

MORMONISM

A FEW SIMPLE COMPARISONS

“Some people even in this day of education and enlightenment profess to believe that the Mormons (members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) do not believe in Christ, but rather in some mystical theology based on a belief in Joseph Smith, or Brigham Young, or Mormon. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (known informally by the nickname *Mormons*) believe the Bible. Indeed, so literally and completely do their beliefs and practices conform to the teachings of the Bible that it is not uncommon to hear informed persons say: ‘If all men believed the Bible, all would be Mormons.’ Bible doctrine is Mormon doctrine, and Mormon doctrine is Bible doctrine. They are one and the same.”

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“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach another 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 unto you any gospel other than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:8, 9

“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 . . . for such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.”

I Corinthians 11:4, 13-15

It is easy enough to claim that the gospel you preach and the doctrines you practice are the same as the Bible's. Since anyone, even an angel, who claimed otherwise is to be accursed, it would be foolish to say you *don't* if you want to maintain an appearance of being Christian. So, to determine if the Mormon church really does teach as the Bible teaches, we'd like to compare the teachings of each on a number of topics. In order to be fair, we will use only Mormon-published materials, primarily pamphlets, as our source for their positions. We invite you to check for yourself to see if we are presenting both positions accurately and fairly—references are

