



Dr. Ironside  
meets with  
two Mormon  
Missionaries

### WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

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The incident referred to in the following paper happened exactly as indicated, and the conversation is as nearly as possible given verbatim, though of course I have had to depend upon my memory, as I did not take notes; but I can assure the reader that this little tract is not fiction in any sense, but an actual statement of fact.  
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In the case mentioned, the Mormon introduced himself as a "minister of the gospel, doing missionary work among the mountain towns" of California, and stated that he would be pleased to put before me some of "the principles of the gospel." Intimating that I myself was also seeking to give forth God's good news to poor sinners (1 Tim. i. 15), he was told that if such was indeed his object, I would be glad to converse with him; so bade him be seated.

#### The Mormon Gospel Stated

"And now, sir," he was asked, "would you kindly favor us" (a number were present) "with a short statement of what the gospel really is?"

"Certainly," he replied. "The gospel consists of four first principles. The first is repentance; the second, faith; the third, baptism for the remission of sins by one duly qualified; while the fourth is the laying on of the hands of a man having authority, for the reception of the Holy Ghost."

"Well, and supposing one has gone through all this, is he then saved?"

"Oh, of course, no one can know that, in this life. If one goes on to the end, he will be exalted in the kingdom." Thereupon he proceeded to open a little Testament, with which, however, he was but slightly familiar, and pointed us to some proof texts showing conclusively that the Lord and the apostles preached repentance and faith, as also that Peter spoke of "baptism for the remission of sins" (Acts ii. 38; let the reader carefully note the verse and

