12. Doctrines of Salvation, by Joseph Fielding Smith, Vol. 1, pg. 135; Mormon Doctrine, by Bruce McConkie, pgs. 92-93.

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THESE TOPICS

1. The Bible teaches that God will reprove anyone who says God is like man: Psalm 50:21; Numbers 23:19; Hosea 11:9; Romans 1:22-23; Psalm 90:2.
2. The Bible teaches that God is a spirit: John 4:24; Luke 24:39; Jeremiah 23:24; Psalm 139:7-10.
3. The Bible teaches that God is the only God: Deuteronomy 4:35 and 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11 and 44:6-8, and He created the heavens, earth and man out of nothing: Hebrews 11:3; Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:1-4; Romans 11:34-36; Job 38; Jeremiah 10:11-12; Psalm 102:25; Psalm 90:2.
4. The Bible teaches that we should have no other gods before God: Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 5:7-9.
5. The Bible teaches that they were fools who changed the incorruptible God into an image like corruptible man: Romans 1:22-23; Psalm 50:21; Numbers 23:19; Hosea 11:9.
6. The Bible teaches that they will be brought down to the pit who say, "I am a god.": Genesis 3:4-5; Isaiah 14:12-15 and 44:6; Psalm 50:21; Ezekiel 28:1-10.
7. The Bible teaches that God does not change: Isaiah 43:10-11; Malachi 3:6; I Samuel 15:29; John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 1:12 and 13:8; James 1:17; Titus 1:2.
8. The Bible teaches that the virgin was with child from the Holy Spirit: Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:34-35.
9. The Bible teaches that Jesus created the heavens and the angels, including Lucifer, who is a fallen angel: Isaiah 14:12-15; Psalm 33:6; Hebrews 11:3; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-17 and 2:9; John 1:3.
10. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever: Hebrews 13:8.
11. The Bible teaches that Jesus had no home: Matthew 8:20; and there is no evidence in the Bible that Jesus ever had any wives or children.
12. The Bible teaches that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from ALL sin: Romans 5:8-9; I John 1:7-10; Psalm 130:3-4; Ephesians 2:13-16; Colossians 2:13; I Corinthians 15:3-4.

THE WAY TO A NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

The salvation offered to mankind through Jesus Christ, is received through faith in Him (Romans 1:16, Acts 16:30-31). This is not something we can earn or deserve, but is made available to us through the love and grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 3:6-11). Our only hope is to recognize that we are sinners, and that through His perfect life, death for our sins and resurrection in power, Jesus Christ came to be our means of salvation. We are saved by putting faith in Jesus alone.

In the New Testament we learn that early believers expressed their faith in Jesus by first being repentant (Acts 2:38 and 26:20), in a desire to change their life and habits to be pleasing to God. They expressed their faith in words of open confession (Romans 10:10 and Matthew 10:32-33) before both other believers and then the world. Very quickly they also expressed faith in baptism (Acts 2:41, 8:36-39 and 16:31-34) which was their demonstration of a pledge of allegiance and loyalty to Jesus (1 Peter 3:21).

Jesus said, "*I am the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE; no man cometh unto the Father but by me*" (John 14:6). If we continue in His Word, we truly are His disciples and we shall know the truth and the truth shall make us free (John 8:31-32). We sincerely urge you not to trust your eternal salvation to the teachings of Mormonism nor even to anything you see printed here, but to ask God to reveal His TRUTH to you prayerfully searching the Bible.

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