

Is Mormonism Christian?

Does The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Believe and Teach Historic Christian Doctrine?

Mormonism Teaches:

The Existence of Many Gods

(Journal of Discourses 2:345)

God the Father is an Exalted Man

(Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 345-347)

God the Father has a Physical Body

(Doctrine & Covenants 130:22)

God the Father had a Beginning

(The Seer, 132)

God the Father has Parents

(The Seer, 132)

God the Father is a Polygamist

(The Seer, 172)

God only Organized the Universe

(Mormon Doctrine, 589-590)

Jesus is the Physical Son of God

(Mormon Doctrine, 546-547)

Jesus Became a God

(Gospel Through the Ages, 51)

Jesus and Satan are Brothers

(Gospel Through the Ages, 15)

Jesus was a Polygamist

(Journal of Discourses, 1:345-346)

Men can Become Gods

(Journal of Discourses, 2:345)

There is Salvation after Death

(Mormon Doctrine, 669-672)

There is Salvation only in the LDS Church

(Doctrines of Salvation, 1:350)

Salvation is through Jesus and Joseph Smith

(Journal of Discourses, 7:289)

Christianity Teaches:

There is only One God

(Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10)

God the Father is Not a Man

(Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 31:3)

God the Father is Spirit

(John 4:24)

God the Father is Eternal

(Isaiah 43:13)

God the Father has No Parents

(Isaiah 43:13)

God the Father is Not Married

(Mark 12:28-30)

God Created the Universe

(Genesis 1:1; John 1:1)

Jesus Begotten by the Holy Spirit

(Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:26-35)

Jesus has Always been God

(John 1:1-18; Colossians 2:9)

Satan is only a Created Being

(Isaiah 14:12-15; Revelation 12:9)

Jesus has One Bride: The Church

(Revelation 19:7-9; 21:9)

Men can become Children of God

(John 1:12; Romans 8:23)

There is No Salvation after Death

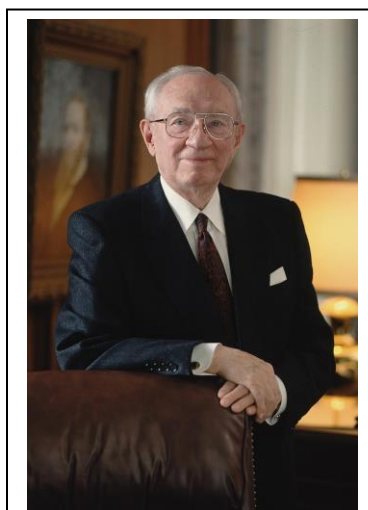
(Hebrews 9:27)

There is Salvation only in Jesus Christ

(John 14:6)

Salvation is only through Jesus

(John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)



Mormon Prophet
Gordon B. Hinckley

In bearing testimony of Jesus Christ President Hinckley spoke of those outside the Church who say Latter-day Saints “do not believe in the traditional Christ.”

“No, I don’t. The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak.”

~ Church News
(June 20, 1998, p. 7)

Does Mormonism Sound Christian to You?

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Mormon Chart Citations

The Existence of Many Gods

If we should take a million of worlds like this and number their particles, we should find that there are more Gods than there are particles of matter in those worlds.¹

God the Father is an Exalted Man

*"God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens! That is the great secret."*²

God the Father has a Physical Body

"The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us."³

God the Father had a Beginning also God the Father has Parents

"We were begotten by our Father in Heaven, the person of our Father in Heaven was begotten on a previous heavenly world by His Father; and again, He was begotten by a still more ancient Father and so on, from generation to generation, from one heavenly world to another still more ancient..."⁴

God the Father is a Polygamist

"We have now clearly shown that God the Father had a plurality of wives, one or more being in eternity, by whom He begat our spirits as well as the spirit of Jesus His First Born, and another being upon the earth by whom He begat the tabernacle of Jesus, as His Only Begotten in this world."⁵

God only Organized the Universe

"That matter or element is self-existent and eternal in nature, creation being merely the organization and reorganization of that substance which "was not created or made, neither indeed can be." (D.& C. 93:29.)"⁶

Jesus is the Physical Son of God

"Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers."⁷

¹ *Journal of Discourses* 2:345. A Discourse by Elder Orson Pratt, Delivered in the open air, on the Temple Block, Great Salt Lake City, February 18, 1855.

² Smith, Joseph Fielding, *Scriptural Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, Salt Lake City, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1938, page 345.

³ *Doctrine & Covenants* 130:22

⁴ Pratt, Orson, *The Seer*, Washington, D.C., September 1853, Vol. I, No. 9, page 132.

⁵ Pratt, Orson, *The Seer*, Washington, D.C., November 1853, Vol. I, No. 11, page 172.

⁶ McConkie, Bruce, *Mormon Doctrine*, Salt Lake City, Bookcraft, 1966, page 589.

⁷ McConkie, Bruce, *Mormon Doctrine*, Salt Lake City, Bookcraft, 1966, pages 546-547.

Jesus Became a God

“Jesus became a God and reached His great state of understanding through consistent effort and continuous obedience to all the Gospel truths and universal laws.”⁸

Jesus and Satan are Brothers

“The appointment of Jesus to be the Savior of the world was contested by one of the other sons of God. He was called Lucifer, son of the morning.”⁹

Jesus was a Polygamist

“A belief in the doctrine of a plurality of wives caused the persecution of Jesus and his followers. We might almost think they were “Mormons.”¹⁰

Men can Become Gods

Lorenzo Snow is remembered for his couplet “As man now is, God once was; as God now is, man may be.” These words came by revelation to Lorenzo when he was a young man in Nauvoo.¹¹ “We believe in the revelation given through Joseph Smith, which says there are many Gods, and that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are Gods, and that all good men in this Church shall become Gods.”¹²

There is Salvation after Death

“They will have to suffer the torments of the damned until they do, and through that suffering they will be brought to repentance and to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Redeemer and the Son of God. Every knee must bow and every tongue confess, no matter which kingdom the inhabitants of the earth enter.”^{13 14}

There is Salvation only in the LDS Church

“If it had not been for Joseph Smith and the restoration, there would be no salvation. There is no salvation outside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” (*Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 2, pp. 1-350.)¹⁵

Salvation is through Jesus and Joseph Smith

From the day that the Priesthood was taken from the earth to the winding-up scene of all things, every man and woman must have the certificate of Joseph Smith, junior, as a passport to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are—I with you and you with me. I cannot go there without his consent. He holds the keys of that kingdom for the last dispensation.¹⁶

⁸ Hunter, Milton R., *The Gospel Through the Ages*, (Salt Lake City: Stevens and Wallis, Inc, 1945), page 51.

⁹ Hunter, Milton R., *The Gospel Through the Ages*, (Salt Lake City: Stevens and Wallis, Inc, 1945), page 15.

¹⁰ Grant, Jedediah M., *Journal of Discourses*, ed. George D. Watt, et al. (Liverpool: F. D. Richards, et al., 1854-1886), 1:345-346, LDSCL. A Discourse by Elder Jedediah M. Grant, Delivered in the Tabernacle, Great Salt Lake City, Aug. 7, 1853.

¹¹ Snow, Lorenzo, *Teachings of Lorenzo Snow*, compiled by Clyde J. Williams, (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1984), p. viii.

¹² Pratt, Orson, *Journal of Discourses*, ed. George D. Watt, et al. (Liverpool: F. D. Richards, et al., 1854-1886), 2:345, LDSCL.

¹³ *Church News*, Feb. 1, 1936. p. 5; D. & C. 76:109-112

¹⁴ McConkie, Bruce, *Doctrines of Salvation*, (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1954-1956), page 1:233.

¹⁵ McConkie, Bruce, *Mormon Doctrine*, (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1966), page 670.

¹⁶ Young, Brigham, *Journal of Discourses*, ed. George D. Watt, et al. (Liverpool: F. D. Richards, et al., 1854-1886), 7:289, LDSCL. Remarks by President Brigham Young, Delivered in the Tabernacle, Great Salt Lake City, October 9, 1859.