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We are beginning to look forward to the spring months, and the special days celebrated in April and May. April 2nd 2023 is Palm Sunday (Matt. 21:4-5), the day when Jesus came to Jerusalem, sitting on a donkey as the Coming King of Israel, and “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29.) The 9th of April 2023 is Resurrection Sunday, and 50 days after that, on May 28th is Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Christian Church.

Our world is in turmoil, violence and *rumors of wars* are *on the horizon* daily, and fear is in the air. People, especially in big cities, are looking for a place to escape from all that is going on where they now live. Utah is pictured as a more peaceful state to consider moving to from more populace states. We are getting inquiries from across the nation about the spiritual state of Utah, and many are asking would it be hard for non-Mormons to live here and associate with the LDS and raise their families among them when they do not know much about their religion.

Many *new to Utah* have said that when they have talked with Mormons about Jesus of the Bible and the Gospel, they have become baffled and confused for on the surface Mormons *seem to believe* the same about the gospel and Jesus as what Christians believe, but **yet they sense that it is not the same!!!** Mormons use the same words, but obviously they use “*a different dictionary.*” They just “*seem*” to be saying what biblical believers are saying, but they could not be further apart in the meaning of these words or terms given in the Bible.

Mormons simply believe what **they have been taught to believe without doubting**, for, as they say, **they have learned it all from their “living prophets”.**

It is critical that the Jesus we place our faith in is the same Jesus described in the pages of the Bible. He must be identical in His Person, character, divinity and mission as the Word of God, the Bible teaches, and if he is not, then he is *another Jesus* that can only offer a false promise of salvation and has no authority to forgive sins and save.

In order to find out what Mormonism actually teaches about **God, Jesus and salvation**, their words need to be compared to the Bible. Please go to our website: www.hismin.com/understanding-mormonism/terminology **to find out is their religion Christian as they claim that it is.**

I would like to remind you all that what the Mormon Church now teaches about God, Jesus and eternal life is not the same as it was in 1830, when it the LDS church started. We have written a *Summary of the evolution of Joseph Smith’s doctrine of God* and **documented it from LDS Standard Works (scriptures)**. Go to: www.hismin.com/understanding-mormonism/summary-of-evolution-of-the-godhead

When talking with Mormons about faith in Jesus and if we’d say that there are those who teach about “*another Jesus*”, they answer and say that “**Jesus we believe in is the very same Jesus as taught about in the Bible and believed by Christians. There is only one Jesus!**” Yes, it is true that *there is only one real Jesus*, but

there are many, many counterfeit Jesus'. (See 2 Cor. 11:4, 13-14; Matt. 24:24.) Therefore when talking about Jesus, it is important to ask some questions to make sure that we are talking about the same Divine Person. You may ask; **What do you know about Jesus? Who do you think or believe He is?** Jesus Himself asked this question of His disciples (Matt. 16:15) who had already been with Him many years. If they needed to be asked, then it is a very important question for all of us. Knowing the real Jesus determines where we will spend eternity. He said, **"I AM the way, the truth and the life: no one comes to the Father except through Me."** (John 14:6.) And He added, **"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also, and from now on you know Him, and have seen Him...he who has seen Me has seen the Father."** (John 14:7, 9.)

If you'd ask **Jehovah's Witnesses** who is Jesus, they would say that he is **Michael the Archangel**. If you'd ask **Mormons**, they would say that **Jesus is their elder brother** from the pre-existence, and brother of all angels, including Satan/Lucifer. If you'd ask **Muslims** what they think of Jesus, they would say that his name is **"Isa"**, and he is a prophet of Allah, not God nor a Son of God for **Allah does not have a son** (says the Koran). Just from these examples, we can see that there are many false ideas around about His Person, **who He Is**, thus we must make sure that they all know the right Jesus, **the One taught only in the Bible**.

Do you remember an old TV game-show, **"To Tell The Truth"**? There were three contestants all claiming to be the same person, presenting some well-known spectacular things they, pretending to be this person, had done. After intense questioning by a panel of individuals, the time was up and the one, who actually was that person, was asked to stand up. More often than not, the truth was a surprise to everyone. Most had made their bid on the wrong person. It is true that we all could repeat factual stories about many famous persons we have never personally met, and even talk about him as if we knew that individual. But if you'd ask *that person* what he/she thought of you or me, they would say: *I do not know them!* It is the same with Jesus. Just having some knowledge or information **about Him** is not the same as **knowing Him!** Jesus said, **"Many will say to me in that day (the judgment day), Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I NEVER KNEW YOU; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."** (Matt. 7:22-23.) Carefully evaluating who Jesus we believe in is, is crucial. Our eternity depends on it!

Who is Jesus? Let's see what is taught about Him by many religious groups and what is the Truth about Him. **Mormonism** teaches that He is a spirit brother of all mankind, a created being, who began life just like we all did; as a spirit child of God in the preexistence. Is it true?

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that He is *Michael the Archangel*), but is He? [Both Mormons and JW's use words from the Bible when they tell stories about Jesus, but they ignore its many clear teachings of **His Person; who He is!**]

Muslims say that he is **"Isa"**, a prophet of Allah who came to prepare a way to Mohammed. They also say that Allah does not have a son.

But the Bible teaches and Christianity believes that Jesus is Eternal God who became a man to die for us. (John 1:1-3, 14; Matt. 1:23; Phil 2:5-8; Ps. 90:2.) **Jesus said, "And this is life eternal that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent."** (John 17:3.) First we need to come to the correct understanding about **who the Eternal God is**. As we have discussed often in our previous letters, proving from the Scriptures, that **God of the Bible is a Triune God: Three eternal Persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who is One God.** (Deut. 6:4; James 2:19; 1 John 5:7.) **We must know and believe what God says about Himself, i.e. that He is not a man, He is Spirit!** (Num. 23:19; Hos. 11:9; 1 Sam. 15:29; John 4:24.) **One of these three Eternal Persons, the Eternal Son, became a man for our salvation.**

Next we need to ask Mormons: **Did we preexist before we were born on earth? Did we all come from heaven? Are we brothers and sisters of Jesus?** **NO, we are not!** Jesus said, **"You are from beneath: I AM from**

above. You are of this world; I AM not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins: for if you do not believe that I AM He (God), you will die in your sins.” (John 8:23-24; John 3:13, 31.) Jesus is God, and only God can forgive sins. (Mark 2:7.) In John 8:23, just quoted above, Jesus refuted the pre-existence of mankind and stated that He alone came from heaven. He is the Great I AM, the Eternal God, who took a form of a man to die for us. (Phil. 2:5-8.; John 1:1, 14; 3:16.) Jesus came to reveal God to us (Col. 1:15) for God is Spirit, and no one can see God as He is. (John 1:18; 4:24; 14:9; 1 John 4:12) As Jesus said (John 17:3), without knowing who the Father God is, and that Jesus is the One whom He had sent, we cannot have eternal life with Him. Jesus is God the Son.

The Bible warns about *false christs and false prophets who will show many signs and wonders to deceive.* (Matt. 24:24.) *They preach of another gospel and testify by a power of another spirit.* (2 Cor. 11:4, 13-15; Gal. 1:8-9.) We must *test all things* (1 Thess. 5:21) by the Word of God, the Bible, for even spirits that give “good feelings” to those who accept as truth the words of someone, *without testing them from God’s Word, the Bible.* (1 John 4:1; 1 Tim. 4:1) *God the Holy Spirit would never testify of “another Jesus or another gospel”.* He would only testify of the Truth which is found in the both the Old and the New Testament, the Word, that was given by inspiration of God Himself. (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21.) The Mormon Church has, as have many other false religions, taken some of the historical facts about the life of Jesus from the Bible, but changed His person, who He is, and invented “another Jesus”. Even the leaders of the Mormon Church have admitted that Jesus of Mormonism is not the same Jesus as Jesus of historic, traditional Christianity. The Mormon leaders have said that in their conference sermons, in their Church educational magazines, and in the Church News, but obviously many Mormons have not paid attention to that fact. The LDS Church has admitted: “It is true that many of the Christian churches worship a different Jesus Christ than is worshipped by the Mormons ...For example, from the Church of England’s Articles of Religion, article one, I quote: ‘There is but one living God, everlasting, without body, parts or passions.’ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints worships a God and a Jesus Christ with bodies, with parts, and with passions... These two concepts are ...completely different.” (General Conference Report, Ensign, May 1977, p. 26-27.) The late LDS President Gordon B. Hinckley spoke in the summer of 1998 (June 4th in Paris, France, and in Frankfurt, Germany, and on June 5th in Geneva, Switzerland), and it was reported in the LDS Church News, June 20th, 1998, page 7: “In bearing testimony of Jesus Christ, President Hinckley spoke of those outside of the Church who say that 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. For the Christ of whom I speak has been revealed in this Dispensation of the Fullness of Times. He, together with His Father, appeared to the boy Joseph Smith in the year 1820, and when Joseph left the grove that day, he knew more of the nature of God than all the learned ministers of the gospel of the ages’.” During April 2002, General Conference, President Hinckley said, “As a Church we have critics, many of them. They say we do not believe in the traditional Christ of Christianity. There is some substance to what they say.” (Ensign, May, 2002, p. 90. Emphasis added.)

In contrast to “Jesus Christ revealed by Joseph Smith”, (as President Hinckley said), Christ of traditional Christianity was prophesied of by the Old Testament prophets and revealed by the New Testament writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, Jude and James, of whom most knew Him personally, had walked with Him, talked with Him, lived with Him, seen Him crucified, buried, resurrected and ascend to heaven. Jesus is God who became a man. That is who the Christ of traditional Christianity is! Their testimonies and the events of the times of Christ are recorded in the books of the Bible of which the author is God. (2 Tim. 3:16; John 1:1,14.) “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.) “...The grass withers, and its flower falls away: But the Word of the Lord endures forever. Now this is the Word which by the gospel was preached to you.” (1. Pet. 1:24-25.) The Old Testament prophesied from the beginning, that the Messiah, the Redeemer, will be born from the “seed of a woman”. (Genesis 3:15.) In Isaiah 7:14 we are told,

“Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” (Matthew 1:21, 23 records the fulfillment of this promise.) ***“And she [a virgin] will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS [actual name given was Y’shua. “Jesus” is a Greek translation of His Hebrew name, Y’shua (Joshua) meaning “Jehovah saves” or Y’shua is salvation], for He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, God with us.” Jesus is Eternal God with us. “Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”*** (Psalm 90:2.) ***There never was a time when Jesus was not God. He did not “become a god” as Mormonism teaches, by following doctrines similar to today’s teachings of the Mormon Church. (See Conf. Report in Ensign, May 1997; and in Gospel Through Ages, p. 51.) But there was a day, a time, when He became a man, but He always was and always will be God. “I AM Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”*** (Rev. 1:8.) ***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ...All things were made through Him; and without Him nothing was made that was made...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*** (John 1:1, 3, 14.) ***“For by Him [Y’shua] all things were created that are in heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”*** (Col. 1:16.) ***Jesus is the One who created Lucifer, and thus He could not be his brother, as Mormonism teaches. (Gospel Through Ages, p.15.) Lucifer is a created being, the anointed cherub, as Ezekiel 28:15 laments, “You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.” Lucifer/Satan desired to be like the Most High God (Isa. 14:12-14). His “iniquity” was his prideful desire to be like God and it caused his fall from heaven. He has been tempting men with the same desire ever since the Garden of Eden. (Gen. 3:5.) Godhood was what he offered to Eve (and Adam) in the Garden, and it is godhood that is offered to Mormons in their temples.***

In comparing what Mormonism teaches about Jesus to the teaching of the Bible, we see that they are not the same, ***as is also agreed by the LDS leadership. “Jesus” presented by the Mormon Church is the eldest son in their Heavenly Father’s family of billions and billions of sons and daughters. They teach that Jesus had a beginning like all mankind has; that he was born of a heavenly mother and Father as a spirit child in “the pre-existence”, and is an elder brother of Lucifer and all angels and all humans who have ever lived or will live on this earth. (Mormon Doctrine, p.750-751.) Mormonism teaches that the only difference between Jesus and the rest of mankind is that their Heavenly Father, an exalted resurrected man, came to Mary and conceived Jesus’ physical body “in the same way that mortal men are begotten by their mortal fathers.”***(Mormon Doctrine, p. 547, 742. See also *Come unto Christ*, p. 4, by President Ezra Taft Benson; and *Family Home Evening Manual, 1972, p.126.*) Mormons say that Jesus is the *Only Begotten Son of God in the flesh*, but they do not mean what the Bible says and Christianity believes. They mean that ***He is the only one who was literally and physically begotten in the flesh by their Heavenly Father on earth as well as in the pre-existence,*** when the rest of the mankind are physically begotten by their mortal parents. ***The LDS Church emphasizes that Jesus was not begotten by the Holy Ghost, as the Bible declares*** (Matthew 1:18-23), ***but that he was begotten by their resurrected, exalted God who is a former mortal man.*** (See *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 1, p. 51; LDS President Ezra Taft Benson’s book, *Come Unto Christ*, p. 4.)

They teach that marriage in a Mormon temple is necessary for salvation and exaltation (i.e. godhood) in the Celestial Kingdom (highest level of heaven in Mormonism). They also say that Jesus had to come to earth to pay (or *un-do*) the *Adam’s transgression* and thus provide resurrection for all mankind, and also to live his life as an example for all men to follow. They teach that He also had to “*work out His own salvation*”, for he too had to be married in order to “*become a god*”. (A temple marriage is a requirement for godhood). According to the early teachings of the Mormon Church, Jesus was also a polygamist and had children. This has not been refuted by later leaders of the LDS Church, but they just do not talk about it openly any longer.

(See Journal of Discourses, vol. 1, p. 345-346; vol. 2, p. 82; vol. 4, p. 259; vol. 8:115; Seer, p. 172; Pes. Joseph Fielding Smith's letter, dated March 17, 1963.)]

There is no salvation in "another Jesus"! ONLY JESUS, WHO IS GOD, CAN SAVE. Salvation is free. (Eph. 2:8-9. All we have to do is to ask, repent and receive Him, and be born again! (John 3:7; 1:12, 14:16; Acts 4:12.)

There are certain evangelicals in SLC that have moved to "*new approaches and bridge-buildings*" with Mormons where emphasis of doctrinal differences is dropped all together in lieu of personal friendships. That has caused many not to even talk to Mormons about the gospel that saves, and Christians are calling Mormons their "*brothers and sisters*" and say that "*they are having a great time worshipping and praying together with them!*" How can they do that when they do not believe in the same God, and *Mormons pray in the name of a different Jesus!* (Or are they about to be converted to Mormonism?)

If we agree even in the slightest degree with what the Mormon Church teaches about God and Jesus, we slander the true God and become enemies of Christ.

If we really want to help Mormons to come to know the true Jesus, we must share the essential doctrines of Christianity and the Bible that eliminates the confusion about what the Gospel of Christ is. Paul warned that if anyone, "*even an angel from heaven, preaches any other Gospel, let him be accursed*". (Gal. 1:8-9.) What the Gospel is was DECLARED in 1 Cor. 15:1-4, and preached by the apostles of Christ Jesus. The Gospel is a message of death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. That is the only gospel that the New Testament permits. Jude 3 says that "*it was once delivered*" – no "re-delivery" or "restoration" is permitted "in the latter-times". To simply state that the Truth or the Gospel was lost, as Mormon say, is blasphemy against Jesus who said (Matt. 5:18) "*till heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle will by no means pass away from the law until all is fulfilled.*" "*I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*" (Isa. 40:8.) "*The Word of God stands forever*". The Message of the Gospel has been available in the Bible all along.

Some evangelical churches in SLC have been even advertising *free movie-nights with pop-corn - come and watch "The Chosen" with us!* They must know that it is a Mormon-produced video-series of "another Jesus". It grieves our hearts to see this take place even in a church that we used to regularly attend!

They have turned from truth to "fables". (2 Tim. 4:3-5.) We have written several times in our monthly newsletters about "**The Chosen**", and shared quotes from a well-known **LDS Melchizedek Priesthood volume**, and what it says about Jesus being chosen instead of Lucifer who had desired to *become the Savior of the world*. From *the Gospel Through The Ages*, pages 14-15, we read, "**...our Heavenly Father proposed as the center plan of salvation that one of his sons be appointed to be the Savior of the world...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. Haughty, ambitious, and covetous of power and glory, this spirit-brother of Jesus desperately tried to become the Savior of mankind...**"

Result of this contest was that "**Jesus**" **became The Chosen** and his character is the star in this movie-series that has become very popular across America. It has already been translated into multiple languages and shown world-wide. This Mormon-produced series was made in *the Mormon-owned movie-set*, the same place here in Utah where all the Book of Mormon movies and other LDS propaganda films are made. *The Chosen*, thus far, has already been made into 4 Video- films. Dallas Jenkins, professing evangelical and a screen-writer for these films was hired by Mormons, and he has admitted that only about 5% of it is taken from the Bible, and that he is just adding "backstories" and "inputs" from Mormons producers, most of it stemming from screenwriters' imaginations about life of this obviously different "Jesus".

There is good information about this available from the *Lighthouse Trails* www.lighthouse-trails.com They have written about this deceptive film-series as has *The Berean Call*, www.THEBEREANCALL.ORG. TBC again

warned about this in their February 2023 letter, vol. XXXV111 No #2. You can read both of them from their websites.

It is heartbreaking that even many trusted Calvary Chapel pastors are showing a lack of discernment by promoting this *as something good*, when they are obviously falling in the Lucifer's trap. Believers in God's Word who are concerned about deception and lostness of people in these last days, need to wake up and present the Truth about where this is leading. It is the *Angel of Light* who is obviously smarter than most who has tricked even previously faithful pastors to join him in promoting Mormonism, which they are doing by this "entertainment".

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"It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error. It is better to speak the truth that hurts and then heals, than falsehood that comforts and then kills. Let me tell you something, friend, it is not love and it is not friendship if we fail to declare the whole counsel of God. It is better to be hated for telling the truth, than to be loved for telling a lie. It is impossible to find anyone in the Bible who was a power for God who did not have enemies and was not hated. It's better to stand alone with the truth, than to be wrong with a multitude. It is better to ultimately succeed with the truth than to temporarily succeed with a lie. There is only one Gospel and Paul said, 'If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.'" (Pastor Adrian Rogers)
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We want to thank you for your help and prayers for us and our health as we minister in this Lord's work. We know that the Lord will reward you for your faithfulness to Him.

We also want to thank you for your prayers in behalf of those we have listed here, who are suffering of illnesses or trials that are very hard for some of them. Please present these names to our Lord. He knows exactly what they need, and do as He has promised. (1 John 5: 14-15.) Please pray for Judy, Marlene, Bruce, Heber, Aira, Mark, Virve, Dave B., Justin, Jake, Luke, McKensy, Jamie, Sharon, Suzi, Lisa, Sandy and Al. There are others who need prayer for their hearts to open for Jesus and His Gospel of salvation. Becky has been witnessing to Odile and Suzi to Flora, praying that they will receive the Lord soon. There will be immediate peace in their hearts and minds when they ask forgiveness and salvation of the Lord.

Please pray for strength and Lord's comfort for our dear Emily for the sudden death of her LDS father, who, she has witnessed to and pleaded with during many years, to open his heart to Jesus of the Bible, but he had each time rejected the biblical salvation that Jesus offers.

Please pray also for our family and friends who have heard the gospel, some of them even often, but have not responded, at least not to us yet, but the Lord knows who of them will trust their lives into His hands and loving care. He will also bless all who tell others about Him, and all who hear and respond!

Remember: Only our bodies die, but our soul will live forever, but where?

Even the longest life on earth is short, but eternity is endless!

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