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“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.” (2 Peter 3:3-4.)

It is argued that the early Christians and even apostles thought that they were living in the last days, and thus it could not possibly be still taken seriously after 2000 years has past from the time of Christ and their expectancy of His return.

It is understood that the “last days” begun when Christ ascended to heaven and would be completed at His second coming. Jesus gave Israel specific instructions and what are the signs that would precede His coming. Even though the entire time, beginning with His ascension, is called “the last days“, no other generation beside ours has been living in the times that all these signs He told them about are seen. These indeed seem to be *the last of the last days*. We could go through a list of physical phenomenon we have seen during the last years and be alarmed for they all fit into what Matthew wrote in his gospel’s 24th chapter, but even more alarming is the spiritual deception that even the church is following as if they did not notice the error at all. Paul wrote to Timothy a warning, saying, *“The Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.”* (1 Tim. 4:1.) This is saying that *some* professing Christians will be following seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Can we know **what are doctrines of devils? We sure can, if we read the Word of God!** We see God’s warning what they are from the very first chapters of the Bible. God had said to Adam, *“Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”* (Gen. 2:17.) When the devil came to Eve in the Garden, he first caused her to doubt what God had said. He told Eve, *“Yeah, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”* (Gen. 3:1) Eve replied, *“...of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, (and Eve added her own words to God’s) neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”* The devil assured her, *“Ye shall not surely die...ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”* (Gen. 3:4-5.) This is where “*doctrine of devils*” started. The main thrust of his doctrine is: **“Ye shall be as gods!”** It had been his own desire: to be as god! He had sworn, *“I will be like the Most High“* (Isa. 14:12-14.)

The LDS Priesthood Manual, **“Teachings of Presidents of the Church, Brigham Young“**, p. 34, refers to this. It says, **“The doctrine that God was once a man and has progressed to become a God is unique to this Church.”** Consequently, based on that this, teaching that men can become gods, is doctrine in Mormonism. In the June 2006 Ensign, they had an article titled *“The Fall”*, in which they further explain that doctrine of the fall is also **“unique to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints“**. They teach that the **fall was not a sin at all**, but a part of God’s plan. In this article they quoted Joseph Fielding Smith (the 10th president of the LDS Church), who said, **“I never speak of the part Eve took in this fall as a sin, nor do I accuse Adam of sin...This was a transgression of the law, but not a sin...for it was something that Adam and Eve had to do!”** (Doctrines of Salvation, 1:114-15. Emphasis added.) He

continues: *“The Lord gave Adam and Eve commandments in the Garden of Eden, two of which were to multiply and replenish the earth (Genesis 1:28) and to not partake of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (see Genesis 2:17). These two commandments were designed to place Adam and Eve in a position **where they had to make a choice**. President Smith taught: ‘The Lord said to Adam that if he wished to remain as he was in the garden, then he was not to eat the fruit, **but if he desired to eat it and partake of death he was at liberty to do so.**’ Faced with this dilemma, Adam and Eve chose death - both physical and spiritual - which opened the door for themselves and their posterity to gain knowledge and experience and to participate in the Father’s plan of happiness **leading to eternal life.**”* (Quoted from June 2006 Ensign, Church’s official magazine, p. 49. Emphasis added.)

We must clarify what a Mormon reading this understands it to mean, that is: *“Salvation in its true and full meaning is synonymous with **exaltation or eternal life ...and those who obtain it are gods.**”* (Mormon Doctrine, p. 670.)

This seductive doctrine is not anymore only a part of Mormon teachings, it is everywhere.

The New World religion is coming, with Anti-Christ in its head. New Age groups have taught that they too are gods, and even some “Christian ministers” are courting this same idea. Dave Hunt, in his excellent book, **“Countdown to Second Coming”**, quotes from *Life* magazine’s interview of one of the leading Americans on the purpose of life, who said, *“Our purpose is to...**return to Eden, make friends with the snake** [Satan] **and set our computers among the wild apple trees.**”* (“Meaning of life“, *Life Magazine*, December 1988, p.78.) Dave Hunt continues, *“Such a statement in a leading magazine would have been unthinkable only a generation ago. The logo of one peace organization, **Peace on Earth**, shows the world with a huge dragon (one biblical identity of Satan) perched on top and guarding it. A brochure declares what previous generations would have found shocking, but which has recently become acceptable: ‘...as we enter what has been described as the Aquarian Age, we are entering a time of cooperation between spiritual and material realms, so **it is time for us to make peace with the dragon** [the devil] **and work in partnership with the wisdom and power of the earth that the dragon** [Satan] **represents.**’ ...Paul’s warnings are many concerning apostasy, which represent turning away from the faith in the last days. Such a prophesy is shocking: that a characteristic of the last days will be trafficking with evil spirits by those who call themselves “Christians“. Yet our generation is experiencing this to a degree never before known in history...with the influence of New Age movement over 30 years, occultism has spread like a plague. Millions of average citizens, young and old, have been drawn into what the Bible condemns as **necromancy** [communication with the dead]. (Leviticus 19:31; 20:6; Deuteronomy 18:9-12, etc.) Demons posing as ‘higher beings’ are speaking through ‘channelers’ on TV. Deluded multitudes are in daily contact with their own ‘inner guides’ introduced to them in public schools at a young age, or later by psychologists. Medical doctors, educators and motivational speakers introduce thousands of others to ‘inner guides’ through visualization techniques. Never before have so many been deceived into **‘giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.**”* (Countdown to Second Coming, Dave Hunt, pp.49-51.)

The teaching of the living communicating with the spirits of the dead has been in Mormonism from almost its beginning and **many Mormons visit their temples, that, they are told, were built so “that the living may hear from the dead”**. (Journal of Discourses, 2:44- 46.) **This is necromancy and absolutely forbidden by God of the Bible.** (Deut. 18:11)

May we become more concerned about the salvation of these misguided people, and boldly and lovingly direct them to the Bible and its clear teaching of who God is and who Jesus is

and how they too can be saved.

FROM OUR MAILBOX: A letter from an LDS man in England.

"I am LDS and live in the UK. I was a Christian as were my parents and family.

Whilst I can see your site is well documented I am surprised that you are not aware that Solomon's Temple had all of these signs on it too. Was his Temple devoted to Satanic worship?

If you also new (sic) some basic history you would be aware that these symbols were used by early worshippers of God. Are you not aware that the early satanic worshippers took these ancient symbols from the righteous and used them as well! Thousands of years later we say that these are satanic symbols when there origin was from worshipping men & women of God! Can you not do a little more history guys. I find this whole satanic thing very unpersuasive.

***I could convert readily** to the mainstream again if I did not have the following problems. I would also add that these issues are completely ignored by the mainstream which is more concerning to me than the origin of symbols.*

1. The bible was not formed/organized by righteous men. HISTORICAL FACT.

2. There are many missing scriptures and books. HISTORICAL FACT.

3. The 325 AD council was made up of some 320 Bishops who were in total argument with each other as to the nature and disposition of God, hence Constantine, in a bid to secure the changing demographics and beliefs of the people got them all together to sort out the issues and bring more unity! HISTORICAL FACT

4. Sadly this council was not lead by an Apostle of the Lord as they had all been killed. Neither was it lead by a prophet of God. Most worryingly (sic) this council of argumentative and divided Christian leaders was lead by a non stop murderer! Even his admireres (sic) believe that he killed 15 of his own family let alone the countless others! HISTORICAL FACT.

5. And what were they deciding again - oh yes - The nature of the Godhead. As you will know historically there were bishops who felt strongly that the Godhead were separate as had been taught, but the majority won the argument. This is not revelation from God but mans reasoning.

6. And so the mess continued with wicked men destroying sacred scripture and changing that which is holy. HISTORICAL FACT. GIVEN THESE ARE ALL HISTORICAL FACTS - please do not try and tell me they are not.

So where does that leave the whole of Christianity including the weirder ones like LDS, JW's and the Brethren. It is a fact we all need to face - simple as that and it is about time the mainstream caught up and became realistic too!

And this leads us on to the matter of the Lords teachings that have become confused in the mainstream in my opinion.

The no 1 reason for that is that the corrupt men that ran the councils and the early compilers of the bible removed or doctored sacred text. This leads to obvious confusion as I will easily demonstrate below. The idea that we are not saved by works but faith only in the Lord Jesus Christ. I find this doctrine very appealing! It means that regardless of my actions I am saved. Constantine used the same principle to delay his

baptism to the last of his life so he would appear fresh to the Lord! Hence the practice of death bed repentance!

This matter however, of being saved simply on belief is very worrying to me. I cannot adopt this philosophy. It undermines everything that Christ said himself – how can a person feel comfortable being saved and living with Christ eternally, to have such a great reward, to have such an expression of love bestowed by the Saviour when they have not lived his commandments. There are some who will excuse themselves from a little wife beating, or child abuse or adultery , maybe stealing or even murder because they will be saved because they believe in Christ and therefore will be saved. To them Jesus said they draw near to me with there lips but there hearts are far from me. He also said If you love me, keep my commandments. This implies action not faith alone! He also, amongst many parables and stories gave us the one of the Good Samaritan. If this does not imply we are to do good works what does? Let us read on.....

Meanwhile Christians lean heavily on Romans 9 and a handful of other scriptures to support the idea that faith is all one needs. I agree that there are several passages of scripture that give us a feeling that all that is required is faith. However, when put into context against these verses

Matt 5 :16; 2 Tim 4:14; Titus 1:16; James 2 :14-22; Rev 2:23 - an argument based that faith is all we require is nonsensical. ..”

My answer:

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that it has taken me some time to get to it. I receive hundreds of letters, and this month we have been exceptionally busy. I may not have time to answer all your points at this time, but I would try to answer some now, and others later, if it seems beneficial to continue.

You left me wondering where you got this information you presented as "FACTS"?

Solomon's temple, the one He built in Jerusalem for the true and living God of the Bible, **was not decorated with sun, moon, stars, pentagrams, all-seeing eye, hand-clasps and other Masonic emblems that originated in occult (pagan) religions.** The second commandment (Exodus 20:4) forbids making images of anything in heaven above. That includes a statue of an angel (Moroni) on top of the steeple as well.

However, as Solomon became old, he lost his devotion to the God of the Hebrew people, and he fell into pagan worship, as God had warned and foretold that he would do, **if** he marries these foreign (non-Israelite) women. He did, and the rest, as they say, is history. (See explanation in 1 Kings 11:1-13.)

You accuse me of not knowing history, but I think that you seem to lack a lot more in that area. Would God, who forbade, in His second commandment, the use of images of anything in heaven above, that is: sun, moon, stars, condone these in the building built for worship of Him?

I don't think so!. These images come from way back in Babylon, from the Tower of Babel time, when men wanted reach to heaven and become like God, which was originally Satan's idea for himself, and through his temptation in Gen 3:1-5 for all mankind - from ten onward. Satan wanted to be like the Most High God (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:13), and when God created Adam and Eve, the devil wanted to destroy God's plan for the human race.

I will number and answer your points in the same order you presented them without repeating your claims. By the way, did you get your "historical facts" from Dan Brown's fictional book, *Da Vinci Code*, or someone's report based on that book? Reason I ask is that I have read these same things quoted from his book, which are then presented as "FACTS". Sad story of gullibility.

1. The Old Testament was complete and a closed canon about **400 years before Christ**. That is a HISTORICAL FACT! It was translated into the Greek language about **300 years BEFORE Christ** and is known as the *Septuagint translation*, the name coming from the Greek word "seventy". (Alexander the Great had established Greek as the universal language, just like English is today.) *Septuagint* was done by seventy Hebrew scholars, who had spent several decades translating the Hebrew Canon of scriptures for all to read and understand. It has all the same books, no more, no less, than our Old Testament. You can verify that from any good Encyclopedia. This version was in common use during the time of Christ. That is also a HISTORICAL FACT. The New Testament writers quoted from the *Septuagint*, not from the Hebrew text, thus authenticating both. Jesus nor His disciples ever questioned its completeness, correctness or authenticity. Jesus quoted from all of it and authenticated it. If you have a problem with what Jesus said, it is a bigger problem that I would care to have. As an example of what Jesus said and how He felt about the scriptures, read Luke 24:25-27, 44. See how many times He said "ALL scriptures"! Nothing was missing, obviously, for He referred to the Old Testament as "**ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN.**" **Jesus commanded the study of the Scriptures**, which meant then the Old Testament (John 5:39), **as a source of eternal life!** You cannot find any New Testament writer doubting **the Word of God as a complete record** needed for knowing God's will and plan. Paul wrote, "**ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**". (2 Tim. 3:16.) He also wrote: "**STUDY to show thyself approved unto God**". (2 Tim. 2:15) Why? So that you will not end up ashamed before God for in ignorance accepting false doctrines.

My trust is in God's ability to protect the Word He has given us to learn about Him. God holds His Word even higher than His Holy Name (Ps. 138:2). Jesus said that "*heaven and earth shall pass away*", but **His Word will not; not even one "jot or tittle" be missing from it.** (Matt. 5:18; 24:35.) **I trust His Word, and I do not question His ability to protect it. The Word is one of His Titles** (John 1:1, 14) **as is the Truth.** (John 14:6; 17:17.) **I depend on Him in all things.**

2. **There are no missing books from the Bible.** All that was intended to be there are included. Just because some other book is mentioned does not require that it be included. If you wrote a book and in it said something about Shakespeare's writings, would you have to include his works in your book? Of course not. There were many books written during both the OT and NT times, but the ones that did not have spiritual value or **were in any way contrary** to what the prophets had spoken (in the OT) or what the disciples of Christ, who were eyewitnesses, had spoken and written (in the NT), **they were not included.**

Jesus was familiar with the *Septuagint* translation, as well the Hebrew canon it was translated from, and **He never referred to any other writings except the ones that were included in this canon.** None of the New Testament writers referred to any other books either as a source

for God's truth and revelation. **That settles it.** I trust Jesus' words, and what His disciples wrote about the OT and about Jesus. We have all of that. **That is a HISTORICAL FACT.**

3. Dan Brown, in his *Da Vinci Code*, says that "*The Bible, as we know it today, was collated by the pagan emperor Constantine the Great.*" Lets look at the HISTORICAL FACT: Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity in 310 A.D, four years after becoming Emperor. **The four Gospels, and 20 of the 27 books of the New Testament, had already been accepted by Christians as of the late first century, over 200 years prior to Constantine. Constantine had no role in determining which books were included in the Bible.**

4. See my answer above. There were to be no more prophets after Jesus completed His work for us (see: Luke 16:16; Matt. 11:13; Hebr. 1:1-2). "*Law and the prophets were UNTIL John* (the Baptist)." The prophets of the OT had written about Him (Luke 24:25-27,44), and it was all fulfilled. The New Testament is a Testament (testimony) of the Old Testament and it tells us that salvation is now available for all who receive it as *the gift of God* (Eph. 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10). Priesthood (Levitical) had acted as mediators between God and men. At the death of Christ priesthood was abolished - it ended. (Hebr. 7-9.) (See on our website a study, "*Do you have a valid priesthood?*") No other mediators were needed any longer, but Christ alone. **"For there is ONE GOD, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."** (1 Tim. 2:5.) This is a SCRIPTURAL and HISTORICAL FACT.

5. **The Bible teaches that the Father is God, that the Son is God, and that the Holy Spirit is God, and it adamantly says that there is but ONE GOD.**

This council meeting, you are referring to, was to establish **the biblical truth once and for all, and declare what the Bible says about God,** and not rely on some men's opinion or biases. **The Bible teaches clearly that there is only One God,** and as clearly it teaches that there are **three Spirit Persons that form the Godhead.** The word "Trinity" was coined to explain what the biblical teaching is. The Bible teaches that **God is not a Man** (Numb. 23:19; Hos. 11:9; Job. 9:32), that there **is no God before Him nor after Him** (Isa. 43:10; 44:6.) It says that **God does not even know any other Gods** (Isa. 44:8). **Jesus said that God is Spirit** (John 4:24) and that Spirit does not have flesh and bones! (Luke 24:39.) (It was Joseph Smith who disagreed with Jesus of the Bible. He said "*we have imagined that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea and take away the veil that you may see...God was once a man like we are...and you got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, same as all Gods have done*

before..." [Teachings, pp.345-346.] (He taught that his God the Father has a body of flesh and bones.)

For some examples of the **Triune God** see: 1 John 5:7; James 2:19; Acts 20:28; Isa.

43:10; 45:5-6, 14, 18, 21, 22; Deut. 4:3, 39; 6:4; 1 Sam. 2:2; Jer. 10:10; Gal. 3:20; Eph. 4:6; Mark 12:32, 34; Ps. 118:27; Hebr. 1:6-8; John 1:1, 14; 20:28; 8:56-59; 2 Pet. 1:1; Romans 9:5; Col. 2:9; 1 John 5:8; Hebr. 1:3; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19. This is just to name a few. The Bible establishes the FACTS on who God is, and is not, and all other doctrinal matters.

6. "Wicked men" had nothing to do with the Bible. The Dead Sea Scrolls provide an absolute proof of the Old Testament. They are *Jewish writings that pre-date Christianity*. That is a HISTORICAL FACT. Our Old Testament is 99.9% as the Dead Sea Scrolls and other existing manuscripts say. (0/01% difference is only spelling variations.) As to the New Testament, there are over 25000 manuscript evidences in existence for it, and they all agree. That is a HISTORICAL FACT.

You moved from these matters to "works for salvation". - When Jesus was asked "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" He answered that "***This is the work of God that you believe on Him whom He has sent.***" (John 6:28-29)

We are saved, forever, when we ask Jesus to forgive our sins and receive us. Then we are born again. It is that simple. **It, however is more than words, it has to come from heart-felt realization that we are lost and without hope and hell-bound without Him.** Romans 10:9-10 promises that ***if we ask, confess with our mouth and BELIEVE in our heart, we are, in that instant, saved.*** Ephesians 2:8-10 says, "***For by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created (after our salvation) in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should work in them.***" (See also Romans 3:27-28.) We are not saved by our works, but our salvation experience creates in us a new heart, and our motives change from self-exaltation by our works to actions from a grateful heart to glorify God and show our gratitude for such a great salvation. "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature*" (2 Cor. 5:17.) James also wrote that *faith without works is dead.* (James 2:14-19.) If we only **say that we believe**, but **act as if we do not**, then our faith is questionable. That is why God, who sees the heart of each individual, knows if we are truly saved. People may hear the words we speak, but if our words do not line up with our actions, then perhaps that person is not saved at all. *What is truth? "Truth is when our words and deeds become one."* We do not work to be saved - **we work BECAUSE we are saved.** We believe unto salvation - but when we truly believe, we do works to glorify God, and we do not "*let not our left hand know what our right hand is doing*", in other words, we do not count our good works, for God knows them.

I do not believe that any true Christian denies the importance of works in the lives of believers, but those who know what God has said, also **know that works do not save.** Paul wrote his entire letter to Galatians on that subject. These Galatians were Jews and new believers in Christ. They had been under the law for 2000 years, and it was difficult for them to understand that law had been there only to show them their sinfulness and their need for Savior, but now that Christ had come, law was put aside. (Read at least Gal. 2:16-21 to see better.)

You listed some scriptures. I fully agree with Matt. 5:16. If we are saved, our light would

shine before men. But if we are not saved by God's grace, our works only shine on us to glorify us. Works will not save you.

I also agree with 2 Tim. 4:14 - evil works are also "rewarded". Titus 1:16 speaks of the same as James 2:14-22. Yes, our works, our actions will show where our heart is - **but again, works do not save**. We may receive praise and admiration from men for our works, but **God gives our salvation based on our faith in Him**. (Eph.. 2:8-9; Romans 3:27-28.)

Our faith is only as good as the object of our faith. Faith in faith is not a saving faith. Our faith must be in Jesus, God who became a Man. Our faith must not be in anything else, not in a church, not in a prophet; **only faith in Jesus is saving faith**. We need to **know who He is** (and is not). In Matt. 7:15-23 Jesus warned us about false prophets, whose "fruit" is false doctrine. If we know what the Bible says about Jesus, we would not fall for false Christs. Jesus continued and said that on the judgment day, many will claim that they have done *wonderful works in His name*, but He says "*I never knew you, depart from Me, you that work iniquity*". The worst iniquity in God's eyes is worship of other gods. It is against His First Commandment (Ex. 20:3.) Jesus is God, and we must worship the true God. **He always was and always is God**. He is not our spirit-brother nor is He a spirit-brother of Lucifer. Lucifer is a created being, created by Jesus as is everything else. (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16.) He is the Creator of all, visible and invisible. **He is the Word**. (John 1:1.) Trinity - Father, Son and the Holy Spirit - created all that is created. (Gen. 1.) All Three Persons of Godhead participated in the creation and the Son spoke it into existence.

As a Mormon, I did not have a right Jesus - I believed in "Jesus" who, I thought, was my elder brother. When I finally realized that **Jesus is God, Emmanuel with us** (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23), and that John 1:3 says that **He created all things**, which includes mankind, angels, - everything - logically He could not be a brother of His creation. That started my search for the true Savior, and I found Him through the pages of this wonderful Word that He gave us. I humbled myself before Him, asked His forgiveness for my false-god worship during my 20 years as an active Mormon. I had, in my biblical ignorance, changed the glory of uncorruptible God into a man, **created by Joseph Smith's imagination**, just as Romans 1:22-23 warns, "**Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man...**"

If you'd like to talk more, I will be glad to answer your other questions you had pasted at the end of your letter.

By the way, **are they your questions** or taken from some other website, from someone who does not understand what the Bible says about God?

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit ARE NOT THE SAME PERSON as you suggest. They are ONE GOD, but three SPIRIT PERSONS. The Second Person of Trinity become a man. (John 1:14.) There never was a time when He was not God Almighty. He is God "*from everlasting to everlasting*" (Ps. 90:2). He did not "become a god", as an LDS "apostle" Scott, in his recent General Conference talk, said. There was a time in history when **God became a man** in Jesus, but **He never ceased to be God. He was and is 100% God and 100 % man**. We will be like Him when He appears to receive us in the Rapture.

Jesus said, *"I AM the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father but by Me."* (John 14:6.)

I was a Lutheran before I became a Mormon. Now I am a born-again Christian. You said that you were a Christian before you became a Mormon. I pray that God of the Bible will help you to come back to Him, and forsake false gods and false Jesus of Mormonism.

No religion saves, only Jesus of the Bible can save. False Jesus cannot save anyone, even with works offered in service to him - he simply does not exist, only in the imaginations of people deceived by Joseph Smith..

In Christ,
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We have good news about Edward in Uganda. He has now helped **seven of his friends** out of Mormonism. I have received letters from 3 of them.

Edward sends me long lists of questions on the Bible, and I am so pleased that he does , and that he wants to grow in the knowledge of the truth. He is such an inspiration to us. **Because you have given us, we have been able to give him.** We have sent him some money to help him on his travels as he is trying to get his "foot on the door" and be invited to TV-shows and radio-talk-shows to expose Mormonism. He loves the Lord Jesus of the Bible and he wants his countrymen to know the truth about Mormonism and come to the saving faith and grace of Jesus.

Mail to Uganda takes a long time, even by airmail. He finally had received the Study Bible we had mailed him about a month ago. He was very happy to get it.

We ask you to continue praying for him, Gerald, Samuel and James and 3 others in Uganda - for their safety and courage to proclaim the truth. Please pray for Lisa and her 4 children as they have started their new life without their father. This is a hard time for them all, but they know Jesus and He comforts them. Pray for Judy. She is having a hard time financially. She needs better hours in her work to make it. Please pray for Grace and Mickey that the Lord will direct them in their decisions. Please pray for Bruce and his health and a settlement that he needs to get as he was severely injured months ago in a car accident, but has not received compensation for it. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Jay as he is witnessing to his two LDS sisters. Please pray for us that we might have God's wisdom to give correct answers to all who ask, as 1 Peter 3:15-17 counsels. There are so many of them, and we praise God that He is sending them to us. All these above mentioned are new believers, most of them from just a few months to less than 2 years old in the Lord. Currently we are working with many others who are "not quite home" yet. Please pray for Frank who has attended our class and seemed to have received and accepted the truth, but just this last week he was pressured by

his family to come back to Mormonism and not attend a Christian church any longer. And please pray for pastor Terry that the Lord will give him strength, wisdom and courage to stand for Jesus and seek God's will and direction in all issues facing him and the church in these days that seem to be "the last of the last days". Please pray for his wife, Alison, and her permanent healing from her illness. We know that God is good and loves us. We pray that His perfect will be done and that we can see even the "no"-answers as blessings from Him, for He knows what is best for all of us in the long run.

"Thank you" to all of you who have helped us this last month through prayer and giving of gifts. Without your help and encouragement this work would be too heavy for us. Please continue praying for our health also. We are not getting any younger, as they say.

We hope to take a camping vacation in about a month - to get some rest and relaxation and get got-up in our personal studies of God's Word. We love camping in the wilderness - it is inexpensive, and peaceful.

We always include you, our friends and fellow-workers in the gospel, in our daily prayers, asking that God will protect you and yours and give you joy in your walk with Him.

In Christ, serving Him with gladness,

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